

Family Support Services A History

1984 - 1985	\$200,000 Legislative demonstration project was launched. 200 families were served through this project
1985 - 1986	First comprehensive Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued by OPWDD for family support services
1986 - 1987	First free-standing respite centers were funded
1987 -1988	First RFP for development and expansion of respite services was issued
1988 - 1989	First services developed to serve families with children with complex health care needs
1989 - 1990	First family reimbursement program was developed. First family support services regional forums held
1990 - 1991	Commissioner's Statewide Committee on Family Support Services was created
1991 - 1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Consumer Councils were developed at the DDSOs › New York City Regional Council was developed
1992 -1993	Family Support Services Legislation were signed into Law (9/5/1992)
1993 -1994	First Statewide Consumer Council Conference was held (4/20-21/1993)
1994 -1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Parent to Parent Program was developed as a result of recommendations made by the Statewide Committee on Family Support Services › Second Statewide Consumer Council Conference held (10/18 -19/1994) › Consumer Council regional training conducted based on agenda developed by local Consumer Councils and the Statewide Committee on Family Support Services
1995 - 1996	Family Support Services Evaluation Protocol and Consumer Satisfaction Form developed by the Consumer Councils and the Statewide Committee on Family Support Services
1996 -1997	Regional Consumer Council meetings conducted on a statewide basis
1997 - 1998	Statewide Consumer Council Conference held (11/18 -19/1997)
1998 - 1999	NYS-CARES introduced with \$2.6 million provided for Family Support Services
1999 - 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › NYS-CARES expanded › Statewide Consumer Council Conference held (11/9 -10/1999) › Four Committees formed from the Statewide Conference: Funding, Consumer Council, Assessing Need, Improved Services Committee
2000 - 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › NYS-CARES continued › NYC Regional Consumer Council Meeting held › Consumer Council allocation increased
2001 - 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › NYS-CARES RFP for \$2.6 million provided for Family Support Services › Implementation Task Force formed to implement Funding Committee Recommendations › Consumer Rights information developed
2002 - 2003	Statewide Conference on Family Support Services held (10/15 - 16/2002)
2003 - 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Implementation Task Force: Conversion of Family Support Respite centers to HCBS Waiver › NYS-CARES II introduced with \$3.3 million provided for Family Support Services
2004 - 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Family Support Services program will celebrate its 20th Anniversary › Statewide Conference on Family Support Services held (10/21-22/2004) › Conversion of site-based respite programs to HCBS waiver
2005 – 2006	RFP – reinvestment dollars (12/2005)
2006 – 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › \$5 million RFP to serve in part, individuals with autism and autism spectrum disorders

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide Conference on Family Support Services held (10/5-6/2006)
2007 – 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$7.9 million RFP to serve in part, individuals in need of crisis intervention and behavioral management services. • Statewide Committee on Family Support Services Retreat: “Building the Future: Strengthening Partnerships with Families” held (March 3 – 4, 2008).
2008-2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$7 million RFP. Of which \$5 million to serve in part, individuals in need of crisis intervention and behavioral management services and \$2 million to serve individuals with a diagnosis of autism or an autism spectrum disorder. • Statewide Conference on Family Support Services held (9/08)