Family Services of the Merrimack Valley was originally established as the Lawrence City Mission in 1854, just two years after the founding of the City of Lawrence, MA. Over its 166-year history, the organization has expanded from its original catchment area and now serves children and families throughout Essex County, MA, with a sense of hope and possibility.

Rooted in compassion and respect for the diverse population it serves, Family Services helps more than 7,400 people in programs focused on youth development, parent education, and emotional health.

All of these services are infused with a sense of hope and possibility and produce tangible change that enables individuals to thrive within their family, community, workplace and school.

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ABOUT FAMILY SERVICES
During its 2019 fiscal year, Family Services continued the difficult but important work of helping vulnerable children and families overcome obstacles and reach their full potential. This past year, our staff, volunteers and partners collaborated to provide hope and healing to those affected by the Sept. 2018 gas disaster, support to those coping with the effects of trauma, children who have been abused or neglected, isolated older adults, and others facing a myriad of obstacles. As always, we are heartened by the strength and resilience in everyone we meet, and we thank you for joining us in this important work!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Sweeney, CEO

Our deepest thanks go to the following leadership donors who invested in our community by making a donation to Family Services during our 2019 fiscal year!

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Youth Development programs help young people navigate the difficult stage of adolescence by recognizing and building on their strengths. Through mentoring, life skills training, pregnancy prevention, and leadership programs, Family Services ushers young people onto the path of success. In FY2019, Family Services served 1,227 young people (aged birth-18) through eight youth development programs.

Parent Education programs provide individual and group support to parents and caregivers to help them raise children in healthy, happy homes. Grounded in evidence-based practices, parent education programs help parents understand child and adolescent development, gain skills for responding to challenging behaviors, and more.

Emotional Wellness programs provide professional treatment and support to people who have experienced trauma or are struggling with depression, anxiety, or other mental health issues. From on-site mental health clinics to suicide prevention programming, our programs enable people to achieve emotional wellness for today, and hope for the future.

To fulfill its mission and help individuals overcome obstacles and reach their full potential, Family Services offers programs in three core areas: