



# Essex County Family Justice Center

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### **Essex County Family Justice Center receives first award for 2023 from Investors Foundation towards services for victims of domestic violence.**

The Foundation's grant will benefit the upwards of 1,000 victims that Essex County Family Justice Center (ECFJC) will serve in Newark, New Jersey throughout 2022.

**NEWARK, NJ – December 15, 2022** – Essex County Family Justice Center is the recipient of a \$2,500 operating grant from the Investors Foundation.

The grant from Investors Foundation will support general operations in 2023 that will expand access to 1<sup>st</sup> level crisis intervention and 2<sup>nd</sup> level case management services for victims of domestic violence who represent the most marginalized residents of Essex County. Significantly, the Foundation's grant will enable Essex County Family Justice Center to provide civil legal assistance, direct emergency aid, medical-behavioral assessments and referrals, connections to law enforcement, counseling and peer support to underserved victims representing minority communities (81%), have household incomes under \$20,001 (71%); have limited English proficiency (25%), are undocumented (12%), have cognitive, physical, or mental disabilities (36%) or substance abuse concerns (40%), and/or have experienced multiple forms of trauma, in addition to domestic violence (37.8%).

***"On behalf of our Board of Trustees and employees of Essex County Family Justice Center, we are exceedingly grateful to Investors Foundation for supporting and highlighting the work we do".***

Mary Houtsma, ECFJC's Executive Director

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### **About Essex County Family Justice Center (ECFJC)**

Since establishment in 2010, more than 10,400 victims have made over 24,300 visits to ECFJC. ECFJC's service partners include the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, Newark Police Division, Essex-Newark Legal Services, The Safe House, and Rachel Coalition. Through its coordinated service response to domestic violence, and more than 20 government and nongovernment partners, victims served at ECFJC have access to a full array of services developed from evidence-based best practices in domestic violence service delivery. ECFJC's

comprehensive, coordinated services include medical/behavioral health screening with referrals to off-site healthcare providers, civil legal assistance on the restraining order process and family law matters, emergency food, housing, and transportation aid, counseling, prosecution assistance, and advocacy. ECFJC's culturally competent service delivery is provided by a trained, bi-lingual staff to meet the needs of victims representing all backgrounds. To learn more about its full range of services, contact 973.230.7229 ext. 200, or go to [www.essexcountyfjc.org/](http://www.essexcountyfjc.org/).