



# Family Service Society, Inc.

*Planting the Seeds for a Better Tomorrow*

## A BRIEF HISTORY

Family Service Society, Inc. is a private, non-profit agency dedicated to the strength and well-being of families throughout Steuben County. Family Service Society, Inc. began in 1918 and was instrumental in helping families who were afflicted with tuberculosis. During the Depression years the agency shifted focus to assisting families with their material needs. Counseling became the emphasis in the 1960s and it continues to be the focus of our services today. Over the next few decades, innovative programs were developed in response to community needs and changing therapeutic models. In 2000, the Corning Area Youth Center merged with Family Service Society, Inc., thereby making the Youth Center an official program of Family Service Society, Inc.



## MISSION STATEMENT

Family Service Society, Inc. provides professional counseling and community services that empower individuals and families to deal more effectively with their challenges, enhancing the quality of their lives.

## FUNDING

Funding for Family Service Society, Inc.'s programs come from a variety of sources including United Way of the Southern Tier, Steuben County Department of Social Services, New York State Office of Children and Family Services, New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, The Triangle Fund, Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc., Ullman Foundation, Steuben County Youth Bureau, and many other grants and donations from our community.

## LOCATIONS

### CENTRAL OFFICE

280 Princeton Ave. Ext., Corning NY 14830  
(607) 962-3148  
Fax: (607) 962-8422

### OTHER LOCATIONS

104 E. Steuben St, Bath NY 14810  
(607) 776-3822

101 Main St., Hornell NY 14843  
(607) 324-2460

The Laura Richardson Houghton  
Corning Youth Center  
79 Flint Ave., Corning NY 14830  
(607) 936-4116



Community Partner



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*Family Service Society, Inc. offers a full range of services designed to meet the needs of families and individuals in the home, workplace, and community. Our professional staff is comprised of social workers, counselors, therapists, prevention specialists, and youth workers. Family Service Society, Inc. is committed to helping people from Steuben County and the surrounding area. In addition to individual and family counseling, we offer structured after-school and youth programs, along with specialized counseling for sexual abuse and domestic violence, and a mentoring program for youth. Services are available in several convenient locations throughout Steuben County. Each person is treated with dignity and respect at Family Service Society, Inc. Confidentiality is assured. Family Service Society, Inc. can connect you with the appropriate resources regardless of the issue or problem.*

## **THE LAURA RICHARDSON HOUGHTON CORNING YOUTH CENTER**

The Laura Richardson Houghton Corning Youth Center is a free after-school drop-in facility for children and teens ages 8 to 18. The Youth Center offers a safe, nurturing atmosphere with activities such as tutoring, homework help, recreational games, field trips, arts and crafts, community service, board games, basketball, ping pong, and educational forums. The Kid's Café provides hungry children with thousands of free snacks and nutritious meals each year.

## **YOUTH MENTORING OF THE SOUTHERN TIER**

Youth Mentoring of the Southern Tier (YMST) is a site-based mentoring program that meets once a week at a designated location. Mentors are thoroughly screened including background and reference checks. During each hour long program, Mentors and Mentees participate in fun and enriching activities facilitated by Site Coordinators.

## **YOUTH PREVENTION PROGRAM**

The Youth Prevention program provides in-school prevention counseling and substance abuse prevention education. Prevention counseling may focus on adjustment issues, behavioral issues, and classroom issues. Prevention education uses evidence-based curriculum to address substance abuse prevention, including coping with peer pressure and developing problem solving skills.

## **ADVANTAGE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The Advantage After-School Program is a free after-school program for middle school students in the Corning-Painted Post School District. The program is licensed as a School-Age Child Care Program by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

## **CHOICE PROGRAM**

The Choice Program provides sexual abuse counseling for child victims and their families. Counselors are specially trained to work with the needs and issues of child sexual abuse. Individual, family, and group counseling are offered. Court mandated offenders receive separate specialized treatment services.

## **COUNSELING SERVICES**

Counseling Services offer professional counseling tailored to individual and family needs. Counselors are available to address a full range of issues such as: stress, depression, anxiety, parent/child issues, family and step-family issues, separation/divorce, grief, family violence, emotional trauma, and work-related stress. Offices are located in Bath, Corning, and Hornell.

## **FAMILY FOCUS**

Hope is offered to families facing the challenges of child abuse and/or child neglect by providing parenting education, using family strengths and community resources to help parents learn to provide a safe, nurturing home environment where children can grow and thrive. The program provides family support, parenting education, in-home visits, enhanced/coached visitation to children in foster care, and information and referrals to additional community services.

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE**

The Family Service Society Professional Training Institute provides and sponsors high quality educational conferences and workshops pertaining to mental health, psychological, and sociological issues for human service workers, social work professionals, educators, psychologists, and the general public.