



COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Safe Space's mission is to protect kids, keep them safe, and help them grow, serving at-risk children, youth, and families in high-needs areas of Southeast Queens, primarily Jamaica, Far Rockaway, and Richmond Hill. Our staff works with more than 10,000 children and families each year, with our programs spanning across five integrated service areas: Community Health; Mental Health; School Partnerships; Family Support; and Young Adult.

Our Community Health program helps improve long-term health outcomes for our clients by connecting them to health care, providing education, and offering support to ensure healthy families. Safe Space takes a holistic approach to serving individual families and working with them based on their specific needs. Our programs focus on two of the greatest needs in the communities where we work: maternal/child health; and HIV prevention and education.

Maternal and Child Health

Community Health Worker

- *Provides home-visiting services, education, and support for pregnant and parenting young women.*
- *Aims to improve birth outcomes, promote healthy prenatal and postnatal care, and improve child development so babies get a healthy start in life.*

Healthy Families Jamaica

- *Provides comprehensive support services for pregnant and parenting families, including case management, home visits, support groups, and other resources to ensure that children thrive.*
- *Aims to prevent child abuse and neglect, encourage healthy child development, and improve parenting through education and skills training.*
- *Includes young fathers, if possible.*

Facilitated Enrollment

- *Enrolls uninsured and underinsured families in public health care plans (Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus, Medicaid).*
- *Works with community-based groups to reach different populations throughout Southeast Queens.*
- *Enrolled over 7,000 individuals in FY 2010.*

HIV/AIDS Services

Multi-Service Agency

- *Provides HIV-positive adults (age 18 and over) and their family members with case management, group support, and activities.*

Peer Education and Outreach

- *Trains and supports peer educators who provide street and community outreach and HIV prevention education.*

Women-to-Women

- *An adaptation of a Centers for Disease Control curricula (SISTA) which features a five-session group to enhance awareness of HIV and STDs for women of color.*

Girl-to-Girl Group

- *An adaptation of a Centers for Disease Control curricula which features a five-session group to enhance awareness of HIV and STDs for pre-teen and teenage girls.*

Girl Talk Group

- *Offers the opportunity for girls to share their feelings and concerns on issues concerning womanhood, school, family, sexuality, etc.*

Boys-to-Men

- *An adaptation of a Centers for Disease Control curricula which features a five-session group to enhance awareness of HIV and STDs for pre-teen and teenage boys.*