



About JFS: *Jewish Family Services of Northeastern New York*

Who we are and what we do:

JFS provides a continuum of support focusing on access to basic needs, mental health, and aging well and safely. Our mission is to enrich the lives of individuals and families from all backgrounds and strengthen the community by providing compassionate, collaborative human services, guided by Jewish values. JFS's innovative programs help people in the Greater Capital Region remain independent and confident in their current positions, access community services and resources, maintain their quality of life, and remain connected. And we have been doing this in the Capital Region for almost 170 years.

The community turns to JFS's dedicated team of Care Managers, Clinicians, and Social Workers for:

- Mental Health Services for all ages
- Aging-in-place Support including:
 - Information, Guidance and Assistance
 - Home Safety Assessments and Modifications
 - Transportation to foster independence
 - Food Security through Home Delivered Meals and Grocery Shopping
 - Friendly Visitation
 - Specialized Occupational Therapy for Emotional Wellness
- Food and Housing Security Assistance
- Benefits and Health Care Advocacy
- Social, Education and Wellness Programs
- Financial Assistance
- Pastoral Care*

Who we serve:

Anyone in the community that needs us. JFS's high-level, personalized care and support services are for all vulnerable members of the community regardless of religious affiliation, gender, race, or ethnic background. JFS does what it does because we are driven by Jewish values, not because those in need are Jewish. Each year JFS has over 20,000 client interactions across its program areas.

Clients span all ages, with 80% over the age of 60. Approximately 70% of clients are religions other than Jewish and come from all ethnic and racial backgrounds reflective of the Capital Region communities. Most clients served are on limited incomes and many reside in lower-income housing. As community needs have grown, JFS's staff and programming has expanded to meet those needs. It is anticipated that annual unduplicated clients will increase by almost 35% in the next three years.

**JFS provides pastoral care to Jewish community members living in long-term care, homebound older adults, and to those who are in mourning.*