

# Babyland Mission

Babyland Family Services, Inc. is a model child care and family development organization, committed to a firm belief in the sacredness of human life. Babyland provides school readiness and permanency for children, strengthens family life, creates a safe and nurturing community and empowers each person to live a full and productive life.



Our philosophy is to offer children and families innovative, safe, and positive experiences which stimulate minds, enhance their socialization skills, and create opportunities to become self-sufficient.



## Proud Past. Promising Future.



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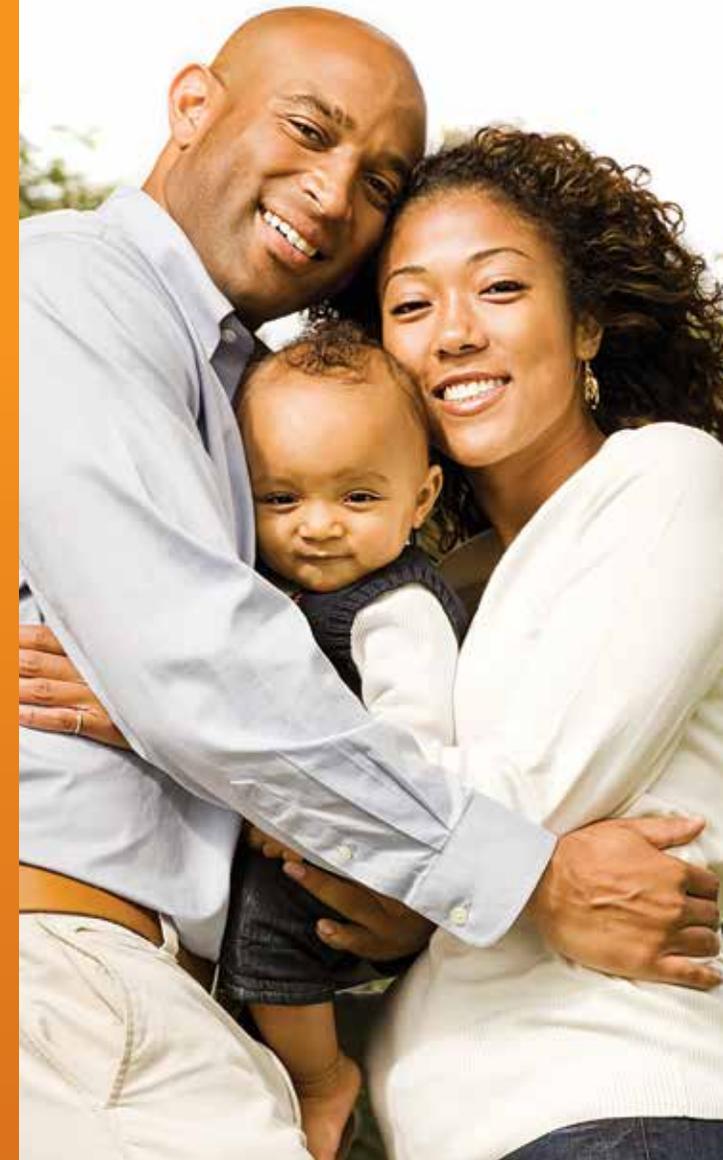
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## A Proud Past

In August 1969, Babyland Nursery was established as the first infant childcare program in the State of New Jersey. From there, Babyland established one of the nation's first child care programs for infants and toddlers infected and affected by AIDS and the HIV virus in 1989.

In 1979 the Babyland Domestic Violence Shelter was established as Essex County's first family violence program, provides 24-hour crisis intervention, shelter, counseling, legal and housing advocacy, and community education for victims of domestic violence. Consistent with its mission to strengthen family life and provide permanency for children, Babyland established the Children Together Foster Care program in 1993—another first in Essex County.

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### Child Development Programs

Dedicated to serving the community's children, and improving the quality of their lives, Babyland provides a range of child development programs.

These programs include: a preschool and infant childcare program and afterschool programs through the Family Friendly Centers. The programs for children are age specific- newborns to 5 years old for childcare and 6 years old to 13 years old for the afterschool programs. Trained staff educators assist children with their development.



### Family Development

Developing healthy families is at the heart of Babyland's mission. The agency aims to accomplish this goal through the Parent Education Program and the Family Success Center. The Parent Educa-

tion Program provides intensive education and support for parents with established protective services cases.

The Family Success Center serves a variety of family types including families that are economically disadvantaged, have minimal education, and limited to no employment opportunities. The center provides families with housing assistance, food vouchers, parent education, employment search, internet access and health services.



### Domestic Violence

Those who have experienced domestic violence will find a range of helpful services at Babyland. The Family Violence Program offers a confidential emergency safe haven for women and their children who are going through crisis situations of domestic violence.

Domestic violence services include: A 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, individual and group counseling in addition to legal and housing advocacy.



### Foster Care

Babyland's array of foster care services provides continuity of care for children, including sibling groups, from newborn to seventeen years of age.

The Foster Care Shelter component addresses the needs of adolescent girls- encouraging and supporting them either towards family reunification or independent living. All Babyland Foster Care services are delivered by dedicated staff.

The Intensive Family Visitation Program provides case management with intensive reunification efforts with birth parents for children in protective services.