

## **Pernet Family Health Service Mission Statement and Description**

Pernet Family Health Service, Inc. is committed to supporting families to be physically, socially, psychologically and spiritually whole. Incorporated in 1968, Pernet Family Health Service is a neighborhood-based home health and social service agency serving poor families in the Worcester area. Rooted in the tradition of the Little Sisters of the Assumption and based on the belief in the dignity and worth of individuals, Pernet applies a holistic approach to providing home-based nursing services, comprehensive social services, and family life education. Pernet aims, through its continued services and programs to provide long-term strengthening and enhancement of family life.

Pernet Family Health Service, Inc., a 501c3 certified home health agency, targets social isolation, lack of resources to meet basic needs, housing instability, risk of abuse and neglect, exposure to violence, risk of developmental delay and school failure, and barriers to access to community services.

The following services and programs are offered at Pernet:

- Maternal and Child Health Home Visits;
- The Family Support Service - The Parent Aide Program, Young Parent Support, Homemaker Service and Parent Education and Support.
- The Early Intervention Program for families with children birth to three;
- Family and Community Development – nutrition classes, youth group, homework club, computer lab, Holiday assistance, other family supports.
- Pernet's Emergency Services aid families during times of crisis. Items such as food, diapers and formula are available; families also receive vouchers for free clothing. Pernet also offers transportation to center-based activities and to needed emergency appointments. Childcare is provided for all group activities.