The FaCT Philosophy is Prevention

We believe that abuse can be prevented before it starts by strengthening at-risk families. With 17.6% of Orange County’s children living in poverty, and more than 29,000 child abuse and neglect allegations coming into Social Services, access to supportive services, like the services offered at FaCT FRCs, remains essential. Child abuse and neglect is a complex issue with long lasting adverse effects. Victims of child abuse and neglect are more likely to use drugs and alcohol, become homeless as adults, engage in violence against others, and be incarcerated. To meet the need for prevention services, multi-faceted programs and services must address the complexity of causes in order to address family well-being and create supportive, healthy communities.

In the coming year, we look forward to strengthening our network of Family Resource Centers through professional trainings, ongoing technical assistance, and community advocacy, and leadership development, so our FRCs can do what they do best... strengthen Orange County’s children and families.

2016-2017 FaCT Annual Report

FaCT is proud to share our 2016-2017 Annual Report, a comprehensive overview of our platform and the services provided by our 15 FRCs to meet the needs of Orange County’s children and families.
The annual Back to School Drive, hosted in recent months by the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center and Buena Clinton Youth & Family Center, provided 3,000 Garden Grove students with backpacks and school supplies. Through donated items and monetary donations from Kiwanis Club of Greater Garden Grove, Thomas House Family Shelter, Community Action Partnership of Orange County, Share Our Selves, International Association of Fire Fighters, Jamboree Housing, Families and Communities Together (FaCT), The City of Garden Grove employees, and private donors, families in need were assisted with the expense of preparing their children to go back to school.

To donate school supplies to an FRC that serves your community, contact Brandon Reed at breed@factoc.org or call 714-566-2878.

Coming Together to Support Education

On September 8, FaCT kicked off a brown bag training series for our Family Resource Centers focusing on learning more about the cultures that make up a growingly diverse Orange County.

The first installment of the series was presented in partnership with Access California Services and OMID Multicultural Institute for Development and focused on the growing Middle Eastern and Arab American communities in Orange County.

Over 30 attendees from the FaCT FRCs learned about Middle Eastern and Arab American history in the United States and Orange County, traditions, cultures, norms, barriers, and challenges these communities face in seeking services, and how to engage with these communities and families.

Coming in November: Asian and Pacific Islander Families and Communities

Fun in the Sun for Family Reunification!

On August 5th, the Oak View, Stanton, and Westminster Family Resource Centers partnered up to host a fun filled day for families in the reunification process! The Summer Splash Pad Party was a part of FaCT’s Family Reunification Family Fun Events program designed for children of parents or caregivers in the reunification process.

Six families participated in the Splash Pad Party that featured exclusive enjoyment of the Westminster splash pad, lunch, games, giveaways and fun in the sun. Not only was this a great opportunity for families to bond and enjoy time together, it was a great demonstration of collaboration among FaCT Family Resource Centers.

Family Reunification activities are supervised and organized events for children of parents and/or caregivers in the reunification process. Family Reunification activities focus on increasing the bond between parents and their children and providing an enriching and interactive environment for families.

17-18 Fiscal Year FaCT Diversity Brown Bag Series

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In response to collective feedback from FaCT partners and increasing pressure to strengthen our outcomes story, FaCT launched a campaign to improve the quality of the data collected across the platform.

This campaign began by building a foundation through eight training sessions focused on quality data collection for different services including family support services, counseling, parenting education, the personal empowerment program, and information and referral services. Over 100 FRC staff learned to pull and analyze reports from the platform’s shared data collection system, VistaShare.

In working to increase the quality of the data across the platform, FaCT’s data evaluation team is looking forward to finding new and exciting ways to tell the story of FaCT FRCs endeavor to serve children and families.

**Success Stories**

The caring and trained professionals that work at FaCT FRCs see the challenges facing families in Orange County communities every day. Here are just a few examples of the critical work being done by our FRC staff.

**CHEC & South Orange County FRCs**

**Mireya Nunez**

**Volunteer Coordinator**

As the volunteer coordinator at the South Orange County (SOC) and CHEC FRCs, I execute two Food Distributions in South Orange County. Meeting the basic needs of families is important to the health and success of families and their children and ultimately furthers FaCT’s and The Raise Foundation’s shared vision: to prevent child abuse. The SOC and CHEC FRCs and the Raise Foundation collaborated with Second Harvest Food Bank in order to bring fresh produce to families residing in San Clemente’s low income housing apartments, Talega Apartments and families in Lake Forest that came to the SOC FRC. Our food distributions also allow us to meet new clients and introduce them to our Family Resource Centers. Each client that comes to our food distribution leaves with an FRC calendar, educational flyers, and resources from other organizations. One resident of San Clemente shared with me, “We are grateful that the FRC and Second Harvest come to San Clemente because a lot of us do not have cars so we have trouble getting fresh produce like this; we are grateful to know about your resources.”

**Oak View FRC**

**Rosa Quintanilla**

**DR In-home Family Support Specialist**

Tom has three daughters ages 10, 11, and 13. During a visitation with her mother, Tom’s youngest was found looking for her mother on the street by a stranger. The mother has a history of neglect and Tom is working on getting full custody without visitations. After the incident, his social worker referred his family to the FRC. When his older daughters expressed not wanting to see their mother for court-ordered visitations anymore, Tom was proactive in getting his daughters into counseling so they could discuss their feelings. During sessions with our sessions, Tom’s family was able to talk through their challenges. His family struggled with basic needs. A recent incident left them without stove or refrigerator. The County’s Differential Response Program was able to provide them with a refrigerator and hot plate, twin beds for the girls and a crock-pot for Tom’s birthday. Tom shared that he was “grateful to have our program support during a challenging time when he needed help the most.”
Families and Communities Together (FaCT) is a network of 15 Family Resource Centers (FRCs) located throughout Orange County’s highest-risk communities providing essential family support services, education, and resources. Each FRC is a family-friendly, community-based site that provides access to comprehensive prevention and treatment-oriented social, educational, and health services for all families, including birth, blended, kinship, adoptive, and foster families. FRCs serve as vehicles for engaging local residents and community organizations in the identification and resolution of community concerns related to raising healthy children. Every FRC is unique to its community; services are offered by multicultural and multilingual staff that reflect the surrounding neighborhoods and the families they serve.

In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, we are proud to be supporting the following FRCs:

**ANAHEIM**
- Anaheim Harbor Family Resource Center
- Family Oasis Family Resource Center

**COSTA MESA**
- Costa Mesa Family Resource Center

**GARDEN GROVE**
- Magnolia Park Family Resource Center

**HUNTINGTON BEACH**
- Oak View Family Resource Center

**LA HABRA**
- La Habra Family Resource Center

**ORANGE**
- Friendly Center – Orange Family Resource Center
- El Modena Family Resource Center

**PLACENTIA**
- Friendly Center – Placentia Family Resource Center

**SANTA ANA**
- Corbin Family Resource Center
- Minnie Street Family Resource Center

**SOUTH COUNTY**
- South Orange County Family Resource Center
- Community Health Enrichment Collaborative (CHEC) Family Resource Center

**STANTON**
- Stanton Family Resource Center

**WESTMINSTER**
- Westminster Family Resource Center

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**Core FRC Services**

*Offered at all FRCs*

- Counseling
- Parenting Education
- Family Support Services
- Domestic Violence Personal Empowerment Program
- Information and Referral Services
- Comprehensive Case Management Team Services
- Out of School Time Youth Programs
- Time-Limited Family Reunification Family Fun Activities
- Adoption & Promotion Services

**Additional FRC Services**

*Offered at participating FRCs*

- Family Health & Wellness
- Family Economics & Self-Sufficiency
- Child Development Activities
- Emergency Assistance
- Family Literacy & Education

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**Our Vision**

is that all our children grow up in stable, nurturing families and safe, supportive communities which promote healthy development and provide opportunities for children, youth, and adults to achieve their full potential as caring, responsible, and productive members of society.

**Our Mission**

is to identify and promote promising and best practices, train, fund, and advocate for Family Resource Centers (FRCs) to be Orange County’s community-based platform for prevention activities and family support services.

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