Come to the Table

With the holiday season quickly approaching, we are often reminded of how much is gained with the simple act of coming to the table. Sharing a meal with family and friends presents the opportunity to deepen bonds, heal wounds, and create lifelong and meaningful relationships.

This holiday season we hope that every family our Family Resource Centers (FRCs) serve have the opportunity to come to the table and share with each other. We know that our partners and FRCs are often integral in making that happen either through counseling or by simply providing the meal.

We want to thank you for being at our table as we strive together to serve Orange County’s children and families. Happy holidays to you and your families, and thank you for making our communities healthier and brighter.

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Our vision is that all children should be able to grow up in stable, nurturing families and in safe, supportive communities that provide opportunities for everyone to grow and thrive. Sadly, community response to child abuse and neglect often occurs after the fact. While it is reassuring that we have laws in place to protect children — and dedicated professionals that work to help keep them safe — we strive to do better as a community.

Learn about how FaCT and our FRCs are leading the way to prevent child abuse and neglect in Orange County in the new FaCT Annual Report!

View the full report at: factoc.org/annual-report
Westminster Family Resource Center

Alice's niece, Sandra, had recently moved in with her. She was concerned that Sandra was not handling the change well from living with her parents to living with her. She felt that some counseling for Sandra would help ease the transition.

After meeting with the Family Support Specialist (FSS), Sandra opened up. She revealed that she had thoughts of suicide and a history of self-harm. Sandra did not feel connected to her peers and lacked interests.

The FSS ensured that Sandra could meet with a clinician for a risk assessment and, together, they made a safety plan. She is now receiving crisis counseling services at the FRC and will likely continue on with individual counseling services after crisis counseling services end.

Alice continues to meet with our FSS to check-in on Sandra's progress and even began counseling herself. In her last session, Sandra told her therapist, “I had another appointment but I asked my aunt to cancel it. I wanted to make sure I didn’t miss counseling because it has really been helping.”

Names have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.
Family Oasis Family Resource Center has built a strong relationship with the Microsoft store in Cerritos. To support the FRC, Microsoft has provided several life skills classes, including computer coding and 3D painting. Recently, the store donated 15 backpacks full of essential school supplies for the Family Oasis FRC to distribute to families going back to school. Building partnerships with local businesses is a fantastic way to get the community engaged with the important work we do.

Promising Pilot Programs

More Support for Military Families

In coordination with the Strong Families, Strong Children Collaborative, FaCT has launched a new peer-driven model that is currently being piloted at Minnie Street, La Habra, and South Orange County FRCs.

Tailored to meet the needs of military families, the pilot program aims to increase awareness of family strengthening services and their importance among military families in Orange County. If successful, the program will be deployed in all 15 FaCT FRCs, dramatically increasing outreach to military families that is conscious of the culture and realities of military life.

Emergency Response (ER) Pilot

The County of Orange Social Services Agency (SSA) launched its new pilot Emergency Response (ER) III program in October. ER III is one of three SSA ER programs that respond to and investigate accusations of child abuse and neglect. The pilot utilizes SSA interns in ER III to complete warm hand-offs of SSA clients to Family Resource Centers.

In some cases, a family may be referred to ER III, but their situation does not call for any action by SSA. This new approach aims to bring those families who may still be at-risk to FRCs. Familiarizing these clients with the location and staff at an FRC near them will hopefully lead to a higher likelihood of the client utilizing valuable FRC services.
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.

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 2018-2019 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

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
• Child Development Activities
• Emergency Assistance
• Family Literacy & Education