Thank you to all who joined us for the 2017 FaCT Annual Conference! We are proud to have convened over 300 professionals from across Orange County to wrestle with many of the issues that affect families in our communities. Beatriz Maria Solís, Director of the South Region of The California Endowment’s Building Health Communities, spoke to us on the profound effects environments and stressors can have on health. We were also able to host 18 successful breakout sessions on over 10 intersecting issues.

We are looking forward to hosting you again in 2018!
The La Habra Family Resource Center and South Orange County Family Resource Center both moved to new locations in the last quarter! These two FRCs showcase the power that strong partnerships have in serving families. Both of their new locations offer an increased capacity and a welcoming atmosphere to serve clients. On behalf of everyone at FaCT, thank you to Mission Hospital and the Institute for Healthcare Advancement for their investment and dedication to child abuse prevention and the FRC platform.

The South Orange County Family Resource Center was established in 1996 as a result of a Community Health Needs Assessment from Mission Hospital and is now operated by Mission Hospital, The Raise Foundation, Children's Bureau of Southern California, and Human Options.

The La Habra Family Resource Center has been serving the families of North Orange County since 2004 and is operated by the Institute for Healthcare Advancement (IHA), Public Law Center, Boys and Girls Club of La Habra, Western Youth Services, and Interval House.

In April FaCT hosted a poster contest among our network of Family Resource Centers with the theme “My FRC Helps Me Be...” We had over 30 entries from across our network but our winners Nataly P. and Dalilah R. stood out! They expressed, through their creative talents, that the El Modena Family Resource Center helped them be respectful, beautiful, funny, healthy, successful, and positive! The 2017 FaCT Poster Contest aimed to raise awareness of our network of Family Resource Centers and the inspiring work they accomplish in their communities.

Special thanks to the FaCT Marketing Committee for helping us make this event a success!
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.

### Costa Mesa FRC

Gloria came to the Costa Mesa FRC seeking help for herself and her daughter after experiencing an incident of domestic violence with her husband. She was ready and willing to take on new challenges and engage with any service that could benefit her and her daughter so that they could overcome their situation. At intake Gloria did not have an understanding of domestic violence or how it had affected her daughter. After receiving an array of services including case management, counseling for herself and her daughter, the personal empowerment program, and Out of School Time Youth programs for her daughter, Gloria came to the decision to divorce her husband and is currently following through with all recommended services. She also regularly attends zumba and yoga classes offered at Hoag’s Center for Health Living. Gloria stated that she is so thankful for all the services and help provided at the FRC.

### Corbin FRC

Sophia was referred to the FRC through the Orange County Department of Education. Her son was having significant problems at school and home. She sought counseling services for her son who is currently on probation. Sophia shared that her and her husband have always had concerns about Oscar getting in trouble at school. She also shared that she had been a victim of domestic violence in her past but is now in a safe place. Sophia was very receptive to all of the services provided and successfully completed the Family Support Services Program. She and her son continue to receive individual and family counseling. Sophia and her husband reported that her son has shown great improvement at home and in school. In addition, Sophia shared that her husband has become much more involved in their son’s life. She expressed her gratitude for all the services and support she received at the FRC and the peace and happiness she felt with the new developments and changes taking place in her family.

### Westminster FRC

Celia’s family was referred to our FRC from the local school district. They had recently been asked to leave the room that they had been renting. When she came in with her family they were able to sit down with our Family Support Specialist and apply for assistance through numerous housing programs. After 2 months her family was contacted and was able to move into their own permanent home! Celia and her husband began parenting courses at the FRC and her family continues to be an active and engaged client with the Westminster Family Resource Center. In addition, she is actively involved at their children’s school. Celia shared “I am very grateful to have someone listen to me about my struggles.” Finding a place to call home is such an important factor in the stability, pride, and identity of a family. We are so proud of the work and success of Celia and her family and were honored to be there to listen to their struggles and help them navigate them.

### Trauma Informed Care & Family Support

The families that our FaCT FRCs serve are often in facing crisis and have experienced trauma. We were pleased to be able to offer a two part series, presented by Dr. Greg Manning, on trauma informed care to our Family Support Specialists (FSS). The FSS of our Family Resource Centers are the front line in the field of family support services and child abuse prevention.

The series took a look into trauma and what it means, psychologically and physically, to be effected by it, as well as the best way to be responsive to FRC clients that have been effected by trauma. One on the most crucial lessons our FSS took away from Dr. Manning’s training was the importance of self-care in executing their role in serving families.

The barriers and struggles families face often change, but their psychological response to trauma and adversity will always be present. For our FSS, having an understanding of this response and the best way to care for their clients is a crucial skill in keeping families happy, healthy, and stable. We are very grateful to Dr. Manning for the comprehensive tools and skills he was able to provide to our front line!
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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**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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**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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