Families and Communities Together (FaCT) Orange County is a public-private partnership program of the County of Orange Social Services Agency. FaCT works to strengthen prevention and intervention services designed to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. The FaCT network of 15 Family Resource Centers serves more than 16,000 residents each year through services that promote stronger family systems.

**A Note From FaCT's Program Manager: Ericka Danczak**

**“Celebrating Partnership”**

The Five Protective Factors, the foundation upon which all FaCT Family Resource Center services are built, emphasizes the need for social connections as an integral factor in ensuring the prosperity of families and children. These social connections strengthen our community. Just as a community’s strength comes from the people, institutions, and families that make it up, FaCT’s strength comes from the power of our vast network of partners, which today number more than 100 strong.

Our partnerships continue to grow and expand at a fast pace. This year, FaCT has been strategically seeking new partnerships to bring value and additional resources to our network. We have been working closely with partner Child Guidance Center to bring programs and services specifically designed for military families to our FRC network. Our partner Hoag Hospital has invested in a pilot promotora program at two of our FRC locations to support community mental health. Finally, we have been on the ground floor of the exciting new Intersections Initiative, funded by St. Joseph Health Community Partnership Fund, which aims to build collaborative capacity to fight community trauma.

I am looking forward to continuing to redefine how we serve families through new approaches and innovative partnerships. Our success comes from our vast collaborative of organizations, I am grateful to be working alongside professionals dedicated to improving the lives of Orange County's children and families.

**EMBRACE: The 2018 FaCT Annual Conference**

The 2018 FaCT Annual Conference is only little over a month away! In 2018, we are diving deep into how we can fully embrace underserved and hard to reach communities.

Visit our conference landing page to register and for updates including more information on the day’s breakout sessions and speaker bios.

**Registration: $75**

FaCTOC.org/FaCT Conference
**CEAC Regional Trainings**

On January 25 and 26, FaCT Family Resource Centers (FRCs) organized three regional trainings for 50 Community Engagement Advisory Council (CEAC) members. The resident leaders gathered at Friendly Center - Placentia, South Orange County FRC, and Westminster FRC to learn about the power of their own social networks and how to establish credibility with other community leaders when serving as ambassadors and bridge builders for their FRCs. Incorporating role playing, games, and testimonials from resident leaders making an impact in their communities, these trainings were also a great opportunity for CEAC members from different FRCs to meet, share experiences, and have fun together. This is the second year in a row that Volunteer Coordinators from all 15 FaCT FRCs came together to organize regional trainings for CEAC members.

**FaCT Family Resource Center Youth Conference**

On March 10, FaCT Family Resource Centers’ (FRCs) Volunteer Coordinators organized a full day conference for the members of Youth Action Councils (YACs) from several FRCs that participate in the youth leadership program. The day consisted of personal leadership development, identifying and learning about different leadership styles, team building, an art activity that helped the teens identify needs in their community, and spontaneous dance parties. The conference’s highlight was a presentation and Q & A session with a panel of Orange County youth leaders from the Bridges Program at OC Human Relations, the LGBT Center OC, and Orange County Congregation Community Organization (OCCCOCO).

**Success Story**

**Anaheim Harbor Family Resource Center**

Gloria stood by the door, reluctant to come in the room. When I asked her what was wrong, she told me that her social worker and lawyer had gotten it all wrong, that she didn’t belong there. She shared that there was no way she was involved in a domestic violence relationship. I explained that our program focuses on personal empowerment and that the tools she learns will help her in her current relationships with her family and children and every day life. After the next couple of weeks, Gloria slowly began participating and engaging until she was the light and the life of the whole class. Eventually she came up to me and said “you were right”. Gloria had been in a domestic violence relationship the whole time she was participating in the class. She told me that the class helped her see the abuse in her relationship and strengthen her bond with her children. She shared that she was excited to rediscover the joys of motherhood and love for herself. The Personal Empowerment Program we offer is about overcoming domestic violence, but it is so much more than that. It is about the empowerment to improve our relationships with those we love and, most importantly, with ourselves.

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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and agencies from across Orange County are joining together to raise awareness of the important role prevention efforts have in our communities. Abuse is cyclical. Often those that experience abuse perpetuate that abuse in adulthood in their own family. Prevention efforts are crucial in breaking that cycle by offering services and support that aims to heal past trauma, prevent future trauma, and create stronger, healthier relationships in families. Below are a few highlights of efforts to raise awareness of prevention efforts in Orange County.

**My Family Resource Center: 2018 FaCT Partner Blue Ribbon Campaign**

Our partners are coming together to promote the critical work of the FaCT Family Resource Centers! For Child Abuse Prevention Month, several of our partners will be sharing a video FaCT developed last year that makes a passionate case for the need for Family Resource Centers in Orange County as an integral part of the effort to prevent child abuse and neglect on their respective social media channels.

*Interested in joining us?* If you are an agency that knows the power of our Family Resource Centers, help us spread the word about their critical work!

Visit [FaCTOC.org/BlueRibbon](http://FaCTOC.org/BlueRibbon) to learn more about how you can help.

Watch the video at [FaCTOC.org/about](http://FaCTOC.org/about).

**Step Up. Stand Up. Speak Up for Kids.**

**A Community in Unity to Prevent Child Abuse**

The Raise Foundation, Orange County’s Child Abuse Prevention Council, and its Blue Ribbon Task Force organized a countywide awareness campaign in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The campaign began on March 28th with the 24th Annual Blue Ribbon Kick-Off Ceremony Emceed by Michele Gile, news reporter for CBS2/KCAL9. The campaign includes 50 “Pinwheels for Prevention Gardens” located throughout Orange County, a roaming “Keep Me Safe, Healthy, and Happy” youth art exhibit, and prevention presentations. Visit [ocblueribbon.org](http://ocblueribbon.org) for more information.

The Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Council’s Blue Ribbon Task Force consists of members from the American Academy of Pediatrics Orange County, Orange County Fire Authority, Families and Communities Together (FaCT), County of Orange Social Services Agency, Orange County Sheriff’s Department, Orange County Department of Education, The Raise Foundation, and Irvine Police Department.

**#GoBlueForOCKids**

The County of Orange Social Services Agency invites Orange County community members to join them in wearing blue for OC kids on April 24th in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Share a photo of you and your friends, family, or colleagues wearing blue with the hash tag #GoBlueForOCKids.

For more information and resources on child abuse prevention, please visit [oc4kids.com](http://oc4kids.com).
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 2017-2018 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
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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.