Pushing Our Potential: The Start of a New Fiscal Year

With a fully formed team at the table, FaCT began Fiscal Year 2018-2019 by reflecting on achievements of the last year and laying out ambitious plans for the year to come.

Under the direction and guidance of the FaCT leadership team, we continued to expand the potential and identify the limitations of the FaCT platform. Fiscal Year 2017-2018 saw many achievements including: the introduction of a campaign to improve the integrity of our data and stretch the capabilities of our evaluation efforts; a record turnout at the 2018 FaCT Annual Conference; the introduction of a new brown bag training series focusing on diversity; a youth conference entirely planned by Family Resource Center (FRC) Volunteer Coordinators; and continued growth and expansion of our partnership development efforts.

Thank you to everyone who has been on this journey with us, especially our partners who tirelessly work to support Orange County families. We look forward to the coming year as we push the boundaries of our potential together.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

In support of Child Abuse Prevention Month, FaCT enlisted the aid of some of our partners and friends to help us promote our video that showcases Family Resource Centers in Orange County.

*We thank all who shared our video on Facebook and Twitter:* City of Garden Grove, Community Action Partnership of Orange County, City of Westminster, Westminster Police Department, Friendly Center, Inc., Western Youth Services, Human Options, Casa Youth Shelter, and the Orange County Women's Health Project.

Watch the video at [FaCTOC.org/about](http://FaCTOC.org/about).
Denise made her way to our Family Resource Center feeling broken down. She was going through a terrible custody battle with her soon to be ex-husband, who she had left due to domestic violence. Denise had a few good friends that she turned to for shelter and support, however, as a newly single mother with two children she was struggling financially and having a lot of trouble finding a job. In addition, she was still grappling with her recent separation from her husband. She felt powerless and still under his control. She also lost her health insurance because she was formerly under her husband’s plan. Denise was very receptive to all of the services she was offered. After being referred from Corbin FRC, we were able to have The Raise Foundation assist her with a MediCal application, enroll her in counseling and parenting courses, and find a Personal Empowerment Program that worked with her schedule at the Minnie Street FRC. Denise’s love for her daughters radiated through as we worked with her and got to know her. Upon closing her case, she told us she had two interviews lined up! Denise thanked our Family Support Specialist by saying, “Thank you so much for keeping me accountable and for all of the services you have connected me to.”

Our collaboration with the other FRCs exemplifies how this platform is truly a system of support for families here in Orange County.
As a county-wide system of support, FaCT recognized that the opportunity to engage with all 15 of our Family Resource Centers under the same roof was rare and valuable. That is why on June 27th we hosted our first FaCT Family Resource Center Meet & Greet.

Over 100 professionals from Orange County’s non-profit, public, and private sectors attended the first FaCT FRC Meet & Greet at the Melinda Hoag Smith Center for Healthy Living in Newport Beach. Attendees had the rare opportunity to network with representatives from all 15 FRCs in the FaCT network and receive tours of the Costa Mesa Family Resource Center and the Melinda Hoag Smith Center for Healthy Living. The event served as an opportunity to forge new partnerships and discuss new ideas that ultimately benefit Orange County’s families. Due to the success of the Meet & Greet, future similar events are in the works to continue to promote community collaboration.

Additionally, the event featured an award ceremony for the winners of the 2018 FaCT Youth Poster Contest. Five winners from separate age and geographic categories emerged from a pool of nearly 40 entries. The entries from the FRCs’ youth programs showcased the impact that their FRC made in their lives. The winners’ artwork highlighted education and diplomas and featured the words “respect”, “responsible”, and “kind”.

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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.