We hope that you enjoyed your holiday season with loved ones, and were able to find time in the midst of the hustle and bustle to observe peace, generosity and compassion in those around you. FaCT Family Resource Centers (FRCs) were fortunate to be on the receiving end of a community whose compassion inspired them to give generously in the form of gifts, donations and time. With the help of wonderful volunteers, faith partners and community leaders, FRCs hosted holiday activities such as “Breakfast with Santa”, toy drives, gift baskets, and much more for the children and families we serve.

Our compassionate FaCT team and FRC Coordinators also found time to participate in a mid-year staff retreat at Irvine Regional Park on January 9, 2019. Together we reviewed the core values of the Social Services Agency, and the team shared which core values were most important to them in terms of their daily work at the FRCs. Compassion, creativity and integrity were the values we all shared in common, and they reminded us of the reasons we feel so connected to our work.

As we embark on the new year, we continue to work toward our goal of preventing child abuse and neglect by recognizing that it is a shared responsibility between families, child welfare, and our community.

**SAVE THE DATE: The 2019 FaCT Annual Conference**

Each of us experiences the world in different ways.

Our experiences inform our perceptions and assumptions creating a frame from which we view the world and each other. As professionals working to strengthen communities, our “frames” shape the way we view clients and the systems we design and use to help them. We see firsthand how frames may create misconceptions and barriers to success and wellness.

Join us at the 2019 FaCT Conference for a robust discussion that will challenge us to “reframe” our thinking about how and why we serve.

Stay up to date on the upcoming FaCT Conference by visiting FaCToc.org/factconference or signing up for the FaCT Newsletter at FaCToc.org/newsletter.
In June, the FaCT team of Volunteer Coordinators drafted a mission statement for the year, “To empower community leaders across the FaCT network and strengthen families through networking, training, and promoting best practices.” In fulfilling this mission they executed three regional events for Community Engagement Advisory Committee (CEAC) leaders. Two trainings were held to empower community leaders to help strengthen families, including a training on how to recognize and report child abuse and on understanding and navigating financial aid opportunities for parents. In addition, the South Central FRCs held a holiday mixer to promote relationship building between CEAC leaders and share best practices. A final regional training is scheduled for January 25th before the focus turns towards engaging CEAC leaders in planning and participating in the upcoming FaCT conference.

CEACs are leadership and volunteer groups that operate at all 15 FaCT Family Resource Centers.

Continuing the Tradition

Thanks to a generous donation from Trish Hurley, her family, and Sean Cavona and his patrons at T-Zone Fitness in Costa Mesa, 14 of our FRCs received bikes for over 30 families.

Trish and Sean have partnered on bringing bikes to the children of FaCT FRCs for a long time and for the fourth continuous year under the current contract. As a young girl, Trish loved the thrill of riding her bike throughout her neighborhood and thinks it is an experience every child should have. This is why Trish is working on starting a new organization, Miles of Smiles, to continue to bolster her goal of every child having a bike.

Trish and Sean's gifts go a long way for families at our FRCs. Often the bike means a great gift for their kids, a way to get to school, or some incentive to get outside.
On November 17, 2018, the Melinda Hoag Smith Center for Healthy Living, in partnership with the Clinic in the Park and Costa Mesa FRC, hosted the 4th Annual Family Health Day.

The purpose of this event is to provide children and families in the community access to a variety of local resources related to health and wellness. With over 60 agencies participating and approximately 500 attendees, Family Health Day is of great value to the community and fun for children and families. The event provided linkage to health and wellness resources and providers, screenings (i.e., dental, vision, glucose, etc.), and education. In addition, there was a fall art contest with participants from the Newport Mesa Unified School District as well as various program demonstrations and performances.

On December 5th the County of Orange Social Services Agency’s (SSA) Faith in Motion, a collaborative partnership between local faith groups and SSA, hosted their annual Snuggle Day Event at Saddleback Church Anaheim.

Snuggle Day is made possible through generous donations from various organizations throughout the year and 15 faith-based partners. For four hours, social workers come to “shop” for their clients based on needs they may have.

This year, the Westminster Family Resource Center was invited to attend the event. The FRC received handmade blankets and pillowcases that were distributed to families they serve who are currently living in motels. They also received dufflebags full of assorted necessities that they distributed to their youth and teens. Gina Nunes, the Westminster FRC Coordinator, shared, “The representatives from the faith organizations seemed grateful for the opportunity and eager to support our work.”
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

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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.