



Welcome!

Family Resource Center Presentation – LPHA – February 2023

Family Resource Centers



Family Resource Centers

- Multi-generational, strengths-based, family-centered approach
- Designed for all families
- No or low cost for participants
- Support families to build protective factors



Strengthening Families Protective Factors

Parental Resilience

Social Connections

Concrete Support
in Times of Need

Knowledge of Parenting and Child
Development

Social and Emotional Competence
of Children



*For more information, please see
www.cssp.org/reform/strengthening-families*

Family Resource Centers

- No dedicated federal funding
- More than 3,000 nationwide
- Serve more than 2 million people annually



Family Resource Centers



- Cost-effective
- Highly adaptable
- Successful outcomes

Family Resource Centers



Family Resource Centers



- FRCs are of, by, and for the community:
 - Families are engaged in shaping the programs and services to be responsive to their interests and needs
 - Staff hired who represent and shared the lived experiences of the diversity of the families served
 - Parent Advisory Committees impact program development and implementation

Family Resource Centers

- Most Common Service Areas:

- Parenting Support



- Access to Resources



- Child Development Activities

- Parent Leadership Development

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- Peer Support
- Social Connections



Family Resource Center & Child Welfare Collaboration Continuum

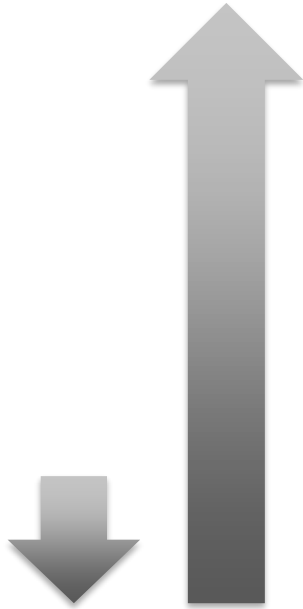
Across the country, Child Welfare jurisdictions partner with, leverage, and fund Family Resource Centers (FRCs) to provide support for families along all points of the prevention continuum.

	Primary Prevention	Differential Response	Open Child Welfare Case	Post-Reunification
Family Resource Center Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support families to build the Strengthening Families 5 Protective Factors Provide parenting support, including parenting education utilizing evidence-based curricula Provide access to resources Support families to identify and address their goals Provide child development activities Support healthy marital and couples relationships Promote family economic success Provide parent leadership development opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide all of the services and supports in the Primary Prevention column for families who have been screened out of the child welfare system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide all of the services and supports in the Primary Prevention column for families who have been mandated to participate in them by the child welfare system Coordinate support of individual families with their child welfare worker Participate in child welfare team decision making Host supervised visitations Support kinship care providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide all of the services and supports in the Primary Prevention column for families who have been reunified
Child Welfare Agency Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide funding for Family Resource Centers Provide funding for training FRC staff Provide funding for or coordinate Network of FRCs 	<p>In addition to the investments in the Primary Prevention column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and utilize a differential/alternative response system to identify families who do not rise to the level of needing an open child welfare case, but might benefit from support and resources Refer those families for voluntary services at the FRC in their community 	<p>In addition to the investments in the Primary Prevention column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer families for mandated services at the FRC in their community Coordinate support of individual families with FRC staff Welcome FRC staff to participate in team decision making Provide relevant training for FRC staff as needed Leverage FRCs for kinship navigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide all the investments in the Primary Prevention column.
Federal Child Welfare Funding That Can Be Utilized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Title IV-B, Promoting Safe and Stable Families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Title IV-B, including Promoting Safe and Stable Families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family First Prevention Services Act Title IV-B, including Promoting Safe and Stable Families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title IV-B, including Promoting Safe and Stable Families
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighborhoods with Family Support Centers had a 26% lower rate of child abuse and neglect investigations than similar neighborhoods without them.¹ Since Teller County, Colorado moved to a differential response model in 2016 that utilizes a Family Resource Center, its child abuse rate has had a 63% reduction.² 			

¹University of Chicago Chapin Hall. (2015). Do Family Support Centers Reduce Maltreatment Investigations? Evidence from Allegheny County.

² OMNI Institute (2021). Return on Investment of a Family Resource Center to the Child Welfare System.

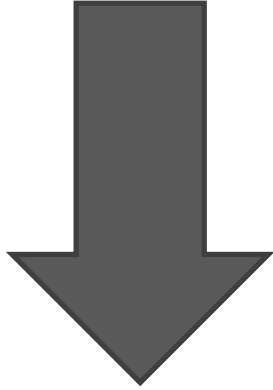
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- For every **\$1** invested in Family Resource Centers, the State of Alabama received **\$4.93** in immediate and long-term consequential financial benefits.

Community Services Analysis. (2016). Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers Social Return On Investment Summary

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OMNI Institute (2021). *Return on Investment of a Family Resource Center to the Child Welfare System*

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- For every **\$1** invested in a FRC in 2018, the Teller County, CO child welfare system saved **\$2.92**, totaling **\$2.5M**.
- For every **\$1** invested in a FRC, the Orange County, CA child welfare system saved **\$3.65**, totaling **\$1.1M** in 2016 and **\$1.8M** in 2017.

Family Resource Centers

- What does it cost to run a FRC?



- Varies in relation to local costs of living, specific programming, and physical space
- A typical community-based New Jersey Success Center has an annual budget of \$240-300K with 3-4 full-time staff
- A school-based FRC in Kentucky has an annual budget of \$33-82K with 1-2 full-time staff and space and other resources provided in-kind

Family Resource Centers

- How are FRCs Funded?



- Mostly by state, county, and municipal governments
- Some leveraged federal funding such as Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention
- Foundations, corporations, individual donors, and in-kind support

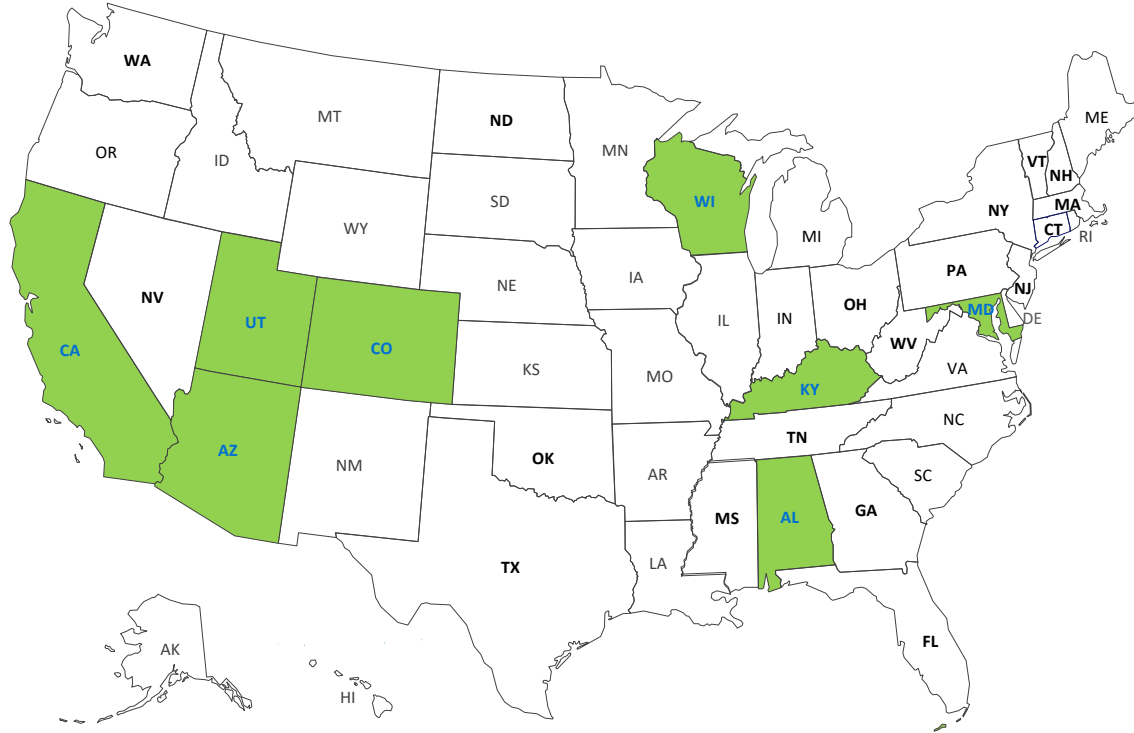
Family Resource Center Networks

- Consist of two or more Family Resource Centers
- Ensure coordinated quality support for families
- Serve as the backbone entity to leverage and coordinate the collective impact of their members
- May be an independent nonprofit, coordinated by a public or private funder, or led by FRC Directors serving as volunteer leadership



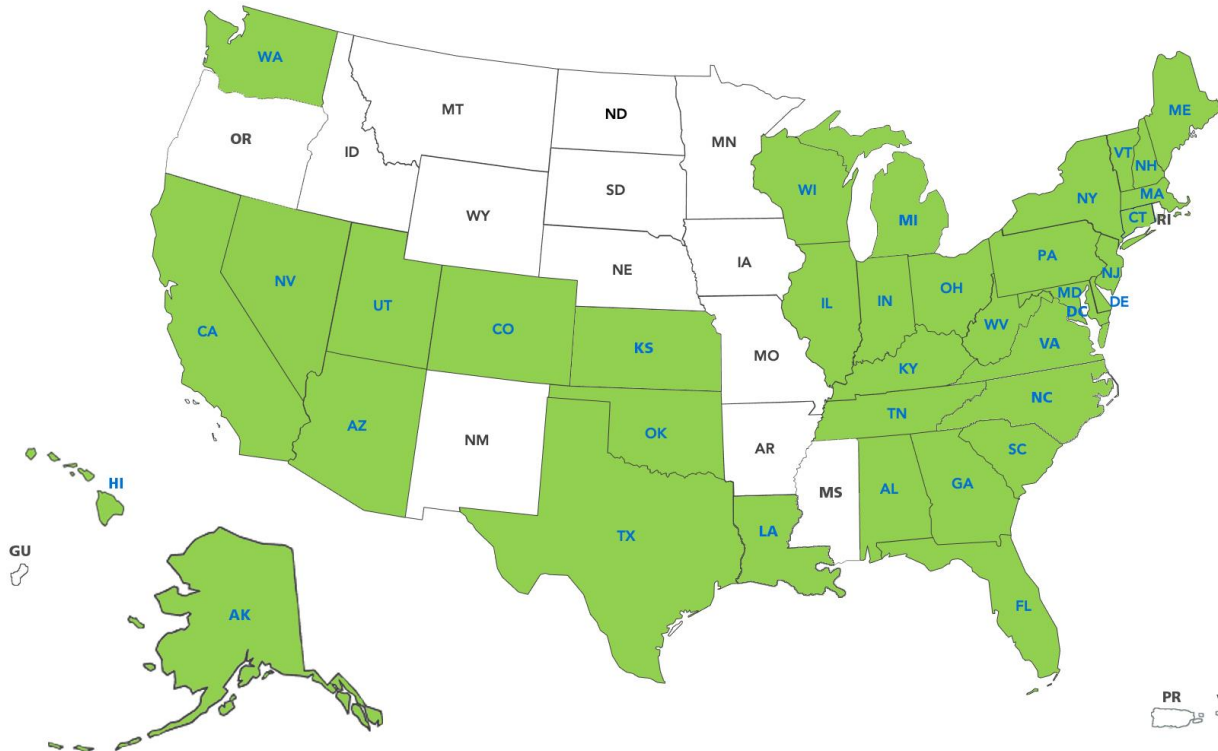
National Family Support Network

- Founded in 2011 by 8 state Networks as a membership organization
- Volunteer-coordinated until November 2015



National Family Support Network

- Grown to 37 Member Networks of more than 3,000 Family Resource Centers

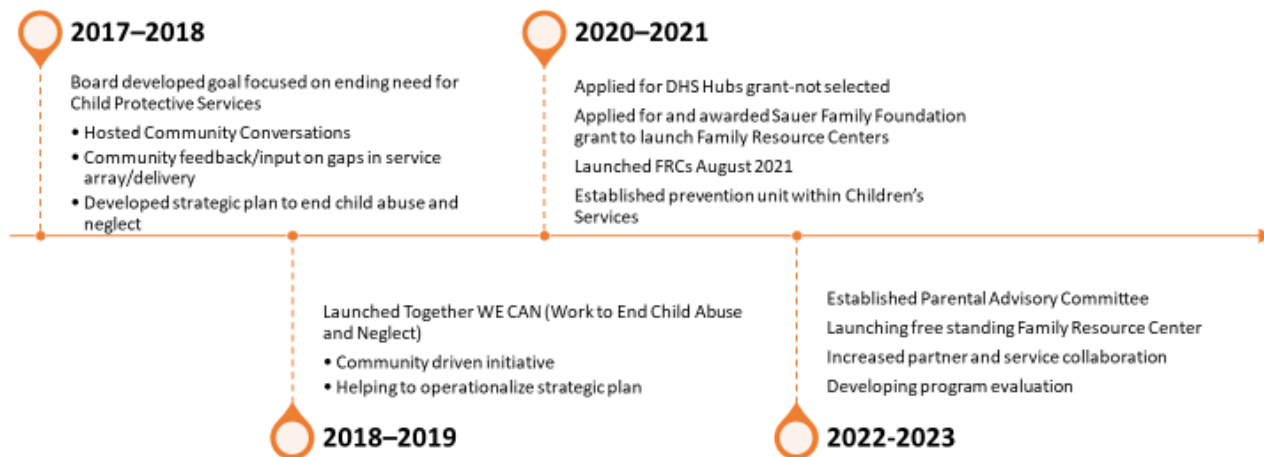


Minnesota FRC Initiatives

Family Resource Centers in Minnesota:

- Family Resource Centers of Scott County
- Pine County FRC Initiative
- Additional County activity
- Philanthropic Support

SCOTT COUNTY



THE PINE COUNTY FRC JOURNEY

Heard about FRCs initially at MACSSA; community-based prevention strategy; Scott County work

Pine County Commissioner buy-in: at AMC level and touring of Colorado FRCs

Attended Wednesday webinars and became more familiar with FRC concept

From there, used every platform imaginable to share knowledge about FRC concept; held 1:1 meetings with potential partners

Reviewed assessments and data

FRC – “community-based prevention strategy”; reviewed our CHA/CHIP; foresee a beautiful arrangement and aligned work between financial and social services and public health; with community at the heart of it all



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

THE PINE COUNTY FRC JOURNEY



- Key individuals within the agency on-board;
- Multiple individuals attending Wednesday Webinars –
 - “It takes a village”
- Applied for a two-year SFF grant to kick off our continued work in developing a Pine County FRC
- TA from AMC and NFSN – we are not alone
- Are working through the hiring/orientation process;
- Our FRC Coordinator’s first day is scheduled to be February 21st

SAUER FAMILY FOUNDATION



Our Vision

Children experience well-being.

They grow up and develop in environments where they are:

Supported and nurtured;

Safe from abuse and neglect;

Resilient in the face of trauma;


Successful in school;

Thriving in their families and communities.

Our Mission

The mission of the Sauer Family Foundation is to invest in strengthening the well-being of children so they thrive in their families and communities.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

- 
- To create change, fill gaps, or help create something new in an organization, government agency, or system;
 - To support work in systems and agencies that keep children in safe, supported families, decrease toxic stress and move them to resiliency.
 - *Three Grant rounds in 2023 with due dates of Feb. 17, May 19, and Sept. 29.*

Support for FRC Development



- Initial funding for Scott County
- AMC funding for Project Coordinator, Technical Assistance from NFSN & NFSN membership
- One year funding for 2 counties for community assessment and planning
- Two year funding for 1 county for implementation
- Additional opportunities for counties or community partners

COLLABORATION WITH STATE ENTITIES



MACSSA has been in conversation and collaboration with the Department of Human Services, Minnesota Department of Education and the Children's Cabinet alongside the Sauer Family Foundation and Casey Family Programs for over 18 months

PRIORITY IN GOVERNOR'S ONE MINNESOTA BUDGET



The [Governor recommends \\$15 million in FY2024-25 and \\$34 million in FY2026-27](#) from the general fund to implement a network of sustainable Community Resource Centers to promote family and community well-being. Families who have what they need are less likely to experience the child protection system and/or other deep-end service systems. Community Resource Centers have three primary goals aimed at improving child and family wellbeing:



Questions?