Connecting Resources

Impacting Lives

2015 Annual Report

Family Resource Center Association
Dear FRCA Friends and Supporters,

**Making it happen, making it better, sharing it with others.**

That's a big part of what FRCA and our member centers have been doing this past year.

In this year's report we detail how we've been connecting our 24 member centers to the resources, training and support they need to assist more than 55,000 families in Colorado become stronger and more self-reliant.

In particular, our member centers deserve a big “shout out” for exceeding our projections of the number of families served with programs funded by the Colorado Health Foundation. Programs included exercise, nutrition, access to healthy food and more. As a result, this year FRCA will again be partnering with the Colorado Health Foundation to keep families healthy.

On the research side, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) funded a project with the National Family Support Network, of which FRCA is a co-leader, to survey and report on the various state family resource center models and family support networks. FRCA is one of the key partners working with the RWJF to document best practices in supporting families through family resource centers, and co-authored a report that will be presented this May in Washington DC. The end goal of this research is to figure out better ways for funders and providers to use limited resources to make a measurable difference in the lives of families.

On a related front, we are proud to let you know that FRCA's manuscript, “Reliability of the Colorado Family Support Assessment: A Self-Sufficiency Matrix for Families” was accepted and published in the journal *Research on Social Work Practice.*

FRCA is always working to help our member centers serve and track family progress. As a result, FRCA has developed a new strategy, and we are currently implementing our new “Family Pathways” procedures that help standardize how our member centers serve families and track family progress. The goal here is to gain more accurate data, make better use of staff time and help families find the level of help they want.

FRCA is excited to grow as a state and national leader in the field of family support. We are beginning to train other organizations here in Colorado and beyond to use strategies and tools in the Family Support Model to better assist families.

We're proud to say that FRCA and our member centers are not content doing “business as usual.” Even in the face of limited resources, we are striving for the best way to connect Colorado families with the help they need to become successful and self-reliant.

We welcome everyone to come join us in the effort!

Mark Kling  
Executive Director

Lawrence Knutson  
Board President
Our Approach

FRCA Impact 2015

6,251
6,251 hours of technical assistance to our members
Over 781 (8 hour) work days

255
FRCA has trained 255 FRC Staff in the Quality Standards of Family Support and Strengthening

$2M
$2,099,661 pass through funds for our member centers

74%
Over 74% of FRCA’s revenue is passed on to our member centers to strengthen and support family development

44
In 2015, 24 FRCA member centers served 44 of the 66 counties in Colorado
We are especially proud to let you know that FRCA’s manuscript entitled “Reliability of the Colorado Family Support Assessment: A Self-Sufficiency Matrix for Families” was accepted and published in the journal Research on Social Work Practice.

Family Resource Center Association worked with our network of member Family Resource Centers and the OMNI Institute to refine and test a family support measurement tool. Family Resource Centers use a philosophy of strengths-based family development, in which a Family Advocate acts as a coach and systems navigator to support the family as they set and meet their own goals. With this in mind, the Colorado Family Support Assessment was enhanced to the CFSA 2.0 version.

“This tool should do an excellent job of helping families figure out where they are, and more importantly, where they want to go,” says Melissa Richmond, one of the study’s authors. “It is comprehensive, and structured to obtain reliable and accurate data.”

The tool underwent rigorous testing to determine its accuracy. The results of the study indicate that with training, staff members are able to use the CFSA 2.0 in a reliable way to measure family progress.

Family Pathways Tool

FRCA is dedicated to developing, testing and refining the necessary tools to help our members and all family resource centers better serve families. Family Resource Centers are diverse organizations and we are committed to developing tools that create a common language and procedures to serve families and track progress. FRCA has developed the Family Pathways tool to support common implementation of family development services across our network. This tool outlines the paths families take from the moment of first contact with a family resource center, the next steps, and
how we record the data and track family progress consistently across our network. The tool has gained favorable review from our members and we are training staff across the network. FRCA will begin to train outside organizations to use our tool within the next year.

National Partnerships

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has funded a project co-led by FRCA in partnership with the National Family Support Network to survey and report on the various approaches that state family resource centers and family support networks are taking, and to identify the most effective and efficient of those approaches. FRCA has taken the lead on coordinating the data collection and report. In May 2016 there is a national convening in Washington D.C. at which the report and strategy recommendations will be presented to national funders, statewide representatives of networks and key policy makers at the national level. We are extremely proud and excited to be a part of this important work and look forward to contributing to the national conversation in the future.

Recently, the Frontiers of Innovation (FOI) program at Harvard’s Center on the Developing Child, which tests and refines science-based intervention strategies for positive child outcomes, has taken an interest in FRCA’s work. Deep investigations will be launched to determine the effectiveness and scale-readiness of our strength-based, family-driven, service delivery model. In the spring of 2016 FOI will partner with FRCA to design a research project that identifies which families benefit the most from family development services and how we can expand our member centers’ impact with additional families.
FRCA Financials

Revenue

- Foundation and Government Funding: 20% ($554,831)
- Pass Through from Foundation and Government Funding: 73% ($2,061,094)
- Individual and Corporate Contributions: 1% ($28,905)
- Earned, Investment, & Other Income: 7% ($191,487)
- Total Revenue: $2,836,318

Expenses

- Pass Through Funding: 63% ($2,099,661)
- FRCA Program Costs: 26% ($891,517)
- Management & General: 5% ($195,215)
- Fundraising: 3% ($118,580)
- Total Expenses: $4,304,973

During the prior fiscal year, FRCA recognized the revenue from a large multiple-year grant. A portion of the expenses associated with that grant occurred during this fiscal year. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the FRCA offices for more detail.
Thank You

“Thank YOU” to our partners in the important work of Family Strengthening and Support. We appreciate the generosity of time, talents and financial resources to these important efforts.

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Every effort has been made to ensure this is a complete list of our contributors. If there is an omission, this is unintentional and we apologize.

Looking Ahead in 2016

Check our web address for our new, improved website launching in May 2016 with even more resources and features!
www.COFamilyCenters.org

FRCA is proud to have been selected as the state intermediary for the Family Resource Center Program funded by the Office of Early Childhood, Department of Human Services.

FRCA is the designated trainer for the Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support in Colorado. We are training all of our Centers to the Standards and equipping our FRCs to implement proven quality programming. In addition, starting in 2016, we will begin to train organizations outside our membership in these standards.
FRCA Member Centers 2015

| Aurora Community Connection, Aurora | Fremont County Family Center, Canon City |
| Catholic Charities Diocese of Pueblo, Pueblo | Huerfano/Las Animas Family Resource Center, Walsenburg |
| Community Partnership Family Resource Center, Divide | La Llave Family Resource Center, Alamosa |
| Delta County Family Literacy Program, Delta | La Plata Family Centers Coalition, Durango |
| Denver Indian Family Resource Center, Denver | Families Forward Resource Center, Denver |
| El Paso County Family Resource Center, Colorado Springs | Morgan County Family Center, Fort Morgan |
| Family & Intercultural Resource Center, Silverthorn | Mountain Family Center, Granby |
| Focus Points Family Resource Center, Denver | Mountain Resource Center, Conifer |
| The Pinon Project Family Center, Cortez | Prairie Family Center, Burlington |
| Fremont County Family Center, Canon City | Roaring Fork Family Resource Centers, Carbondale |
| Huerfano/Las Animas Family Resource Center, Walsenburg | Sister Carmen Community Center, Lafayette |
| La Llave Family Resource Center, Alamosa | The Family Center/La Familia, Fort Collins |
| La Plata Family Centers Coalition, Durango | Tri-County Family Care Center, Rocky Ford |
| Families Forward Resource Center, Denver | Washington County Connections, Akron and Rural Communities Resource Center, Yuma |
| Morgan County Family Center, Fort Morgan | West End Family Link Center, Nucla |
| Mountain Family Center, Granby | Mountain Resource Center, Conifer |

Our Mission and Vision

To ensure that our Members are strong and optimally equipped to serve Colorado families, Family Resource Center Association provides public advocacy, capacity building, and resource development to strengthen its statewide network of family resource centers as they bring help and hope to Colorado families.

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