



Mission: Children, families and adults are protected and supported to achieve safety, permanency, and well-being.

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The New York State Office of Children and Families Services funds and administers a statewide network of Family Resource Centers that are operated by nonprofit agencies. FRCs are embedded in communities, working closely with families, local departments of social services, and other organizations serving families. The Trust Fund supports the Family Resource Center Network, bringing programs together to share strategies and solutions, coordinate services, and provide peer support.

At a Glance



- Types of Members: School-based and Community-based
- Annual Budget: Staffing and support provided in-kind by the Office of Children and Family Services
- Pass-Thru Annually: Yes, amounts vary year to year
- Membership Dues: No
- Target Population: Low income, families with parents or children with special needs, teen parents, and families experiencing domestic violence
- Network Structure: Operated by a Government department
- Impetus for Network Creation: Started by the Government

Service Areas

- Basic Needs Support
- Child Abuse/Neglect Treatment Services
- Community Development Activities
- Domestic Violence Treatment Services
- Family Economic and Self Sufficiency
- Family Health & Wellness
- Family Literacy and Education Supports
- Formal Service Coordination
- Life Skills Development
- Parent Leadership Development
- Peer-to-Peer Supports
- Resource and Referral
- Youth Development

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Highlights

- In 2016, the Network adopted the Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support.
- In September 2016, the Office of Children and Families Services (OCFS) hosted trainers from the National Family Support Network to provide the Standards Certification Training for 71 individuals.
- In October 2016, OCFS hosted a Training of Trainers Institute on the Standards, sponsoring 12 trainers to participate. The Standards Certification Training is now being offered for OCFS-funded prevention programs across the state. The Certification Training, which is supported by the Children's Trust Fund, will continue to be delivered in 2018 as well.

Outcomes

Using the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Survey with families, the programs demonstrated overall improvements in parenting aspects that protect against child abuse and neglect. Among all participants who completed both a baseline and a follow up Protective Factors Survey, scores rose in each of the areas, or subscales, measured. In addition, 56% of caregivers who scored four or below in two or more protective factors when they began services improved their scores to pass that benchmark after the conclusion of services.



Standards of Quality Implementation

