

LOUISIANA



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The Louisiana Family Resource Center Network is an organization of centers from the 9 regions of the state as identified by the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services. The main goals of the Network are to: Provide leadership to public and professional communities in enhancing the well-being of children and their families through information, education, and advocacy; Promote and encourage communication between the centers to strengthen and empower families; Share information and resources that will increase skills and center staff knowledge.

At a Glance

- Year founded: 2003
- Year joined NFSN: 2022
- Network type: Volunteer-Coordinated

Network Functions

- Connecting Members
- Training/technical assistance
- Working on systems change/policy/advocacy
- Marketing/public awareness activities

Highlights

- The FRCs completed the second year of the state's systematic redesign which included requiring budgets and proposals to include emergency funds for families, the expansion of the Kinship Navigator Program to assist with keeping children with their family of origin or fictive kin to decrease the trauma in their lives, and the new My Community Cares program aimed to get resources to the families before crisis or abuse happens.
- The FRCs originally only served child welfare-involved families. With the opening of services to the wider community, the FRCs have been adjusting to the publicity "push" A Facebook page was developed to draw communities to the FRCs.
- The Network revised and updated its 1999 bylaws to reflect the expansion of services and families served by FRCs since inception. These changes reflect the centers being permitted to include all community members that desire services, instead of being "closed" and only serving DCFS families.
- The FRCs across Louisiana hosted and/or participated in 300-500 community events.

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Network Mission Statement:

To support the Family Resource Centers across the regions of Louisiana to ensure services and resources are available for all families, children, and youth in their communities.

Members

- Number of Members: 9 Community-Based FRCs (6 Nonprofit Agencies and 3 University-based)
- Individuals Served: 4,477 adults, 6,798 children
- Other funding: 5.3M
- Other funding sources:
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Title IV-B, including Promoting Safe and Stable Families
 - Family First Prevention Service Act

Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Concrete Support
- Family Development Services
- Community Strengthening Activities

