

EQUITY IN ACTION

@ PARTNERSHIP FOR STRONG FAMILIES' RESOURCE CENTERS

Grantee Organization: Partnership for Strong Families (PSF)

Evaluation Organization: Institute for Child and Family Services Research



TARGET POPULATION

- Partnership for Strong Families' (PSF) network of Family Resource Centers (FRCs) were strategically placed within geographic/neighborhood hotspots with historically high rates of child maltreatment.
- In 2021, our Gainesville Family Resource Centers received 15,910 visits, with approximately 3,601 unduplicated adults.
- In 2021, the NorthStar Family Resource Center (NSFRC) received 1,489 visits, with approximately 714 unduplicated adults.
- Since January 2022, our Gainesville Family Resource Centers have received 4,732 visits, with approximately 1,507 unduplicated adults.
- Since January 2022, NSFRC has received 836 visits, of which approximately 283 were unduplicated adults.

PROJECT GOALS

- To refine the program model in a manner responsive to the results generated from a comprehensive program self-assessment and community-based needs assessment.
- Integration of service activities within each RC that are linked to protective factors and represent a meaningful multi-agency/multi-system community collaboration.
- To enhance the well-being of children and families and increase the protective factors of families communities served by PSF.
- To increase the likelihood of primary and secondary child maltreatment prevention within the communities served by PSF RCs.

PROGRAM & SERVICES UPDATE

The NorthStar Family Resource Center hosted its Remembering Richardson High School's Historical Marker Dedication & Celebration. This event happened on February 26 and honored the many warriors that paved the way for African American students to be educated in Columbia County. This event also highlighted the pride and memories of those who walked the halls of RHS. It was a day of celebration that included music, food, historical reflections, and tributes.

[Click here to watch a video](#) of past Richardson High students sharing their memories.

[Click here to view media coverage](#) related to NSFRC.



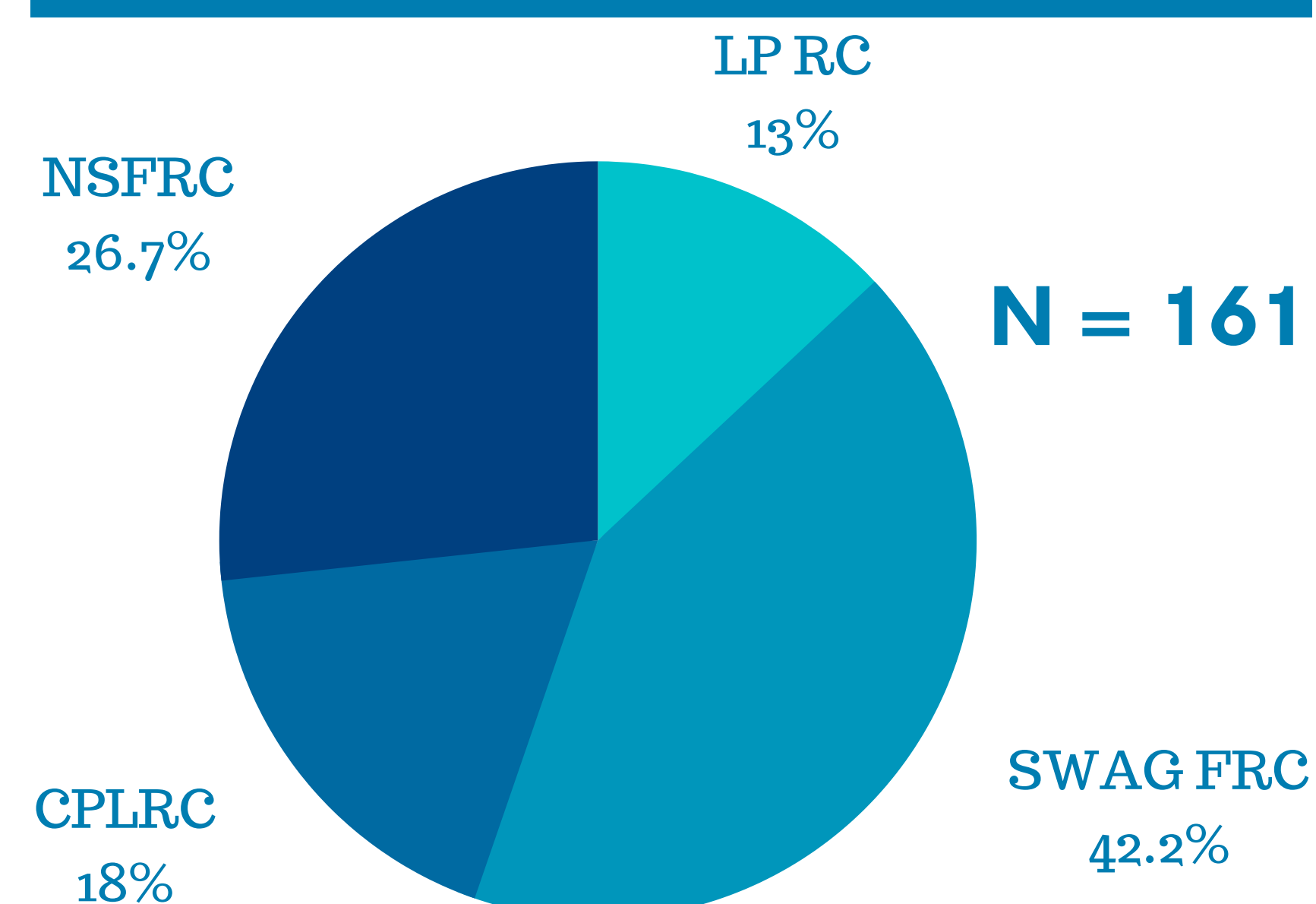
COMMUNITY VOICES

- The Resource Center Advisory Council for the NSFRC meets bi-monthly to share information regarding project activities, assist with strategies to engage the community at-large in our collaborative efforts, and to gather feedback and ideas from Lake City community members and community collaborators.
- The Library Partnership Resource Center (LP RC) launched its Parent and Community Advisory Council (PCAC) in February 2022 to strengthen authentic engagement and input from community members and parents. During their info night events, parents and community members learned about the PCAC and participated in networking and small group activities.
- During the Strengthening Families Self-Assessment (SFSA) process at the Cone Park Library Resource Center (CPLRC), creating a PCAC was identified as an action item to strengthen service and programs at the RC. Members of the CPLRC SFSA team expressed interest in serving on this committee.
- Members of the youth advisory council at NSFRC are developing leadership skills while improving their social and environmental experiences in the community. Other resource Centers are also engaging with youth through guiding and encouraging the youth to use their voices.

EVALUATION

The rapport and familiarity between the Community Research Coordinators (CRCs) and patrons has helped ensure that data collection is conducted in a supportive and non-stigmatized manner. CRCs are on site daily to ensure the evaluation plan is an integrated element of the RC service delivery model. To date, 161 patrons have been enrolled in the research study with 52 follow-up surveys completed. PSF's three Gainesville Resource Centers assembled a comprehensive team for the Strengthening Families Self-Assessment (SFSA) process which engages the community in equitable evaluation methods to ensure community voice is continuously heard and incorporated.

Outcome Evaluation Research Study Enrollment



*Study participant data accurate as of close of business April 29, 2022.

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RACE/EQUITY ACTIVITIES

The expansion-site, NorthStar Family Resource Center (NSFRC) celebrated its 1 year anniversary in March of 2022. During that year, the Equity Project has been implemented to engage teens and young adults in the area to address meaningful issues while developing impactful solutions. The youth are obtaining leadership skills while coming together to improve their community. Partnership for Strong Families recently started their own internal quest to a more equitable workplace. A diverse workgroup for PSF staff members was formed to lead a charge for this effort, discussing and implementing ways our organization can sustain an environment of inclusion.

[Click here to watch a video](#) about program and service highlights from the RCs.

[Click here to view media coverage](#) related to race/equity activities at the NSFRC.

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