

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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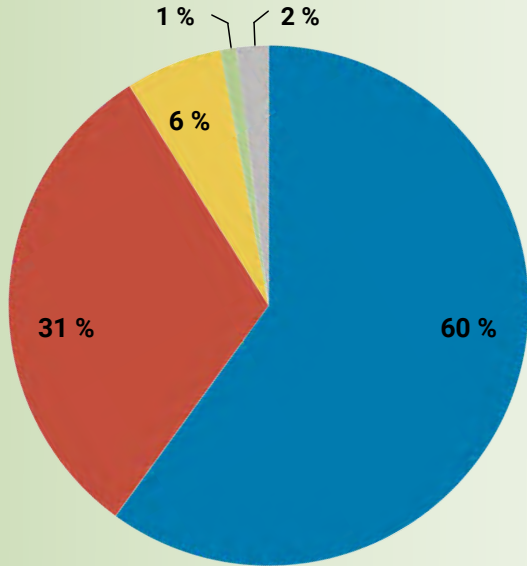


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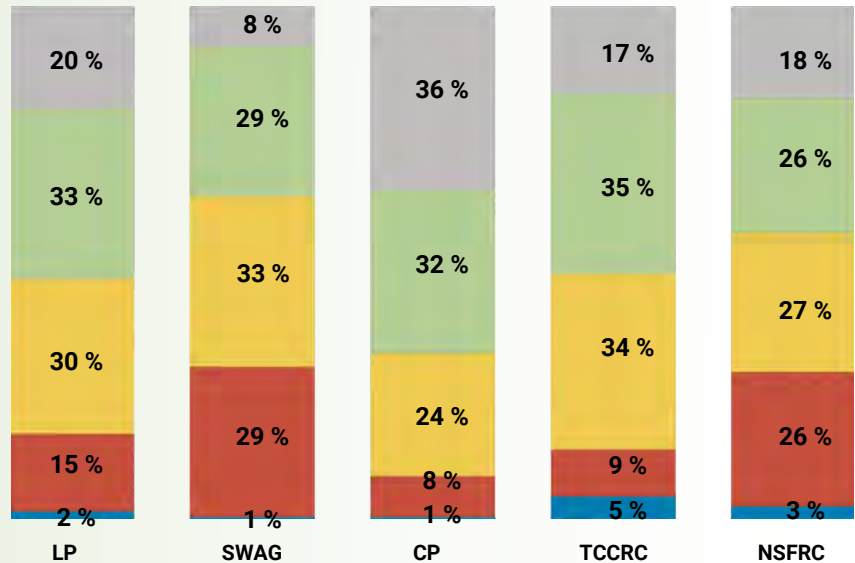
With more than 12 years of experience operating a network of Family Resource Centers (FRC), Partnership for Strong Families has become a national leader in the provision of primary prevention services. Using a collaborative approach, guided by the Strengthening Families and Protective Factors Framework, our FRCs provide easily accessible and safe places for families and community members to seek support prior to the need for formal child welfare involvement. It is our goal to prevent child maltreatment, disrupt patterns of generational abuse, reduce the impact of trauma on families, and ultimately strengthen families so they may keep their children safe and thriving at home.

2021 YEAR IN NUMBERS

Percentage of Visitors by Race



Percentage of Visitors by Age Group



Black White Hispanic Multiracial Other Age 0-4 Age 5-17 Age 18-45 Age 46-64 Age 65+

31,729 SERVICES REQUESTED

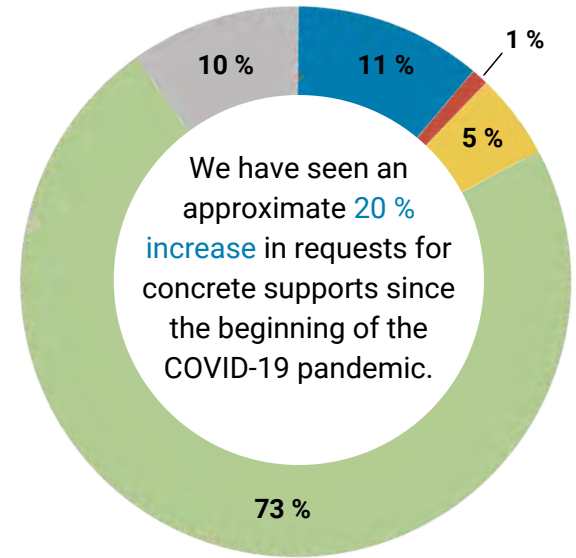
20,889 PATRON VISITS

9,216 HOURS VOLUNTEERED

\$114,769 GOODS DONATED

\$637,384 RECEIVED IN GRANTS

Services Requested by Protective Factor



- Social Connections**
- Parenting & Child Development**
- Family Functioning/Resiliency**
- Concrete Support**
- Social & Emotional Competence in Children**

Assisting with concrete supports can decrease poverty and increase access to resources, resulting in a **decreased likelihood of maltreatment**.

The data displayed above was collected from January 2021 to December 2021.

GRANT UPDATE

Thank you to all the following community grantors and donors who make this work possible:

United Way of North Central Florida	Cox Charities
Florida Blue	Nutrien
Publix	Wal-Mart
New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Lake City	Alachua County CAPP
Capitol City Bank, Chiefland	Campus USA
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EXAMPLES OF OUR PROGRAMS

ACADEMIC AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Each of the Resource Centers offer a variety of academic and enrichment activities for students in grades K-12. One of the most popular is Homework Help, where students are provided after-school assistance with their homework, additional help with challenging subjects, and tutoring focused on literacy. Some examples of enrichment programming also include Girls Scouts, Capoeira, yoga, African Drum, and more. During 2021, these activities were modified slightly to ensure safety precautions were in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.

FINANCIAL LITERACY/FIGHT FOR YOUR MONEY

Financial literacy classes hosted in partnership with local businesses and other financial experts teach participants skills such as budgeting, banking, saving, credit repair, and more. Participants build a portfolio of financial lessons that can be used to create their own plan for financial stability and increased self-sufficiency. During 2021, Fight for Your Money was successfully hosted using a virtual format with plans to hold more virtual sessions in 2022.

CONCRETE SUPPORTS/BASIC NEEDS

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Resource Centers witnessed an increased need for concrete supports by our patrons. To help meet these needs, we partnered with local organizations to restock our emergency food pantries, provide hot meals, and distribute fresh produce, meat, and more to those with the greatest need. We also continued to provide clothing, hygiene items, and baby products at each of our locations. Additionally, through grant funding, the Resource Centers were able to assist patrons who were financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with monetary support for paying rent and utilities. We also continue to work with our many partners who act as referral sources to meet additional needs.

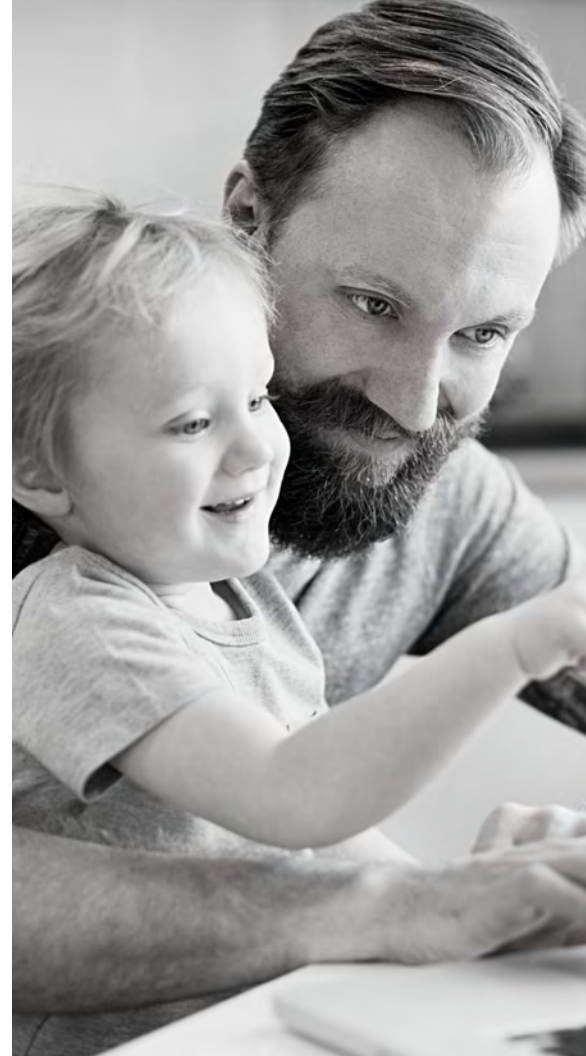
SUCCESS STORIES

LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP RESOURCE CENTER GAINESVILLE, FL (NORTHEAST)

A child newly enrolled in the Academic Success and Enrichment Program at Library Partnership Resource Center (LP) began displaying difficulties regulating his emotions (easily angered, tearful). Upon some one-on-one time with staff, the child indicated his father had moved to another state and that he had recently visited for the first time. The child further stated he often felt sad, and he believed no one would care if he died. LP staff met with the caregivers and child to develop a follow-up plan including additional monitoring, resources for free counseling, and further assessments. As part of increased social and emotional programming at LP, the child later reported many positive words about himself and stated, "I feel good every day when I come to this program." Reflecting on the summer, the child displayed a much more positive mood and fewer displays of frustration and anger.

CONE PARK LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER GAINESVILLE, FL (SOUTHEAST)

A patron experiencing chronic homelessness was referred to Cone Park Library Resource Center for assistance with applying for SNAP benefits. The patron had attempted to apply multiple times, without success. He was having difficulty advocating for himself, and as a result had been without benefits for approximately two years. Staff supported the patron in contacting the Department of Children and Families directly and with completing the application process. Within a week, the patron received his benefit card, providing him access to nutritious food options. During return visits, the patron was visibly healthier and happier. The patron was also assisted by another community agency who provided him with a bicycle to allow him even more self-sufficiency.





SWAG FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER GAINESVILLE, FL (SOUTHWEST)

A patron began visiting SWAG Family Resource Center after being released from an extended prison term. He was assisted by staff with creating an email address and resume, applying for employment, and receiving resources for additional community supports. The patron returned a few months later to share that he was now working two jobs, one at a restaurant and the other as a handy man at an apartment complex. He stated SWAG FRC staff were very supportive in helping him to “get back on his feet,” and he was very appreciative of their nonjudgmental support.

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER CHIEFLAND, FL

Tri-County Community Resource Center worked closely with a family who was experiencing temporary homelessness. The caregivers reported they were unable to secure adequate housing during the holiday season and were currently living out of their car with their child. Through the support of grant funding and community partnerships, the Resource Center Manager was able to assist the family with securing an apartment, along with some furniture and other household necessities. In addition, the family was nominated for the Chiefland Police Department’s Family Christmas Program and was awarded with gifts from the child’s wish list, a full holiday dinner, and a Christmas tree. The mother later returned to share updates, sharing that she had hope for a better year for the first time in a very long time.


NORTHSTAR FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER LAKE CITY, FL

A mother of three small children was referred to NSFRC by a local faith partner. The family had been staying in a hotel for approximately three weeks and funds were running short. The mother had a full-time job but had been on unpaid leave for several weeks due to the pandemic. With the support of community partners, temporary arrangements were made for the family until permanent housing could be secured. Within several weeks, the family was able to move into an apartment. The mother also secured a higher paying job that better met the on-going needs of her family.



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