

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

FAMILIES FORWARD VIRGINIA BUILDS STATEWIDE NETWORK

THRIVING FAMILIES SAFER CHILDREN

is a first-of-its-kind, national partnership—of the U.S. Children’s Bureau, Casey Family Programs, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Prevent Child Abuse America, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—working across public, private and philanthropic sectors to promote the health, well-being and economic stability of families to help strengthen communities and end the harmful practice of family separation in child welfare systems. Families Forward Virginia, the Prevent Child Abuse America chapter in the state, leads this effort with the Virginia Department of Social Services. A cornerstone of the project is to provide equitable access to resources and support by developing a network of Family Resource Centers across the state. **We’re doing this by coordinating with people who have lived experience, community organizations, civic groups, and non-traditional service providers to tackle the challenge of shifting our communities from a child welfare system to a child and family wellbeing system.**

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combined in-depth mapping of local data on child and family well-being and the voices of neighborhood residents to build a **network of Family Resources Centers led by and tailored to different communities**. In the coming years, Families Forward Virginia will be conducting a rigorous evaluation to demonstrate impact and provide proof-of-concept, towards the goal of expansion and sustainability. At Casey, we believe that hope is an action word and that every one of us from each of the five sectors of community—government, non-profit, neighborhood, philanthropy, and business—must play our role. In this initiative, Families Forward Virginia and partners from across the sectors came together to build Communities of Hope.



Seven FRCs ... so far

- King & Queen C.A.R.E. Center
- Thrive, Pulaski
- Liberation Center, Richmond
- Sankofa Center, Chesapeake
- Family Matters, Louisa
- Connections, Manassas
- Growth & Opportunity Center, Danville

Critical Elements

- Framework
 - Theory of Change Model
 - Programming and Activities for Entire Family
 - Community Partnerships
 - Protective Factors
- LEx Leadership – lived experience and expertise
- National Family Support Network – Standards of Quality
- Common Assessment Tools
 - Program Self-Assessment
 - ‘We Care’ Survey
 - Protective Factors Survey

FRC Activities

- Community and Resource Referrals
- Workforce Development
- Parent Education and Support Groups
- Concrete Supports
- Health Services
- Living Skills and Life Coaching
- Transportation
- Civic Engagement & Outreach
- Educational Resources