Family Resource Center Program Model

• NYS Family Resource Center Network & National Family Support Network
• Community Centers for Families with Young Children
• Universal Access
• Parent and Community Driven
• Core programming:
  • Drop in “playtime”
  • Parenting education
  • Parent-child activities
  • Information & Referral

**Listed as a promising strategy for ‘strengthening caregiver capacity to protect and provide for children’ in NYS OCFS Child Welfare Practice Model.**
FRC Staff Requirements

- Associates or Bachelors in related field
- Certification in Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support
- Family Development Credential
- NYSPEP Parenting Educator Credential
- On-going professional development
Collaborative Programming

• WIC Breastfeeding Support Groups
• CCE Nutrition Education
• CCE Master Gardener’s Seed to Supper Project
• Regional Permanency Center Support Groups
• Lourdes PACT Healthy Families Program Social Activities
• Tioga County Health Department- Car Seat Safety and Health Education
• Many, many more examples...
Partnership with Local DSS

• Home Based Parenting Education
• Reunification Classes
• Independent Living Skills Classes
• Referral to FRC programming
• Use of center drop in hours for visitation supervised by DSS staff
Current Funding Sources

• NYS OCFS Children and Families Trust Fund
• Tioga County DSS
• Tioga County Youth Bureau
• Floyd Hooker Foundation
• Waverly Community Chest
• Historic Owego Marketplace
• Fundraising and contributions
Program Goals

*Children will be raised in healthy, nurturing and resilient families supported by strong communities.*

The Protective Factor’s Framework- Center for Social Policy

- Parental Resilience
- Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
- Social Connections
- Concrete Support in Times of Need
- Social and Emotional Competence of Children
Program Evaluation

“Programs like Family Resource Centers are a practitioner’s dream and an evaluator’s nightmare.” - Jackie Spencer

- Parenting Education workshops
  - CCE Statewide Outcome Surveys
  - Curriculum specific evaluation tools
  - Adult-Adolescent Parenting Inventory

- Protective Factors Instrument
  - Developed for OCFS Children and Families Trust Funded programs by Center for Human Services Research at University of Albany
  - Measures increases in the five protective factors
  - In process of becoming a validated tool
How Family Resource Centers Help Families

• Increased knowledge of parenting and child development
• Positive shifts in parenting attitudes known to be linked to child maltreatment
• Increases in parent confidence
• Reductions in screen time
• Increased Social Connections
• Links to other community services