

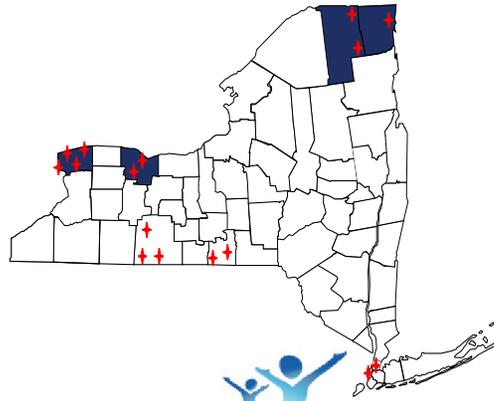
How Family Resource Centers benefit families and communities:

- ◆ Parents and caregivers are more aware of child development and their skills are enhanced.
- ◆ Children are prepared to be successful in school, and parents are engaged in their children's education.
- ◆ Parents interact and communicate positively with their children.
- ◆ Families are connected with other families and are involved in their communities.



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Program Locations



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The New York State Family Resource Center Network is comprised of family resource centers that respond to the needs of their local communities.

Family Resource Centers (FRC) offer early and comprehensive support for parents and caregivers of young children.

Family Resource Centers are:

- ◆ Family focused
- ◆ Culturally sensitive
- ◆ Strength-based and non-judgmental
- ◆ Flexible
- ◆ Easy to access

Family Resource Center programs are based on the needs of families, and services are provided in collaboration with community members.

FRC programs emphasize building strengths and abilities in order to maximize the capacity of families to raise healthy children and contribute to their communities.



Guiding principles of Family Resource Centers:

- ◆ All families are welcome.
- ◆ All parents and caregivers can benefit from information and support.
- ◆ Early childhood development is critical for lifelong health and success.
- ◆ Parents are recognized as their children's first teachers, and their continued involvement in their children's education is vital.



Resources and programs:

- ◆ Child-parent activities
- ◆ Learning and social opportunities for children, parents and caregivers
- ◆ Parenting education in supportive peer groups or home visits
- ◆ Information and linkage to services in the community
- ◆ Programs promoting family health
- ◆ Opportunities for parent leadership and advocacy