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### **What is a Family Resource Center?**

A Family Resource Center (FRC) is a trusted community hub that offers a multi-generational approach to information, resources, and referrals. FRCs provide programs and services that support families in building protective factors responsive to community needs. FRCs offer support, advocacy, and opportunities, that enhance families' ability to thrive, through a strengths-based, racial equity and social justice lens.

### **What is the NC FRC Network?**

The North Carolina Family Resource Center (NC FRC) Network is a statewide chapter of the [National Family Support Network](#).

**Vision:** All NC families have equitable access to strengths-based resources through a network of community-based FRCs and, as a result, communities are stronger, healthier, and more nurturing environments where children and their families thrive.

**Mission:** To ensure positive outcomes for all NC children and families by developing, expanding, aligning, sustaining, and ensuring equitable access to centralized, high-quality, community-based family support programs, services and resources.

### **Why join the NC FRC Network?**

By joining the NC FRC Network, your organization will gain access to:

- Free training in the [Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support](#) with up to 5 team members certified
- Consultation and peer support to integrate the Standards in your organization
- Unique group-based professional development opportunities (webinars and virtual trainings)
- Relevant information, resources, and best practices disseminated via a Virtual Resource Library and newsletters
- Marketing and communication materials (e.g., recognition on the NC FRC Network web page and/or membership directory, branded materials, social media toolkits, example messaging)
- Relationship building opportunities with other FRC leaders to promote mutual support and peer sharing
- Advocacy opportunities at the local, state and national level to mobilize around key issues impacting families
- Opportunities to contribute to the advancement of the [Family Strengthening and Support Framework](#)
- Complimentary organizational membership to Positive Childhood Alliance North Carolina (PCANC)
- Discounted tuition to PCANC's biannual Learning & Leadership Summit

### **What activities are NC FRC Network members committed to this year?**

NC FRC Network Member Organizations are committed to:

- Partner in creating and implementation of an annual engagement plan with NC FRC Network staff to include:
  - Designation of at least one staff member to engage in **NC FRC Network events, activities, and meetings**.
  - Selection of up to five (5) applicable staff members to complete the **Standards of Quality Certification Training**.
  - Participation in **quarterly peer-to-peer meetings** to share best practices, provide updates on family support programs, examine promising data management processes/evaluation supports and encourage networking among FRCs
  - Participation in **responsive TA** from PCANC experts to explore integrating the Standards into your organization

### **How to join the NC FRC Network?**

Organizations meeting the definition of a Family Resource Center (FRC) or those interested in becoming a Family Resource Center are welcome to join! Private or public agencies, funders and/or others in a supportive role for FRCs, can join as a Supportive Partner. This fiscal year, there is no financial cost to membership, in future years, the NC FRC Network will prioritize keeping membership free or low cost.