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Celebrating **10 YEARS** of Service



Family Life & Community Resource Center



A Message FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Ilene Harper, PhD, Executive Director, Family Life and Community Resource Center

FLCRC's **Grand Reopening Celebration** on August 27th was a historic event! This iconic moment took place in our newly renovated facility. FLCRC is very excited to serve the community in this beautiful, safe and spacious location. **Thank you to everyone who shared in this goal becoming a reality.**

We are ***Celebrating 10 Years of Service!*** Our work began in 2012 in Richmond and Rosenberg with our signature event, the annual **Back-2-School Parent Chat**. After hosting this event virtually for the past two years due to COVID-19, this year we were able to provide a hybrid model, hosting both virtual and in-person sessions for over 100 students and parents.

On August 31st, our **Scholarships and Awards** application period opened. Each year, we present several scholarships and awards to outstanding students who demonstrate academic potential, leadership, and a commitment to community service.

On September 22nd, **FLCRC became the owner of our amazing 12,000 sq. ft. building.** We currently utilize a little over 6,000 sq. ft. of the space. Our youth leaders and program participants are very excited about the new location. FLCRC is making **BIG** strides towards our mission, *"Building Better Communities by Building Stronger Families."*

Our Y.A.L.E. leaders have been working very hard this year. They are hosting their first event, the **Y.A.L.E. House of Horror** on October 21st and 22nd in the new building!

We need your help to continue this amazing journey! Please join us on December 3rd for our **"Black Tie" Annual Banquet** and celebrate 10 years of service with us. Your support will help us achieve our **Capital Campaign goal to raise \$125,000.** Please come by the center or visit our website to purchase tickets and learn more about FLCRC.

Top: FLCRC staff, students, supporters and partners gathered for a celebratory group photo at our Grand Reopening Celebration on Saturday, August 27th.

BACK-2-SCHOOL *Parent Chat*

HELPS **STUDENTS AND FAMILIES** KICK OFF THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

For the eighteenth consecutive year, FLCRC held our annual Back-2-School Parent Chat sessions from August 1st-4th. Helping over 100 students, parents and educators prepare for the school year, these sessions continue to be a great source of support and information for the community. We distributed over 200 free backpacks with school supplies to attendees. Thank you to our staff, Y.A.L.E. leaders and attendees for making this year's event another great success. Here's to a wonderful 2022-23 school year for all!



BOOST YOUR LEARNING!

- ▶ Discover helpful online learning resources for all age levels at FamilyLifeCRC.org/resources.
- ▶ Need homework help? FLCRC offers FREE online tutoring sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. Register at FamilyLifeCRC.org/homework-help.

FLCRC GRAND REOPENING *Celebration*

FLCRC staff, students, sponsors and partners gathered on **Saturday, August 27th** for the official unveiling of our new facility and the reopening of in-person events. Attendees were given guided tours, enjoyed festive treats and perused the displays highlighting our programs and services. We then gathered in the large meeting room for a moving invocation from FLCRC Secretary Mary Sias, followed by heartfelt messages from FLCRC Executive Director Dr. Ilene Harper, Reverend Curtis R. Lucas, Fort Bend County District Attorney Brian Middleton, and FLCRC President Sharon Delesbore. The momentous occasion concluded with a ribbon cutting and group photo in front of the building. Many thanks to all who made this day so special, and to our sponsors who continue to generously support our mission and vision!



ANOTHER REASON TO **CELEBRATE!**

On **Thursday, September 22nd**, Dr. Harper officially signed off on the purchase of the **entire 12,000 sq. ft. building** in which FLCRC offices are located. This is a truly exciting investment for FLCRC and will support our organization financially in the years to come.

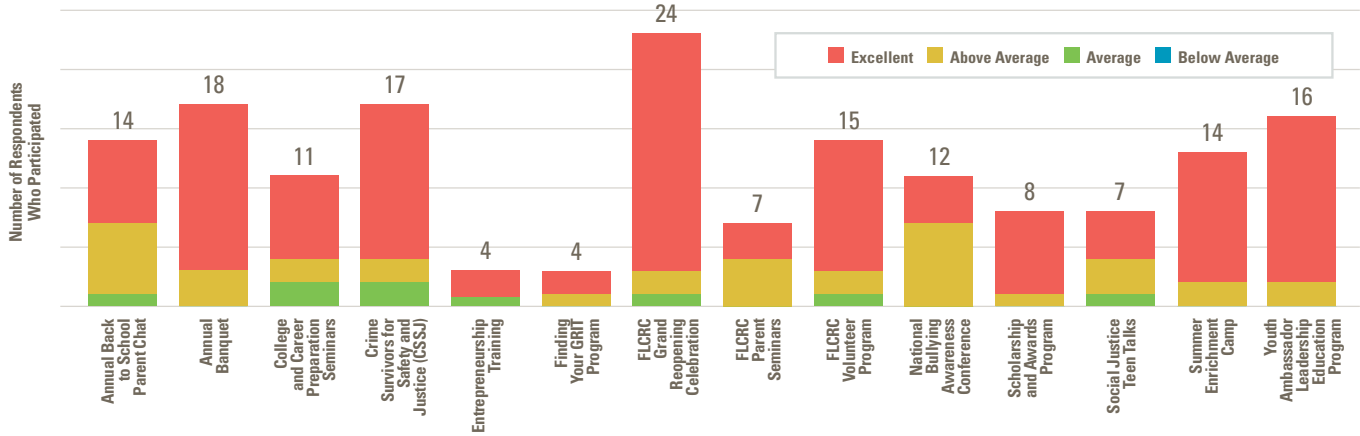
Pictured: Dr. Harper and Donnie Chang of ABC Realty Advisors



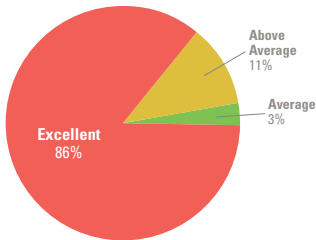
Our Community SPEAKS

FLCRC conducted the FY21-22 Community Engagement Survey during early fall. Thirty-five respondents shared their feedback on our programs and services, giving some valuable insights into who we serve, what we do best, and where we can improve.

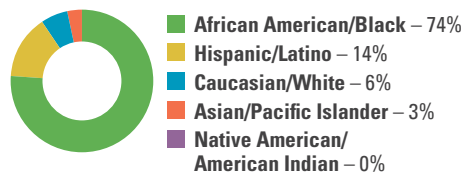
Which programs or services did you participate in? Please rate each based on your overall experience.



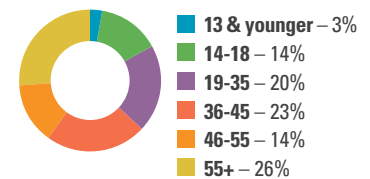
Please rate your overall experience with FLCRC programs and services.



Ethnicity, Origin or Race:



Age Group:



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Y.A.L.E. House of Horrors

October 21-22, 2022
7-9 p.m.
\$20 per ticket
821 East Hwy 90A Richmond, TX 77406
Jump scares, mazes and more!



Scholarships Application Period is Open!

FLCRC will award eight scholarships to outstanding Pre-Y.A.L.E. and Y.A.L.E. students. Also, again this year, we are proud to present the Dakota Merriweather and Hildred Jones-Drain Scholarship opportunities. Applications are due by Oct. 31st and interviews will take place on Nov. 12th. To learn more and apply, visit FamilyLifeCRC.org/scholarships-and-awards.



National Bullying Awareness Virtual Conference

Saturday, October 29, 2022
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Register: FamilyLifeCRC.org/bullying
Info sessions, prizes and more!



FLCRC 6th Annual Banquet

Saturday, December 3, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.
Join us in celebrating 10 years of service and honoring our Scholarship and Award recipients! Register at FamilyLifeCRC.org/banquet

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