



# INSIGHTS



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## *A Message* FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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

We have already had another busy year offering impactful events and services to our community. Our 7th Annual "Summer Enrichment with Y.A.L.E." was definitely the highlight this quarter. Twenty-nine students were excited to engage with interactive sessions on financial literacy, STEM, creative arts, fitness and more. The 16-ft. inflatable water slide was definitely a BIG hit for everyone! This exciting five-day program kicked-off the Y.A.L.E. leaders' summer enrichment activities and events.

In April, our Y.A.L.E. leaders visited the Texas State Capitol, where they were given a tour and learned about the history of Texas. They also competed as two teams in a scavenger hunt, racing to locate important landmarks throughout the State Capitol grounds. The students took great pride in sharing their experience at the State Capitol during the April Y.A.L.E. meeting.

During this meeting, they also walked through the Vera Institute Data Exhibit and engaged in some powerful discussions about their findings.

Furthermore, on April 19th we hosted a CSSJ Healing Vigil to honor crime victims and survivors impacted by violence. Also on April 19th, we partnered with Reaching Richmond at their Community Wellness Block party and our Y.A.L.E. leaders volunteered to share information about local resources.

FLCRC continues to be a great facility for hosting events. The Expose Excellence Scholarship Awards and Hello Heathy Hair launch were two very successful events held at FLCRC. To learn more about renting our facility, visit [FamilyLifeCRC.org/facility-rental](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/facility-rental).

We are committed to *Building Better Communities by Building Stronger Families*, and are always

looking for ways to improve and expand the programs and services that we offer. We have launched our annual FLCRC Community Survey and encourage you to share your feedback at the QR code below. The FLCRC Scholarships and Awards application period is also officially open, and we encourage students to learn more and apply at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/scholarships-and-awards](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/scholarships-and-awards).

To learn more about FLCRC or support our nonprofit organization, download the FLCRC App or visit [FamilyLifeCRC.org](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org).

### SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

Please take our 2024 Community Survey and help us serve you better!

<https://forms.gle/P7ScsqFLSZWCnpuB7>





### Y.A.L.E. Leaders Explore the State Capitol Building

On **April 12th**, the Y.A.L.E. student leaders traveled to Austin, TX for a fun and educational tour of the State Capitol building. They explored significant spaces within the building while learning about key historical moments in Texas and the legislature. The trip was followed by a high-energy Y.A.L.E. meeting on **April 13th** where they shared about their experiences at the Capitol and completed a career interests inventory.



### CSSJ and FLCRC Host Healing Vigil for Crime Survivors

Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice (CSSJ) Richmond/Sugar Land Chapter partnered with FLCRC on **April 19th** to host a Healing Vigil. Participants shared their stories and enjoyed musical performances, dancing and socializing, all in a safe and supportive environment. We are proud to partner with CSSJ as part of our mission to serve crime survivors. Learn more about our free crime victim services at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/vip](http://FamilyLifeCRC.org/vip).



### Vera Institute Data Exhibition: Seven Impactful Weeks Highlighting Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Vera Institute's powerful data exhibit, *Pathways to Public Safety: Prosecution & Reform in Fort Bend County*, concluded on **May 4th**. This incredible wall-to-wall exhibit, which debuted on March 27th, took participants through the history of the criminal justice system in Fort Bend County, Texas and the United States.



### Y.A.L.E. Leader Awarded Two Scholarships

FLCRC congratulates Y.A.L.E. leader Kenzi Patton on being the recipient of two scholarships! On **May 5th**, Kenzi was awarded a scholarship from the Suburban Houston–Fort Bend Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. On **June 7th**, she was awarded one of Fort Bend County DA Brian Middleton's Expose Excellence scholarships. We were delighted to host DA Middleton's Expose Excellence luncheon at our facility and celebrate with Kenzi and the other recipients!

### FLCRC Hosts Launch Party for Local Entrepreneur

On **June 8th**, FLCRC hosted a launch party for CEO Tuesday Coffman celebrating the successful start of her company, Hello Healthy Hair. Y.A.L.E. students Raya, Trinity and Trinity did a fantastic job volunteering and serving refreshments at the event. Supporting the growth and success of entrepreneurs is highly important to FLCRC—in fact, several of our young Y.A.L.E. leaders have launched their own businesses in the past year!



# *Summer Enrichment* WITH Y.A.L.E.

Twenty-nine students had a blast at "Summer Enrichment with Y.A.L.E." on June 17-21. The program engaged them with high-energy sessions on the arts, math, science, history, social justice, mindfulness, college and career preparation, entrepreneurship, financial literacy and more. Additional activities included daily exercises, outdoor sports and games, and an inflatable water slide. We also had a special time of recognition for our graduating seniors on the final day. Special thanks to our Y.A.L.E. student leaders, volunteers and staff for helping to make this a truly amazing week for all!



# PLANNING FOR SUCCESS *in Paradise*

## FLCRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS TRAVEL TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

FLCRC Board Members followed in the Y.A.L.E leaders' pathway and travel to the Dominican Republic on June 22nd through June 27th for a Strategic Planning Retreat. This beautiful setting was the perfect place to reflect on the amazing achievements behind us and plan together for the years ahead. The team enjoyed the local cuisine and natural beauty and visited the Agua Water Filtration center and UCE college campus. We are excited to present our new FY2025-2030 Strategic Plan in the coming months!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



### FLCRC Back-to-School Parent Chat

August 1 & 2, 2024 (Virtual) | 5-6 p.m.  
August 3, 2024 (In-person) | 9-10 a.m.

Prepare for the school year with this high-energy, interactive event! Learn more and register at [ParentChat2023.eventbrite.com](https://ParentChat2023.eventbrite.com).



### Apply for Scholarships Starting Aug. 1st!

Each December, FLCRC presents scholarships and awards to outstanding students who demonstrate academic potential, leadership, and a commitment to community service. Apply at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/scholarships-and-awards](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/scholarships-and-awards).



### FLCRC 2024 Community Survey

Help us serve you better by sharing your feedback on our programs and services over the past year! Scan the QR code on the cover page or visit our homepage at [FamilyLifeCRC.org](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org) for the survey link. Your opinion matters to us!



### Senior Social Mixer

Saturday, September 28, 2024 | 2-5 p.m.

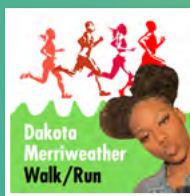
Calling all 65+ Seniors! Join us for a fun afternoon of socializing, dancing, games, refreshments. Register today at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/senior-social](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/senior-social).



### Bullying Awareness Conference

Saturday, October 26, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Save the date for this event focused on awareness and prevention of bullying! Learn more at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/StandAgainstBullying](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/StandAgainstBullying).



### Dakota Merriweather 5K Walk/Run

Saturday, November 16, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.

Save the date for this special event in memory of our amazing Y.A.L.E. student leader Dakota Merriweather. Stay tuned for more information and registration!

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