



# Insights

Quarterly Newsletter | Spring 2026



## A Message FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

As we step into the Spring 2026 issue of *Insights*, we are filled with gratitude and excitement for the continued impact our organization is having across Fort Bend County. Our programs continue to expand, reaching more families, youth, and individuals, and offering assistance to those affected by crime. Your support makes this life-changing work possible.

We began the year with tremendous energy at our January orientation for the Youth Ambassador Leadership Education (Y.A.L.E.) program. This year marks a big milestone—**ten years of Y.A.L.E. shaping young leaders, building confidence and creating pathways for success.** Seeing a new cohort step forward while celebrating a decade of positive impact

reminds us just how powerful investment in youth can be.

Also in January, we welcomed **our new Program Coordinator, Dr. Sharon Delesbore**, who brings a wealth of experience to FLCRC. Her background in education, leadership, and community advocacy will provide valuable guidance as we continue to grow and deepen our impact. We invite you to join us in extending a warm welcome to Dr. Delesbore as she becomes part of the FLCRC team.

In February, our **Black History Month Celebration** brought the community together in a vibrant and inspiring way. The event showcased talented performers and powerful speakers, including members of the Y.A.L.E.

program, who shared their voices with passion and pride. It was a meaningful reminder of the strength and unity within our community.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled that our Y.A.L.E. student leaders will travel to **Toronto, Canada and Niagara Falls** this July. You can help make this transformative experience possible by donating at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/yale-canada](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/yale-canada). Additionally, we invite you to support our plans to expand our summer enrichment camp program. Learn more and make a donation at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/campaign](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/campaign).

Thank you for your continued generosity and belief in our mission. Together, we are creating lasting change.

Top: The 2026 Y.A.L.E. Orientation in January kicked off the tenth year of the program. Bottom, left to right: Dr. Sharon Delesbore, Dr. Cleo Wadley and Dr. Ilene Harper showcase their traditional African attire at the Black History Month Celebration in February; Y.A.L.E. leader Ayden presents at the event; Dr. Harper poses with Y.A.L.E. leaders at the car wash fundraiser in March.

**HELP OUR Y.A.L.E. LEADERS TRAVEL TO CANADA!**

Our Y.A.L.E. student leaders will travel to Toronto, Canada and Niagara Falls July 13-17. You can contribute to this incredible experience. Scan the QR code or visit [FamilyLifeCRC.org/yale-canada](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/yale-canada) to donate!



# Y.A.L.E. Kicks Off Its Tenth Year!

FLCRC RECOGNIZES A DECADE OF **POSITIVELY IMPACTING OUR YOUTH**

The Youth Ambassador Leadership and Education (Y.A.L.E.) program kicked off its tenth year with an energetic Orientation Meeting on January 10th. Our student leaders have already had a busy year. On February 7th, they planned for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. On February 28th, many of served as volunteers and presenters at our Black History Month Celebration (*see opposite page*). On March 21st, they held a car wash fundraiser to support their upcoming trip to Canada (*see the back page to learn how you can support this experience*). We are proud of the leadership, service, and character our students continue to demonstrate and are excited for our tenth year of this impactful program!





# Keeping Black History Alive in 2026

On **Saturday, February 28th**, FLCRC hosted the second annual Black History Month Celebration, *Keeping Black History Alive*. The program featured a variety of inspiring presentations and performances, including music, poetry, spoken word and dramatic interpretation. Guests also enjoyed refreshments, prize drawings, and an impressive display of history and art exhibits. Thank you to all who attended and helped make this a memorable occasion! February 28th may have closed out Black History Month—but it did not close out the impact, excellence, and enduring legacy of Black culture in America. Together, we will continue to *Keep Black History Alive!*



# FLCRC Welcomes New Program Coordinator

FLCRC is pleased to welcome **Sharon Delesbore, Ph.D.**, as our new Program Coordinator. Dr. Delesbore has more than 30 years of experience in education, leadership, and community advocacy. Throughout her career, she has served in a variety of leadership roles, including teacher, campus administrator, district leader, consultant, and nonprofit board leader. Her work has consistently centered on empowering individuals, supporting families, and building strong, collaborative communities. Dr. Delesbore is known for her relational leadership style, commitment to equity and access, and passion for helping individuals recognize their potential.

As Program Coordinator, Dr. Delesbore will oversee the coordination and implementation of FLCRC programs to ensure high-quality service delivery and meaningful participant engagement. She will work closely with families, youth, staff, and community partners to strengthen existing initiatives, expand youth programming, and support individuals in navigating life challenges. A key focus of her role will be coordinating the expansion of FLCRC's Summer Enrichment Camp program to provide enhanced educational, leadership, and enrichment opportunities for youth.

**Please join us in welcoming Dr. Delesbore!** We look forward to the positive impact her leadership will bring to FLCRC and the community we serve.



**As Program Coordinator, I am excited to deepen FLCRC's community and partner connections, listen to stakeholder voices, and help advance our mission of empowerment and service."**

— SHARON DELESBORE, PH.D.

Dr. Delesbore was recognized as a 2026 **Top 50 Educator** by *The Educator's Room*, highlighting her impactful work and commitment to safety, belonging, and well-being. This prestigious recognition honors outstanding educators who are redefining teaching, learning, and leadership in schools and communities across the globe.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



### Discover Your Power: FLCRC Summer Enrichment Camp 2026

Week 1: June 15-19 | Week 2: June 22-26  
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. daily  
821 E Hwy 90A, Richmond, TX 77406

Join us for one or both weeks of fun and learning this summer! This camp is for students in grades 2nd through 12th and will feature sessions on STEM, leadership, fitness, college & career and more! Register now at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/camp](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/camp).



### Support the Y.A.L.E. Canada Trip

Our Y.A.L.E. student leaders will travel to Toronto, Canada and Niagara Falls July 13-17. Help us give them this unforgettable experience!

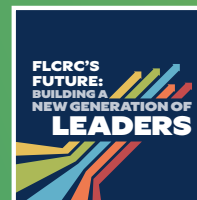
- Donate at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/yale-canada](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/yale-canada)
- Purchase one or more boxes of **World's Finest Chocolate** by scanning the QR code



### Back-to-School Parent Chat

Zoom Sessions: July 29 & 30, 2026 | 5-6 p.m.  
Backpack Pickup: August 1, 2026 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
821 E Hwy 90A, Richmond, TX

Kick-start your school year with this high-energy event linking families with educational information and resources throughout Fort Bend County! Each student attendee will receive a FREE backpack with school supplies. Learn more at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/chat](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/chat).



### Support Our Capital Campaign

Our 2025-2030 capital campaign, *FLCRC's Future: Building a New Generation of Leaders*, is well on its way. We invite you to support our goal of raising \$200,000 for the expansion of our one-week summer enrichment camp into a six-weeks summer enrichment *experience!* Maximize your impact by donating at one of our sponsorship levels. Learn more and donate at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/campaign](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/campaign).

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