



The Family Recovery Program Inc.

Restoring families.
Building futures.

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A Night at the Casino Fundraiser

On October 21, 2022, the Family Recovery Program (FRP) hosted its first fundraiser. The purpose of the event was to raise money for our FRP families, program activities, and future projects. The event was held in downtown Baltimore at The Assembly Room.



We were honored to have Baltimore City Mayor Brandon Scott in attendance, along with Senator Cory McCray.



(Antonio Gainers, Dr. Jocelyn Gainers, Mayor Brandon Scott)

Also, many of FRP's supporters, partners, present and past employees turned out to join us in having a great time.

The MC for the night was none other than Marc Clarke from Fox 45's BMore Lifestyle Show. He kept the crowd laughing with his hilarious commentary.



There were blackjack and roulette tables that were packed and very lively. There was a 360-video booth. Rick Wright of Rick & Co. was there to provide caricatures for those who wanted to see cartoon versions of themselves. Biddle Street Catering provided an incredible spread of crab balls, lamb chops, chicken, and hor d'oevres.



(Fundraiser Chair, India Whitlock)



The silent auction was a huge success! Items auctioned off included Ravens/Steelers tickets, Tory Burch Sandals, a Burberry pocketbook, two bicycles, a Maryland gift basket, top-shelf wine, an autographed Ravens football and much more.



(Dr. Jocelyn Gainers and Board Chair, Roxy Humphrey)

The night wouldn't be complete without music and DJ Boobie had everyone on the floor doing the latest line dances. If you weren't there, hopefully we'll see you at the next fundraiser.



(Casino Night Guests)

Recognition of Our Work

The Family Recovery Program, Inc. received two honors of recognition from Baltimore City and the State of Maryland. On October 21, 2022, FRP received a Certificate of Recognition from Mayor Brandon Scott in recognition of the work we do on behalf of families in our city. In addition, Dr. Jocelyn Gainers and FRP were honored with the Governor's Citation in appreciation of our services to the citizens of Maryland.



In December 2022, the Family Recovery Program's designation as a national Peer Learning Court (PLC) was extended another year into 2023. There are eight PLCs throughout the country and FRP was chosen as one of the eight.



CCFF launched the PLC Program in 2012 to highlight national best practice models for family treatment courts (FTCs), while increasing knowledge and innovative practice through peer-to-peer learning and technical assistance. PLCs are FTCs that operate in alignment with the FTC Best Practice Standards — using sound, evidence-supported practices and policies to improve child welfare and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment outcomes for families. PLCs feature strong cross-system collaborative leadership teams that include champions among courts, child welfare, SUD treatment, and other family-serving agencies.

To date, we've had visits from courts in California, Milwaukee, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Washington DC, and Guam. In 2023, we are scheduled to host courts from Arizona and Colorado.



WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-disciplinary, collaborative Family Treatment Court (FTC) teams Use sound evidence-informed practices Committed to advancing the FTC field
WHAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight best practices and contribute data and knowledge to the FTC field Support other FTCs Share innovative practices, program materials, and expertise
WHY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National recognition as a leader in the FTC field Peer to peer networking and ongoing access to technical assistance Travel scholarship to visit another PLC and to NADCP

FRP Promotional Video

Since August 2005, the Family Recovery Program has been reaching out to Baltimore City’s families, helping parents who have lost temporary custody of their children to the Baltimore City Department of Social Services (BCDSS) due to substance-use disorder. Our data shows that since 2005, we have worked with over 2000 parents and helped reunify almost 1000 children with their families. Those are the numbers, but the numbers don’t tell the entire story. FRP partnered with Vonnya Pettigrew and the Root Branch Media Group to tell the story a little better in a series of videos involving FRP staff and former participants.

Please check out our video which is streaming on our web page!



Governor-Elect Wes Moore’s Birthday Party

Dr. Jocelyn Gainers attended the birthday party for Governor-Elect Wes Moore. Moore, an Army veteran and former nonprofit executive, is only the third Black person to be elected governor in US history. He defeated Republican Dan Cox in November by 32 points. While there, Dr. Gainers had an opportunity to meet Lieutenant Governor, Aruna Miller (pictured below) and Brooke Elizabeth Lierman, the Comptroller-elect of Maryland. She was elected in 2022, becoming the first female Comptroller of the state.



(Comptroller Brooke Lierman and Dr. Gainers)



FRP Graduation

Once per quarter, the Family Recovery Program graduates a class who has completed the intense 9–24-month program and met all of the requirements. On December 9th, the Winter 2022 class included Mark G., April G., Alyssabeth H., and Brooke S. Our guest speaker was Linda C. Bryan, Human Services Program Manager with the Baltimore County Bureau of Behavioral Health. Congratulations to all of the graduates and we hope to see them all connected with the FRP Alumni Group.



(April G. and her guest)



(Brooke S. and family)



(Alyssabeth H. and son)

Holiday Festivities

When the holiday season rolls around, it signals the time for food and fun. On November 16th, FRP/Sage staff and parents enjoyed a huge spread at Sage Housing at 1209 N. Rose Street. A month later, FRP staff got together for our annual holiday party at Bowlero bowling alley in Pikesville for a few games and our gift exchange. We were fortunate enough to have received donations of complete holiday meals including turkey, stuffing, sides, dessert and breakfast donated by St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore to all of our parents.

Toys for Tots and *The Low Riders Skaterz Club* came through with generous donations of toys for our families. Every parent in our program was able to

provide several gifts to their children on Christmas morning. We want to thank them for their thoughtful gifts and generosity because as many of our parents have said, they wouldn't have had gifts for their children this year if not for our donations.



In Loving Memory

In October 2022, the Family Recovery Program was saddened by the passing of our FRP graduate and resident of Sage Center, Ms. Shanesha Anderson. Shanesha was the mother of three beautiful children and friend to many. Her children were always referred to as the most pleasant children who could light up a room with their smiles. Shanesha was described as a resilient and ambitious woman who didn't let her illness keep her down. On her toughest days, she persevered, which made her loss so difficult for our staff and parents at Sage Center. On November 10th, staff and residents attended her homegoing service. Shanesha and her smile will not be forgotten!



Retirement of Dana Young

The Family Recovery Program recently celebrated the retirement of Dana Young. He joined FRP in 2007 and spent the past 16 years helping build this program as our Community Resources Manager and later as the Facilities Supervisor at Sage Center.



Upcoming Events

Circle of Security Parenting Program

Held at Sage Center at 1209 N.Rose Street

Contact Tosha Satterfield at 410-605-0492 ext. 110

or Sybil Imani at 410-605-0492

Seeking Safety Group Sessions at FRP

Held at Sage Center at 1209 N.Rose Street

Mondays at 10a or 11a

Contact Tracie Wyman at 410-605-0492 ext. 122

Support Group meetings

Held at Sage Center at 1209 N.Rose Street

Fridays 11:30a-12:30p

Trauma Training on January 17, 2023

Held at Sage Center at 1209 N.Rose Street

OPSC Training on March 7, 2023

Judiciary Training Center

187 Harry S. Truman Parkway

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday- FRP offices closed on January 16, 2023

Presidents Day- FRP offices closed on February 20, 2023

FRP Graduation- March 10, 2023 at Sage Center at 10a