

# The Family Recovery Program Inc.

## Restoring families. Building futures.

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### AllRise24 Conference

On May 22-25, 2024, AllRise hosted RISE24, the world's largest conference on addiction, mental health, and justice reform. This annual conference is held in different cities and brings together public health and public safety leaders working to expand treatment for those with substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health disorders while involved in the justice system.



For three decades, treatment courts have proven that a combination of treatment and compassion can lead those with SUD and or mental health disorders into lives of stability, good health, and recovery.

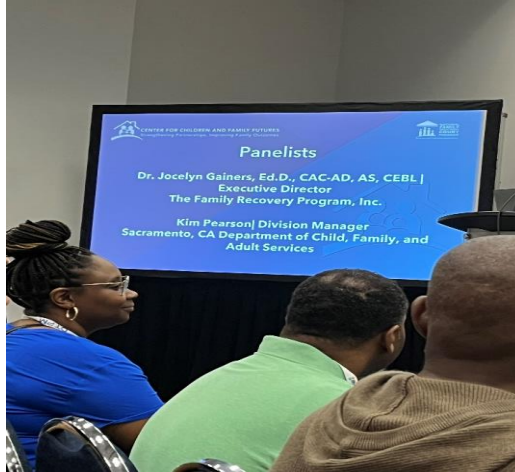


(Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim California)

## AllRise24 Conference

Treatment courts like FRP are considered the most successful justice intervention for those with SUD and mental health disorders. There are 4,000 treatment courts in operation in the United States and over 150,000 individuals served by treatment courts each year. Treatment courts have resulted in a 58% reduction in crime and \$6,000 in taxes saved per participant.

The Family Recovery Program is an example of a Family Recovery Court (FRC). Other treatment courts include Adult Drug Courts, Impaired Driving Treatment Court, Juvenile Treatment Court, Veterans Treatment Court, Tribal Healing to Wellness Court, and Mental Health Court.



(Below, Dr. Gainers as a panel speaker for Meeting Family's Basic Needs: Treatment Courts Role in Improving Social Determinants of Health. Also on the panel is Kim Pearson, Division Manager of the Sacramento County Department of Child, Family, and Adult Services)



(Dr. Jocelyn Gainers, Domonique Smith, Tracie Wyman, and Glenda Camper at AllRise24)

While at AllRise24, participants had a variety of topics to choose from. Some topics were directly related to the court you were presently involved with, or you could choose from specialized



disciplines such as sustainability of your court, working with juvenile or adult offenders, courses intended for judges, defense attorneys, or coordinators, and for utilization of recovery coaches.

## Cooking Classes at Sage

Cooking classes with Chef Eula McDowell of The Bean Theory are continuing at Sage! FRP was granted funding through the Baltimore City Health Department.



(Chef Eula McDowell at Sage)

Cooking classes are being held at Sage Center on a bi-weekly basis and the turnout has been great. Our participants are being educated on the lifelong health and financial benefits of knowing your way around the kitchen.



(Chicken and waffles by Shannon Hill)



(Inshirah Brown's quiche)

In Baltimore City, access to fresh, healthy food is challenging, but much more challenging for those without access to a vehicle. Baltimore City has been labeled a "food desert" where residents lack access and resources to purchase healthy food. Without access to a market within reasonable distance, many must settle for fast food or marked up produce from convenience stores.



(Heather Courts' blueberry waffles)

## Tickets For Kids-Jurassic World

Some of our FRP parents had an opportunity to experience what many have dreamed about. They got to see how life would be if humans coexisted with the dinosaurs...somewhat. *Jurassic World Live Tour* brought the wonder and thrills of Jurassic World to another generation of fans at the CFG Bank Arena in downtown Baltimore.



It was based off the 1993 film, Jurassic Park. The biggest attraction of the film was the realistic computer graphic animation of the dinosaurs by CGI (computer-generated imagery) coupled with the realistic sound effects that many of us who saw the movie still cannot erase from our memory banks. Tickets for Kids provides free access for low-income and high-risk kids to attend the arts, cultural, educational, and athletic venues of their community. The opportunity to see exhibits/shows like Jurassic World provides an experience which may lead to a spark in a child's imagination or tap into an interest in graphics, history, or science. At the very least, they've experienced a show that most have only seen on television or in a movie theater.



(A young Tyrannasaurus Rex was spotted)

## Tosha Stubbs-Satterfield's Last Day

May 15, 2024 was a bittersweet day for the staff and participants of the Family Recovery Program. Housing Program Director at Sage, Tosha Stubbs-Satterfield, resigned to pursue an opportunity she has been working towards. Tosha had been with FRP for twelve years in a variety of roles. She began in 2012 as a temporary replacement for Ms. Doreen Cooke as UA Specimen Collector.



(Dr. Gainers, Tosha Stubbs, and Monique Knight)



(Debbie Geiger and Tosha Stubbs)

She showed such promise that when Ms. Doreen returned, that Dr. Gainers transitioned her into another role as Programming Assistant. Tosha decided to go back to school while working at FRP and soon became a case manager, then program coordinator, and finally became the housing program director at Sage. She will be missed!



## Family Recovery Program Moves Onsite at BCDSS

The Baltimore City Department of Social Services (BCDSS) has been FRP's partner and biggest funder since we began in 2005. In our effort to increase participation and to provide the best service to the social workers who utilize and refer parents to FRP, we were provided office space on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor within the BCDSS office at 1525 N. Calvert Street.



Being onsite at BCDSS on Tuesdays from 10a-4p will enable quicker access to FRP for referrals or to give and receive updates to social workers interested in their parents who have been previously referred.

## Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser

On behalf of The Family Recovery Program, Inc. it is my pleasure to welcome you to our Fundraising Walk-A-Thon "Small Steps and Giant Leaps for Families". Join us in **October 2024**, for a fun-filled event promoting health and wellness.

The Walk-A-Thon will take place at the picturesque Fort McHenry Loop, where participants can enjoy the beautiful scenery while engaging in a healthy and invigorating activity. So come out and let's

Court Coordinator, David Sifford and FRP Case Manager, Domonique Smith, have been spending time meeting with Family Preservation units who may want to refer parents to our Horizon Program where FRP services are offered to parents and families where the child has not been removed and by participating in the Horizon Program, the situation never reaches the need to make a removal of children.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors are the Child Protective Services (CPS) units where children have been removed. FRP can be offered to assist with reunification after a referral by the Baltimore City Juvenile Court on 300 N. Gay Street.



raise awareness and support for our families. T-shirts and goodie bags are available to adult participants as well as a finisher's bracelet. Don't forget to share with your family and friends!

Your participation is key to supporting the family reunification process.

Look out for updates !

### FRP Graduation

On June 7, 2024, FRP celebrated the graduation of three participants. Quarterly, we celebrate the 9-24 months of hard work of our FRP participants. During their time in FRP, they have completed treatment, provided numerous satisfactory tests, many have participated in mental health therapy, and been to court multiple times.



(Heather Fox, Francine Clubb, and Inshirah Brown with kids at graduation)

Two could not be present. Mr. James McMullen, Sr. wanted to be present for his son’s graduation that was held at the same time and Ms. Amanda Pollitt, who graduated in September 2024, had an emergency that morning.



(Magistrate Peacock and the Spring 2024 FRP graduates)



(Magistrate Peacock, Francine Clubb, Sage Housing Case Manager, Tiajuana Jones, FRP Case Manager Torree Smith)

## Upcoming Events

### **Circle of Security Parenting Program**

Held at Sage Center at 1209 N.Rose Street

Contact Sybil Imani

[Simani@frp-inc.org](mailto:Simani@frp-inc.org)

### **Cooking Classes with Chef Eula McDowell**

Held at Sage Center at 1209 N.Rose Street

### **Seeking Safety Group Sessions at FRP**

Held at Sage Center at 1209 N.Rose Street

Contact Tiajuana Jones at

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**FRP Graduation-** September 13, 2024

**Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser-** October, 2024

### **Support Group meetings**

Held at Sage Center at 1209 N.Rose Street

Fridays 11:30a-12:30p

410-605-0492

### **Parenting Time Room**

Held at 301 N. Gay Street

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