

# The Family Recovery Program, Inc.

Restoring Families. Building Futures.

## September 2025

**This summer has been full of milestones and celebrations. From welcoming newly reunified families into the Sage Building to marking our 20th anniversary and hosting a joyful Family Fun Day, it's been a season to remember. As we transition into fall, we're excited to share the highlights and give you a glimpse of what's ahead!**

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# Sage Families Enjoy a Day at Clarks Elioak Farm



Thomas B. is enjoying every moment of his very first horseback adventure!



Alexandra and Kali P. posing with a donkey

Earlier this summer, Sage families gathered for a special outing to Clarks Elioak Farm, enjoying a day filled with connection, laughter, and community spirit. Staff and families explored the farm's many attractions, including opportunities to interact with friendly animals, stroll through scenic pathways, and engage in a variety of recreational activities.



Smiles all around as the children enjoy the slide

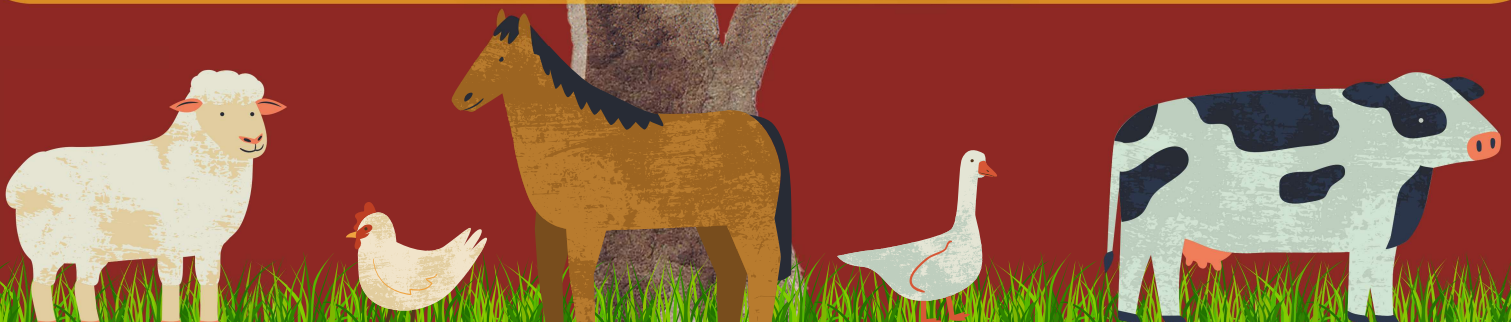


Group photo of all the family and staff who joined us on this lovely day trip



J'Khyli and Khi'Lynn making new friends in the goat area

The day provided a meaningful opportunity for families to spend quality time together, build relationships, and enjoy the simple pleasures of the outdoors. Events like this support Sage's mission to strengthen family bonds, foster a sense of belonging, and create shared experiences that nurture growth and resilience.







# Father's Brunch at Sage Center





Almost all of our parents living at Sage showed up for the event!

On June 18th, we proudly hosted our first annual Father's Day Brunch at the Sage Center. The event featured inspiring guest speakers from the Baltimore City Health Department and the Executive Director of the New Life Recovery Program. With an excellent turnout, engaging conversations, and delicious food, the day was a true success. We owe special thanks to our Court Coordinator, David Sifford, whose thoughtful planning made this celebration possible.



James Gorham, Sage Facilities Manager and Executive Director Vennieth McCormich



Stephanie White, Sage Housing Case Manager and Maximus Ragle



A great turnout from our staff, families and community celebrating fatherhood

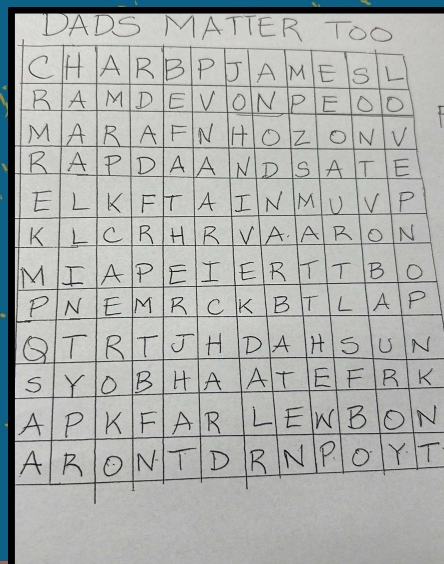


Executive Director and CEO Dr. Jocelyn Gainers showing her support

## Dad's Really Do Matter

Stop with the chit and all the chatter,  
Dad's here at FRP really do matter.  
You may not get it right the first, second or third,  
Keep at it if you must but, never be scurred.  
Life may seem like a roller coaster ride,  
buckled up "butter cup" and don't you dare hide.  
Show up for them to be understood,  
in the eyes of a child, they see only the good.  
Love on your children from near and afar,  
but not showing up could leave a bruise or a scar.  
Don't listen to the nay sayers nor what they think,  
because your ship won't sail and you're bound to sink.  
Remember they didn't ask for this vision,  
but being the best Dad is your decision.

Thank you to Terri Fulp, one of our devout Security Monitors at Sage Center for her heartfelt poem



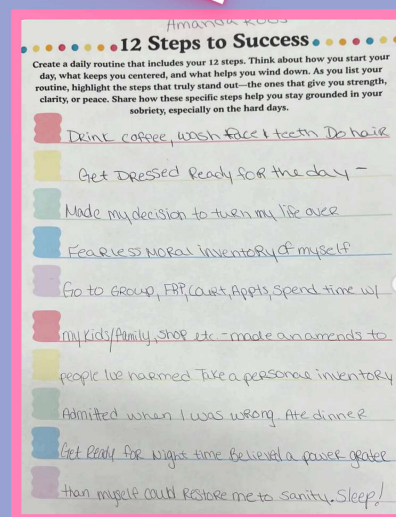
Miss Flup also created a word puzzle for the families and children to complete



# What's New at the Peer Station?



**On July 9th, Peer Recovery Specialist Jada Smith hosted an inspiring 12-step activity that brought participants together in reflection, support, and personal growth. Through open discussion and shared experiences, attendees gained valuable tools and encouragement for their recovery journey. A special thank you to Amanda for courageously sharing her work from the activity!**



**Amanda R. created her worksheet with a schedule-based layout and generously shared it with us**

**FRP Courtside hosts several peer activities at the peer station!**



**This activity introduces a foster plant system where new plant parents care for our graduates' plants.**

**A special thank you to Certified Peer Specialist Sabrina Gross for leading the Lotus Flower activity featured in our June 2025 newsletter. The activity was a big success with our parents!**



**Thank you to Sabrina Gross for this fantastic idea. Parents now look forward to tending their plants each time they walk in.**

**Not only did participants enjoy the experience, but it also encouraged them to return regularly to care for their plants. This ongoing nurturing serves as a meaningful reminder of the growth and care involved in their own recovery journeys.**



**Tony K., a recent FRP grad, gives his flourishing plant a new home after first potting it in April.**



**On September 8<sup>th</sup>, Jada Smith hosted another activity where parents were invited to make vision boards, which is a powerful collage of images, words, and goals that reflect your personal journey and aspirations. This creative activity is designed to support and motivate individuals in recovery by helping you visualize your future, set intentions, and stay focused on what matters most.**



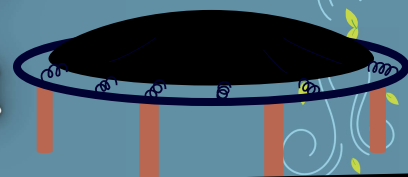
**Special thanks to Administrative Program Assistant Aki N'Diaye for all her help on all the peer activities!**

**Peer Recovery Specialist Jada Smith supporting dedicated parent Nicolas B. as he creates his vision board**

**\*\*\* Call 410-605-0492 for more information about our peer activities.**



# Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park



Jessica B. takes a quick break with her son and niece after some jumping fun



Richard M. put his balance skills to the test on the obstacle course

July 25, families from the Family Recovery Program gathered at Urban Air Adventure Park for a day filled with fun, laughter, and connection. Urban Air is an indoor adventure space where kids and parents can jump, climb, ride, and explore together.

We thank Urban Air and our community partners who helped make this event possible. Your generosity and support provided a safe and exciting space where families could focus on being together, which is what matters most. We look forward to many more opportunities to celebrate and grow with our FRP families.

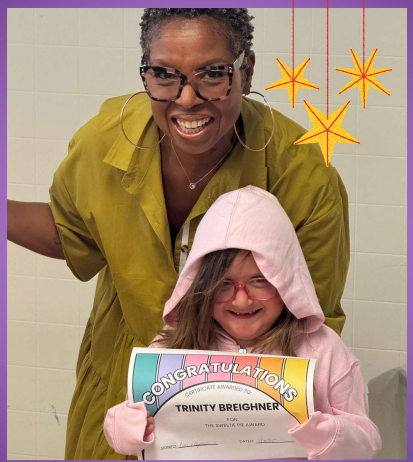


Brighton S. bounces into action, showing off his trampoline skills



Families and staff come together for a group picture that's definitely for the books!





**Awarded the Sweetie Pie title: Trinity B.!**



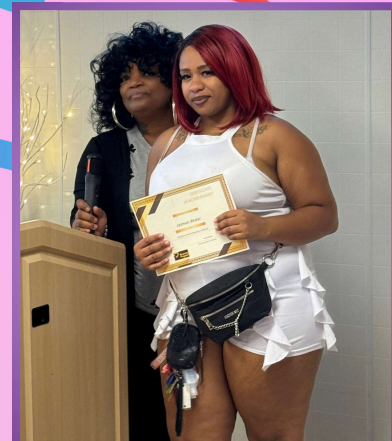
**Sage Housing Case Manager Stephanie White presenting Mr. Thomas B. with his Busy Bee Award!**



**Reign M. is too excited for her Tiny Steps, Big Win's Award!**



**Jessica B. poses with Housing Program Coordinator Tracie Wyman with her FRP Warrior Award**



**Sage parent, and mother of Aliyanna, Jazmun W. with Housing Case Manager Tijuanna Jones**

On July 30th, the Sage Center hosted their quarterly, heartfelt award ceremony honoring the dedication, progress, and resilience of our resident parents and children. The event celebrated key milestones in their personal and family growth, highlighting the hard work and perseverance that make these achievements possible. Adding to the joy, we were delighted to celebrate the 1st and 2nd birthdays of Aliyanna Riddle and Kali Purkey, making the day even more special!



**Congratulations Aisha H. on enrolling in the Excel GED Program!**



**A joyful birthday moment for Aliyanna (left) and Kali (right) with their loving dads**



**Francine C. with her supportive case manager, Tijuanna.**



# 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration

LET'S CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF SERVICE & IMPACT IN BALTIMORE CITY!



Executive Assistant Avery Lawrence (left) and Specimen Annette Tilman (right) at the front table greeting our community.

Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated a major milestone, our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! The day was filled with heartfelt moments, shared memories, and an incredible turnout from our amazing community.



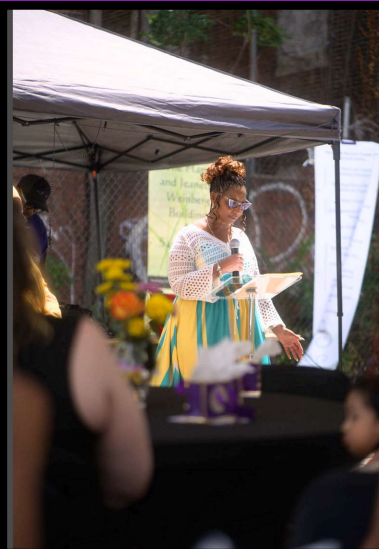
Court Coordinator David Sifford receiving a certificate from Dr. Jocelyn Gainers



Dr. Gainers alongside Danielle, a 2019 FRP graduate who shared her journey



We truly had an incredible turnout from our staff, families, and community



Lesia Ellis offered a heartfelt invocation, setting a thoughtful tone for the event



A touching moment as Dr. Jocelyn Gainers offers a farewell speech honoring Debbie Geiger

*From the stories that moved us to the laughter we shared, it was a true celebration of the lives touched and the progress we've made together. Thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey. Your support, dedication, and belief in our mission have made these 20 years possible. Here's to the next chapter and all the lives we'll continue to change together.*





Trinity S. enjoying every moment on the moonbounce slide with a big smile



Families had a blast making tie-dye! From t-shirts to bibs and more, everyone left with a colorful keepsake to remember the day.



Stephanie White enjoying body art from our talented volunteer artist, one of our parents' daughters



Mr. Gorham back at it in his usual role, our trusted grillmaster



Ana M. displaying her beautiful body painting



Ms. Legend enjoying the sunshine while painting

Family Fun Day at Sage was a fantastic success! The day was filled with laughter, energy, and community spirit as families enjoyed a wide range of activities, from a delicious cookout and exciting moon bounce to snow cones, tie-dye, games, and face painting.

There was truly something for everyone, and the smiles on the faces of our kids, parents, and staff said it all. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together, connect, and celebrate as a community.



The kids were thrilled to see the moon bounce!



A happy moment for Abigail as she shows off her Hello Kitty design



FRP graduate Reashawnda C. shows off her colorful tie-dyed butterfly magnet



Adding to the festivities, Tracie Wyman ran the snowball machine for everyone's enjoyment



# Cooking Class with Chef Eula and Sous Chef Monique Knight

As part of our mission at Family Recovery Program, Inc., we are committed to equipping parents with practical skills that support long-term well-being. One way we bring this to life is through hands-on culinary lessons.

Thanks to the expertise and generosity of Chef Eula and Re-Engagement Specialist Sous Chef Monique Knight, our parents have the opportunity to learn how to prepare healthy, nutritious meals step by step. These sessions not only teach valuable cooking techniques but also encourage healthier lifestyle choices for families on their recovery journey.



Among our committed parents, Deven R. stands out as a father who comes to class ready to learn



Pictured from right to left: Jessica B., Brandon S., Chef Eula McDowell, and Shannon H. as they get ready to cook



# The Family Recovery Program Inc. Graduation September 2025



Graduates Amanda R. and her husband, Joseph S., sharing an embrace before the ceremony.



All of the graduates (from left to right) Amanda Roos, Tony K., Reashawanda C. (with daughter Legend) and Joseph S. (with daughter Gracie)

Friday, September 12th, we celebrated our Quarterly Graduation, a truly special day for our team. This group of parents touched our hearts in such a meaningful way, making the ceremony especially emotional for staff and families alike.

We are so proud of the hard work, courage, and dedication each graduate has shown on their journey. Their accomplishments remind us why we do what we do every day. Congratulations to all of our graduates; your strength inspires us!

*Special thanks to our speakers...*



Keynote Speaker: Earl El-Amin, Youth in Transition/NCIA



Kristen Peacock Family Magistrate, Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Family Division – Juvenile Court



Alumni Speaker Ashley Byington FRP Class of June 2025



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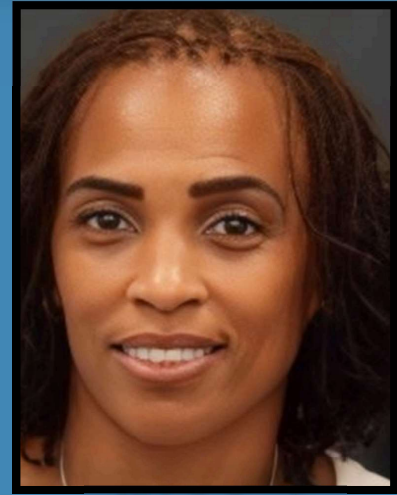


# Honoring Our New and Returning Team Members



Stephanie White

We are thrilled to welcome two new members to the FRP staff team! Stephanie White joins us as the Housing Case Manager at FRP Sage, bringing her experience and dedication to supporting our families and participants. Michelle Danois comes on board as the Case Manager at FRP Courtside, ready to contribute her expertise and passion to our programs. We are excited to have both Stephanie and Michelle on our team and look forward to the impact they will make in our community.



Michelle Danois

“There are so many things I love about FRP. One of the biggest joys is working with the children, and another is supporting parents—helping them reunite with their kids, building skills, and even having those hard but important conversations with the community. Every part of this work has been amazing. I truly love everything about FRP—it’s the best job ever and so rewarding.”  
— Stephanie White



Tosha Stubbs-Satterfield

We are also delighted to welcome back Tosha Stubbs-Satterfield, who dedicated many years working across several departments at FRP and has now returned to join us as our Clinical Program Director

## Celebrating a Remarkable Career!

# Deborah Geiger

We are so thankful for Debbie’s 20 years of dedication to FRP. She has filled our community with wisdom, kindness, and laughter, leaving a legacy that will be deeply missed. While it’s hard to say goodbye, we are excited to see her enjoy this next chapter and wish her endless joy in retirement.





# Upcoming Events

## FRP Courtside

**Peer Recovery Events** – Call for activity dates and times

## Sage Center

**Cooking Classes** – Every other Tuesday, (call for more details)

**Halloween Celebration** – Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>

**Meditation & Yoga** – Mondays at 9:50am to 11am

**Daily Living Group** – Wednesdays from 11am to 12pm

**Recovery Support Group** – Mondays from 1pm to 2pm; for more information, please email Peer Recovery Specialist Robin McDaniel at [rmcdaniel@frp-inc.org](mailto:rmcdaniel@frp-inc.org)

**Circle of Security Workshop** – Mondays starting October 13<sup>th</sup> to December 1st



**As we bring the September 2025 edition of The Family Recovery Program newsletter to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our families, staff, and supporters. Your unwavering commitment, courage, and resilience continue to inspire us every day.**

**Each story told, every milestone reached, and every small victory reminds us that recovery is a shared journey. Together, we are creating a stronger, healthier community filled with hope and healing.**

**Until we meet again, please take care of yourselves and one another.**

**With deep appreciation,  
The Family Recovery Program, Inc.**

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