

The Family Recovery Program, Inc.

Restoring Families. Building Futures.

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Welcome To Our June 2026 Newsletter!

Inside, you'll find all of the creative and meaningful things our staff and families have been up to over the last four months. From spring into summer, we experienced many changes, but with every change comes an opportunity to grow, and that is exactly what we've done.

From celebrating The Sage Center's 10th Anniversary to exciting new developments within our organization, we are proud to share the moments, memories, and milestones that have shaped this season.

We can't wait to show you all we've accomplished together!



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Orioles Family Day At Camden Yards



(Left to Right) Peer Recovery Specialist Jada Smith, Ashley M. and her 6 sons, and Zamarria C. with her son and daughter, in front of the Brooks Robinson Statue at Camden Yards



(Left to Right) Jennifer and Matthew W. with their sons, Zachary R. with his daughter, Peer Recovery Specialist Jada Smith, Amanda R. with daughter and Daniel L. with his daughter and son

On March 29, 2026, six FRP families spent the afternoon together at Camden Yards cheering on the Baltimore Orioles as they secured an exciting 8-6 victory over the Minnesota Twins. From ballpark snacks and laughter to quality time and shared memories, the outing was a wonderful opportunity for families to connect and strengthen relationships in recovery outside of their everyday routines. Experiences like these remind us how important community, joy, and togetherness are in the healing process.



Jennifer W. and son Xavier sharing some smiles in the stands!



It was a beautiful day to watch the winning game!



Ashley M. and her sons enjoying some games and family time!

TEAM 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 R H E

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Tickets for Kids for providing our families with this wonderful opportunity to attend the game. We are equally grateful to Sybil Imani for her assistance in helping us receive the tickets and making this memorable experience possible for our families.

We are grateful to everyone who joined us and look forward to creating even more family experiences in the months ahead.

Last Night and the Night Before



Sage Center Housing Program Director Tracie Wyman, Case Manager Domonique Smith and Dr. Jocelyn Gainers with the cast and crew of “Last Night and the Night Before.”

On Friday, April 3rd, several FRP staff members attended a performance presented by the Johns Hopkins University Dunbar Baldwin Hughes Theater Company in support of our organization. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales was generously donated to FRP, and we are incredibly grateful for their partnership and support of the families we serve.

The featured production, “Last Night and the Night Before”, tells the story of Monique and her 10-year-old daughter Samantha as they unexpectedly arrive at the home of Monique’s sister in Brooklyn while fleeing difficult circumstances in southern Georgia. Poetic, emotional, dark, and at times deeply funny, the play explores themes of family, trauma, healing, resilience, and the beauty found within loss and change.



Representing FRP at the show! Dr. Jocelyn Gainers, Domonique Smith, and Tracie Wyman connected with attendees, promoted program services, and highlighted resources available to the community.

The story strongly reflects many of the experiences seen within the work we do at FRP. Much like the families we support, the characters navigate instability, relationship struggles, uncertainty, and the search for safety, connection, and hope. The play serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of community, compassion, and providing families with support during life’s most difficult moments.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Johns Hopkins University Dunbar Baldwin Hughes Theater Company for sharing such a beautiful and impactful production and for their generous contribution to FRP through the proceeds from the performance.



Sage Housing Director Tracie Wyman, Reashawnda C., Administrative Program Assistant Ati N'Diaye, Jessica B., and Joanna G.



A special moment with our Cohort 3 mentees and their mentors. Together, they are creating strong partnerships that inspire growth, encouragement, and lasting impact.

On April 18th, FRP had the honor of attending the Cohort 2 Closing & Cohort 3 Opening Ceremony for the BRIDGE Project, an initiative by the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (BACDST). The BRIDGE Project is a mentor-mentee, community-based program supporting justice-impacted women by providing resources and support focused on economic, social, educational, physical, and mental well-being. FRP was proud to have Tracie Wyman and Atallah N'Diaye attend as stakeholder representatives. We were especially excited to see several of our parents recognized as Cohort 3 mentees as they begin their journeys toward growth, stability, and self-sufficiency.

We are grateful to the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for their continued dedication to empowering women and strengthening our community.



Ati N'Diaye and Tracie Wyman proudly represented The Family Recovery Program, Inc. while supporting and celebrating our parents as they joined Cohort 3.



“This amazing woman confessed that this is the first thing she ever finished. That smile is one of triumph, rooted in years of false starts...”

A quote from Sabrina the Vice Chair of the Bridge Project



(Front to back) FRP Staff Ati and Tracie, Mentor and Education Liaison Pam Crawford; Monica Watkins; Second Vice President Adrienne Boome; and Vice Chair Sabrina N'Diaye of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Staff Fun Day at Camden Yards



Left to right: (back) Peer Recovery Specialist Jada Smith, Sabrina Gross, Specialist Collector Monique Knight (front), Finance Coordinator Lesia Ellis

Peer Recovery Specialist Robin McDaniel and Case Manager Domonique Smith

Finance Coordinator Lesia Ellis and Administrative Program Assistant Ati N'Diaye were all smiles as they enjoyed a beautiful day at the Orioles game!

On Thursday, April 30th, the FRP team traded our desks for the ballpark as we gathered at Camden Yards for our annual Staff Fun Day! With beautiful weather, plenty of laughter, and great company, the day provided a wonderful opportunity to relax, recharge, and enjoy time together outside of the office. From cheering in the stands to sharing memorable moments, it was a day filled with connection and team spirit.

At FRP, we believe that the strength of our work comes from the strength of our relationships. Taking time to connect, celebrate one another, and build camaraderie helps us continue showing up for the families and communities we serve. We're grateful for days like these that remind us of the value of teamwork, joy, and supporting one another both personally and professionally.



Peer Recovery Specialist Robin McDaniel, Sage Housing Director Tracie Wyman, Sage Case Manager Stephanie White, Administrative Program Assistant Ati N'Diaye and Program Development Coordinator Sybil Imani

A great team, a fun game, and a beautiful day to bring it all together! Days like these remind us that the strong connections we build as coworkers help make our work even more meaningful.

The Hands That Bind FRP Together: Family Activity with Sabrina Gross

This quarter, Sabrina Gross helped create a meaningful family activity that will leave a lasting impact on our hallway for years to come.

Through this hands-on art project, families and staff came together to quite literally leave their mark. Each handprint symbolizes connection, unity, and the strength of our community.

Now, every time we walk these halls, we're reminded that each person matters and that we're all part of something bigger. Thank you, Sabrina, for helping bring this beautiful vision to life!



Sabrina showing off her fabulous handprint masterpiece! Her creativity and personal touch helped make our collaborative artwork even more vibrant and meaningful.



Journey A. adding her handprints to our collaborative artwork. Every hand, no matter how small, contributes beautifully to the bigger picture, reminding us that each person plays an important role in creating something meaningful together. 6



Sabrina Gross displays the variety of art materials available for participants to personalize and decorate their plant pots.

Lotus Garden with Sabrina Gross

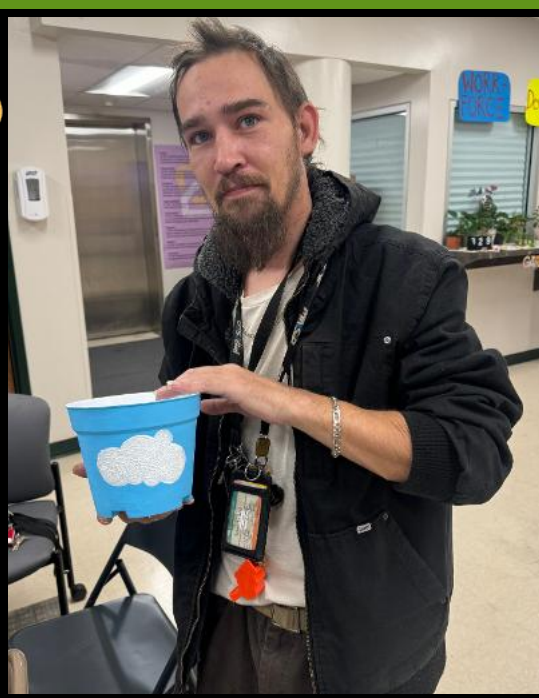
These beautiful plants have continued to thrive since last year and are now displayed in the hand-decorated pots created by our parents during this year's activity.



Sabrina Gross and Shannon H. pose with their newly decorated pots, each one uniquely designed and full of personality.



Zarmarria C. adds a touch of glitter and shine to her pot, bringing extra sparkle and creativity to her design.



Ethan H. proudly displays his beautifully decorated pot, featuring a creative hand-painted cloud design.

Thanks to Sabrina Gross, families had the opportunity to reflect on just how much growth can happen in a year, both in recovery and in life. Parents who participated in last year's activity returned to find their plants had outgrown their original pots, symbolizing the progress, strength, and healing they've experienced along their journeys. Together, they repotted their thriving plants into larger homes while new parents entering the program decorated and planted pots of their own, beginning their own journeys of growth and recovery. This beautifully reminds us that recovery is a process. With patience, support, and care, growth continues and healing blossoms over time.

Empact Art Installation



Empact Art Studio and Project Manager C.G. Duffy carefully secures the leaves onto the Recovery Tree



The completed Recovery Tree living on the 2nd Floor at the Sage Center



FRP Operations Manager Karen Brice maps out the placement of the tree leaves, helping bring the Recovery Tree vision to life.



The first steps of the Recovery Tree project with FRP staff Jada Smith, Karen Brice, Lesia Ellis, Ati N'Diaye, and Tracie Wyman



We are excited to unveil the Recovery Tree, a beautiful community art project created through the collective efforts of Empact Art, FRP parents, staff, and members of the Baltimore community.

The Recovery Tree stands as a symbol of unity, growth, healing, and transformation. Each leaf represents an individual, family, or community partner whose presence, support, and contributions strengthen the FRP community. Together, we created a meaningful piece of art that reflects the power of connection and recovery.

This lasting installation will remain at the Sage Center for years to come, serving as a reminder of the resilience, hope, and community spirit that define our organization.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Empact Art for their creativity, guidance, and dedication in making this special project possible.

For the past several months, FRP staff have been meeting with David Whitesock and the team from Commonly Well to learn and implement their innovative data analytics platform designed to support addiction recovery and behavioral health providers.

The Commonly Well software helps organizations measure “recovery capital” including hope, relationships, purpose, stability, and belonging while providing real-time insights known as “Recovery Intelligence.” This person-centered approach creates new opportunities to empower participants, strengthen engagement, and build more cohesive relationships between program staff and the families we serve.



Program Development Coordinator Sybil Imani, Dr. Jocelyn Gainers, architect of the Recovery Capital Index and Commonly Well, David Whitesock, and Case Manager Domonique Smith

RCI: Commonly Well Training with David Whitesock



On Tuesday, April 28th, our staff participated in an in-person training to further deepen our understanding of the platform and how it can best support our work. We extend our sincere thanks to David and the entire Commonly Well team for their guidance, partnership, and commitment to helping us better serve our families and community!



FRP staff engaged in a Commonly Well training session led by David Whitesock, listening closely and taking in valuable insights.

MOTHER'S DAY



Dr. Jocelyn Gainers and her Sorority Sisters!



Their carefully wrapped gifts they made for our FRP mothers!

We extend a heartfelt thank you to The Sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for generously providing beautiful Mother's Day bags for the Mother's at the Sage Center.

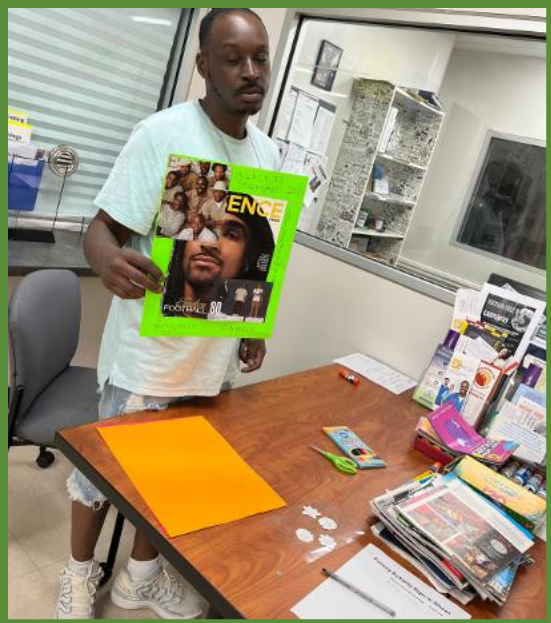
Your kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity helped ensure that our mothers felt celebrated, valued, and deeply appreciated this Mother's Day. These meaningful gestures serve as a powerful reminder that even the smallest acts of support can have a lasting and positive impact.

We are truly grateful for community partners who continue to pour into and uplift the families we serve.

Thank you for helping us honor the incredible Mothers in our program.



A closer look at some of the items included in the Mother's Day gift bags



Dontae Jenkins proudly displays his vision board, showcasing his goals, dreams, and aspirations for the future.



From stencils to freehand artwork, parents showcased their unique creativity through their designs.



Andrew M., Ana M., and Sabrina Gross use colored pencils to bring their flower creations to life.

Peer Recovery Activities with Jada Smith!

This quarter, Peer Recovery Specialist Jada Smith hosted two engaging and creative activities for our families that encouraged self-expression, personal growth, and connection. During the Vision Board Workshop, participants reflected on their goals, dreams, and aspirations by creating personalized boards filled with images and words that represented their hopes for the future. Jada also led a flower pot decorating and planting activity, where parents designed their own pots and created "growth gardens" filled with flowers. Together, these activities provided meaningful opportunities for families to express their creativity while celebrating growth, recovery, and new beginnings.



Creativity in action! Cassandra G. and Lauren H. enjoying the artistic process together.



Dontae J., Peer Recovery Specialist Jada Smith, and Gena F. proudly pose in front of their creative masterpieces.



A messy table is a sign of a successful day!

Celebration in Recovery



We extend our appreciation to FRP Class of 2025 graduate Tony King for sharing his story as our Alumni Speaker.



Devon R., FRP Graduate of 2025, is honored with the Employment Stability Award



Celebrating FRP Class of 2025 graduate Alexandra R. as she receives the Family Reunification Achievement Award



FRP Graduate Class of 2025, Katelyn L., receiving her Peer Recovery Specialist Training Certificate

This celebration on June 5th honored the remarkable achievements of our parents and participants, including Family Reunification, securing Employment, advancing their Education, and completing Peer Recovery Specialist Training.

These accomplishments represent the resilience, determination, and hard work of the individuals and families we serve. We are honored to celebrate their successes and look forward to many more years of supporting recovery, family strengthening, and personal growth within our community.



Dr. Jocelyn Gainers and Ati N'Diaye introducing The Hope of Us for the first time!



Dr. Jocelyn Gainers gifting Arya G. a copy of our book and showing her contribution!

We also had the pleasure of introducing the FRP book, The Hope of Us. This meaningful collection brings together the stories, artwork, and lived experiences of our families, highlighting their individual journeys in a powerful and creative way.

Each page reflects resilience, healing, and hope through personal reflections and original paintings created by participants. Together, these contributions offer an authentic and heartfelt look into the strength, growth, and transformation taking place within our community.

The Hope of Us stands as a celebration of voice, creativity, and recovery, honoring the stories that continue to inspire and uplift everyone connected to FRP.



As a special surprise, our very own Keith Matthews created an original FRP song accompanied by his "Sagettes" Tracie Wyman, Stephanie White, and Tiajuana Jones.



We were thrilled by the great turnout and deeply appreciate everyone who contributed to making this day possible.

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Building at the Sage Centers' 10th Anniversary Ceremony



Everyone proudly holding their "after" signs, celebrating their journeys of recovery, growth, and transformation.



Ishmeria P. with her "before" sign.



Ishmeria P. with her "after" sign, celebrating her journey of growth and recovery.

We had an incredible day on Friday as we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Building at the Sage Center.

A powerful highlight of the celebration featured parents sharing signs that reflected their journeys from active addiction to recovery. In just a few words, they captured powerful stories of resilience, hope, healing, and transformation that deeply moved everyone in attendance.

We also had the privilege of honoring many of our donors and supporters with certificates of appreciation, recognizing their continued commitment to our mission and the families we serve.



Ashley M. with her "before" sign.



Ashley M. proudly displays her "after" sign, marking her progress and transformation in recovery.



Dr. Jocelyn Gainer and Tracie Wyman honoring one of our incredible funders, Lindsay H.



Dr. Jocelyn Gainer's honoring Episcopal Housing for their continued support.



Dr. Jocelyn Gainer's Sorority Sisters were honored for their donations and support throughout the years. 13

The Family Recovery Program in Partnership with Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling

Gam·ble

Gambling is any activity that involves risking something of value, including but not limited to money or property, on an event whose outcome is uncertain.



Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling
Joanna Franklin 13th Annual Conference

Gambling problems were initially recognized as an impulse control disorder but have recently been reclassified by the American Psychiatric Association as an addiction. While gambling is a form of entertainment for most people, for others it is a devastating medical condition. Most people are unaware of the dangers of problem gambling or that it is a treatable medical condition. Certain things may make people more susceptible, such as financial distress, substance abuse, mental health problems, or peer pressure.

While gambling may be a form of entertainment for many, for others it can become a devastating addiction. Over the next year, FRP will be sharing information, resources, and tips to help raise awareness about gambling addiction and how to support those affected.

Information provided in partnership with MD Center on Problem Gambling.



The Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling



Peer Recovery Specialist Jada Smith, Robin McDaniel and Administrative Program Assistant Ati N'Diaye attending the conference on Friday June 12th

As we close out the June 2026 edition of the Family Recovery Newsletter, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who continues to support our mission.

From celebrating milestones and graduations to showcasing creative projects, trainings, and community partnerships, this edition reflects the heart of our work and the strength of the families we serve. We are a dedicated team committed to loving, supporting, and serving our city, and none of this would be possible without the collective effort of our staff, families, and community partners.

Thank you for standing with us, for believing in our mission, and for walking alongside us in this journey of recovery and hope. We look forward to reconnecting with you in September.

FRP offices will be closed:

June 19th in observation of Juneteenth

July 3rd in observation of The Fourth of July

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