Kentucky developed its Family Resource Center system in 1991 as part of a voter-approved education reform referendum. The primary goal of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSC) is to remove non-academic barriers to learning as a means to enhance student academic success. Schools that have 20% or more free lunch students are eligible for a FRYSC through an allocation based on an amount for each of those students. The Kentucky Department of Education and the Cabinet for Health and Human Services share responsibility for implementing and sustaining the centers. Funding comes through the Department of Education and is work ordered to the Cabinet to administer the Network. Family Resource Center staff members are hired by the individual school districts.

A complimentary non-profit organization, the Family Resource and Youth Services Coalition of Kentucky (FRYSCKy) was also founded in 1991 by Center Coordinators to provide legislative advocacy, training and support for FRYSCKy Coordinators and staff.

At a Glance
- Types of Members: School-Based
- Network Annual Budget: $1.7 Million
- Pass-Through Annually: $57.2 Million
- Funding Source: State Department of Education
- Network Structure: Network is Public Funder-Coordinated, Coalition is Volunteer-Coordinated

Network Functions
- Connecting Members
- Training/Technical Assistance
- Systems Change/Policy or Advocacy
- Pass-Through Funding to Members
- Marketing/Public Awareness Activities
- Shared Data Management System

Member Service Areas
- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Child Development Activities
- Family Economic Success Activities
- Educational Activities
- Health/Wellness Activities
- Intentional Multiple Family Member Engagement Activities
- Community Development Activities
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Highlights

- After an additional $8 million dollars was allocated from the General Assembly, 28 new centers were added, bringing the total number to 854. The new centers represent 33,225 students who will now have access to FRYSC services.
- In addition to opening new centers, a portion of the additional funding was used to reconfigure 53 existing centers, allowing them to serve the school population more effectively.
- The FRYSCky Coalition of Kentucky and Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers hosted 5 Legislative Page Days during the 2019 session. Students chosen by local Centers traveled to Frankfort and experienced the state capital and legislative process by serving as a Page to their local legislator.

Outcomes

- Kentucky has seen vast improvements in children’s educational success and attainment since developing Family Resource Centers 28 years ago as part of a statewide education reform legislation. It has moved from 45th place in 1990 to being in the top 25 school systems in the country.
- Local FRYSCs are demonstrating gains in areas such as Kindergarten readiness, school attendance, reading and math scores, behavior, parent involvement, and more. The 2018 Impact Report Spotlight, which contains specific programs and local data, can be found here: https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dfrcvs/dfrysc/Documents/FRYSC%20Impact%20Report%20Spotlight%202018.pdf.

Standards of Quality Implementation

- 12 Standards Trainers
- 11 Certification Trainings
- 396 Certified Individuals