Welcome
FaCT Family Resource Center staff worked tirelessly to ensure that children throughout Orange County felt the holiday magic and we are excited to highlight exceptional outcomes. Our staff has continued this trend in 2023 with multiple events including trainings, retreats, parades, and outreach opportunities.

Celebrating Tết

Lunar New Year is a big cultural holiday for many of our Orange County Asian families. In the Vietnamese community, it is called Tết. Tết takes place on the first seven days of the first month of the Lunar Calendar. It is a time for family reunions, blessings, and leaving behind the old year to look forward and wish for a better and happier year. To spread luck, people customarily wear the color red and gift red envelopes that contain money.

On Sunday, January 22, FaCT had staff outreach at multiple Tết events including the City of Westminster Tết parade and the Tết Festival held at Mile Square Park, Fountain Valley. Streamed on various local channels, the Tết parade route stretched from the Bolsa Avenue and Newland intersection to Bishop Place with over 10,000 people in attendance. Both of these events were well attended by local families with the Tết festival spanning from January 20th–22nd. We want to thank Community Action Partnership of Orange County for inviting FaCT and the City of Westminster Staff for organizing the parade.

To spread blessings and good wishes, make sure to say, “Chúc mừng năm mới” or Happy New Year in Vietnamese to others this Lunar New Year!
Winter Holiday Events

In our December Holiday Newsletter, we highlighted our Annual FaCT Bike and Toy Drive. Below are some images from our Family Resource Centers’ Holiday events. FRCs helped spread holiday cheer to families in need throughout the county.

We would like to thank Trish Hurley, Sean Canova, 4ShayJ Foundation, Resource Development & Management (RDM), Index Fund Advisors, PropStream, and Charitable Ventures for their donations and contributions. If you are interested in donating for the holidays, please get in touch with cheryld.dahlin@factoc.org.

To find out more about our events visit: www.factoc.org/calendar.
FaCT Coordinator’s Mid-Year Retreat

Each year we gather our FRC Coordinators for a mid-year retreat to provide a space to connect, reflect, and set intentions for the remainder and upcoming year. Each coordinator is the leader of the operations at our FRCs. On January 11th, we hosted the retreat at Santiago Oaks Regional Park Training Facility. The FaCT platform is so grateful and appreciative of the hard work and dedication our FRC Coordinators do daily by leading the teams at our FRCs.

You’re appreciated s’more than you know!

Field Safety FaCT Training

On January 31st, FaCT held a Field Safety Training for frontline staff. This training was organized in response to FaCT Differential Response staff request. The training was presented by Connie Schonert who discussed de-escalation strategies, crisis intervention techniques, and field safety awareness and skills. All fifty attendee spots were filled by FRC staff and partners.

FaCT provides training for our FaCT FRC staff. To find out more about our trainings, please contact jennifer.lopez@factoc.org.
A Story of Success: Finding Confidence in Parenting

Bianca contacted a local Family Resource Center to inquire about the parenting class that she heard about from other FRC parents. Bianca was in need of communication skills because her teenage daughter was displaying complicated and challenging behaviors. Bianca’s teen, diagnosed with ADHD and with a history of self-harm, was having a hard time acclimating to school since returning to campus after the pandemic. Bianca feared her daughter and her were losing their connection, Bianca did not know what to do when things escalated.

After phone and virtual one-on-one appointments, Bianca felt more confident in her parenting abilities. Bianca worked on her parenting style and learned the importance of logical consequences for her daughter. Bianca created a self-care plan for when her child’s behavior escalated and learned the importance of rewarding positive behavior with labeled praise. Bianca participated in child-led activities, she shared she has created positive interactions with her daughter. Bianca expressed that she previously felt defeated when managing her teen’s behaviors, however after learning how a child’s brain works, she understands that these behaviors are not meant to be taken personally. This knowledge has helped her stay calm and not be reactive.

In addition, a safety plan was created to ensure the well-being of the child given their history of self-harm. Bianca understands that this is just the beginning with her teen, but she feels confident that as they move along – they will grow together. Bianca continues her journey with her Family Resource Centers.

Upcoming Parenting Classes

Padres Unidos | February 17 & March 17 | 6PM–8PM
Spanish | Magnolia Park FRC | Details here

Love and Logic | Tuesdays February 7th –March 14th | 5PM–7PM
English, Spanish, & Vietnamese | Westminster FRC | Details here

TBRI® for Caregivers | March 6, 13, 20, 27 | 11AM–1:30PM
English | South OC FRC | Details here

To find out more about our upcoming Parenting classes and events visit www.factoc.org/calendar.
Fond Farewells

Ruby Godinez, Corbin FRC Coordinator has proudly served the communities of Santa Ana for the past 12 years. Through Ruby’s passionate leadership and the various teams formed at Corbin FRC, they have been able to serve their community with an array of innovative programs, many of which were the first to pilot and turned into funded programs such as Differential Response, Family Stabilization, Out of School Time Art workshops, and now pending Child Family Team meetings. Over the past 12 years, Corbin FRC staff has helped over 40,500 families! FaCT is appreciative of Ruby’s valuable contribution and the impact she’s made on the communities surrounding Corbin FRC. Thank you, Ruby, for your fervor and tenacity in advocating for all the families you touched. You will be missed!

Dianna Valtierra served as Coordinator for Stanton FRC from 2016 – 2022. Dianna found joy in leading her team, she supported the FaCT mission and vision by stepping into various roles to put clients’ needs first. Dianna is moving onto a different position with the City of Stanton in a role outside of the platform as a Homeless Outreach Coordinator. She will take the spirit of FaCT with her by furthering our reach and strengthening families. Dianna, thank you for your incredible service, it’s been a pleasure.

Welcoming a New Family Resource Center Coordinator

“Hello everyone, my name is Jessica Cedillo and I am honored to be the new Coordinator at the Stanton Family Resource Center. My initial contact with the Stanton FRC was in 2006 as a 6-year-old. My family had just immigrated from Mexico and my mom was seeking support. I learned English in a few months, and after aging out of the After School Program, I started volunteering at Stanton FRC programs. I will be celebrating 4 years of employment with Stanton in April. I’m very grateful for this opportunity, as it comes back full circle for me. I look forward to learning from the other coordinators and staff, as well as serving my community!”

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Every year, FaCT hosts an annual conference for our community. This is an opportunity for our FRC staff and partners, educators, and service providers to connect, collaborate and celebrate! This year our conference will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023! This is an opportunity for community organizations to be part of our mission to strengthen families in Orange County. Here are some of our sponsor opportunities:

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### Family Champion: $10,000
- Co-Title Recognition
- Top Billable Logo on all promotional materials
- First Logo on Recognition PowerPoint/Video at the Conference
- Front Conference Vendor Table
- Mention and Clickable Logo on Conference Landing Page
- 15 event tickets

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### Vendor Sponsor: $150
- Table at resource fair
- Lunch for up to 2 staff members tabling
- Company mention in program and conference landing page

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### Family Ally: $2,500
- Low Billable Logo on all promotional materials
- Logo on Recognition PowerPoint/Video at the Conference
- Conference Vendor Table
- Mention on Conference Landing page
- 4 event tickets

Please contact cheryll.dahlin@factoc.org to learn more about our sponsor packages and how we can best fit your needs.

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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Each year all FaCT FRCs hold events in the month of April for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness. All FRC staff wear a t-shirt designed by children at the FRCs. We invite you to be part of all the events throughout Orange County. Please visit www.factoc.org/blue-ribbon-month for more event and sponsorship information.

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SAVE THE DATE: 
2023 FaCT Annual Conference 

CONNECT • COLLABORATE • CELEBRATE

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Great Wolf Lodge Garden Grove, CA

More information & sponsorship opportunities at: www.factoc.org/2023conference