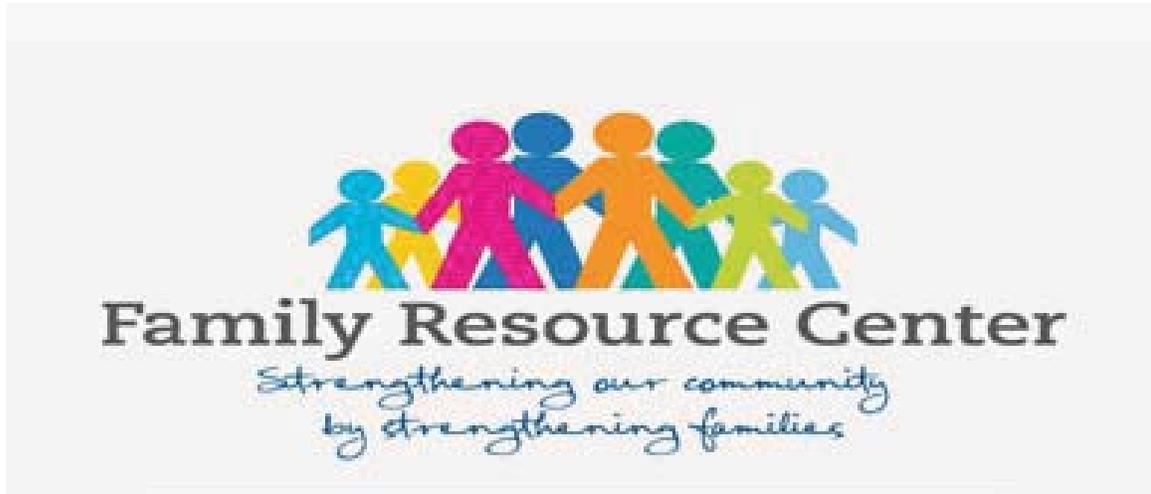


Direct Service Program of the Month

Family Resource Center of Livingston County



In December 2010, after many months of self reflection and strategic planning, the Women’s Resource Center of Livingston County launched its new identity as the Family Resource Center, to more clearly and accurately reflects the scope of the agency’s programs, which are designed to strengthen and support women, men, and children – in a word, families – in our community.

With a direct services grant from CTF, our Healthy Families Livingston Program was able to expand to provide services specifically for fathers, known as Dad’s Make a Difference. Participants have included dads who are single, married, divorcing, and primary care givers. With the help of a trained facilitator, these dads learn about child development, parenting, and the importance of fathers in the lives of their children. They also have the opportunity to give and receive feedback and support each other in becoming better fathers.

With the support of Circle of Parents and other services, one participant gained control over his abuse of alcohol, found and maintained stable employment and began to participate positively in the lives of his children. At his own request, he attended the CTF-sponsored Parent Leadership Training in July 2010. Upon returning, he helped develop a new flyer for the group, and began actively recruiting other members by speaking at parenting classes about the benefits of joining the Circle of Parents support group.

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