

FAMILY RESOURCE AND YOUTH SERVICES CENTERS

DESCRIPTION:

The division provides administrative support, technical assistance and training to local school-based Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSC). The primary goal of these centers is to remove nonacademic barriers to learning as a means to enhance student academic success.

Each center offers a unique blend of programs and services determined by the needs of the population being served, available resources, location and other local characteristics.

FRYSCs have established a record of success based on improved student performance in class work, homework and peer relations as reported by teachers. Parents, too, report they experience greater satisfaction and involvement with the schools as a result of assistance through their local FRYSCs.

MISSION:

To enhance students' ability to succeed in school by developing and sustaining partnerships that promote:

- Early learning and successful transition to school;
- Academic achievement and well-being; and
- Graduation and transition into adult life.

FACT SHEET:

Number of Centers: 820

Number of schools served: 1,166

Number of students enrolled in schools served by FRYSCs: 612,741

Number of students eligible for free meals: 283,543

Number of students eligible for reduced-price meals: 54,908

The Kentucky Family Resource and Youth Services Centers were established as a component of the historic Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) of 1990. The mission of these school-based centers is to help academically at-risk students succeed in school by helping to minimize or eliminate noncognitive barriers to learning.

FRYSCs are strengthened by community partnerships in their ability to provide vital programs, services and referrals to students and their families. These partnerships are critical in efforts on behalf of students to promote:

early learning and successful transition to school;
academic achievement and well-being; and
graduation and transition into adult life.

Each center offers a unique blend of programs and services to serve the special needs of their student and family client populations. The goal of the FRYSCs is to meet the needs of all children and their families served by the centers as a means to enhance student academic success. Family Resource Centers serve children through age 12 and provide the following services:

preschool child care for children ages 2 and 3;
after-school child day care;
families in training;
parent and child education;
support and training for child day care providers; and
health services and referrals.

Youth Services Centers serve students older than 12 and provide the following services:

referrals to health and social services;
employment counseling, training and placement;
summer and part-time job development;
drug and alcohol abuse counseling; and
family crisis and mental health counseling.

Schools where at least 20 percent of the student population is eligible for free or reduced school meals may compete for FRYSC funding.