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Offerings at the C.R.I.B.
The C.R.I.B. provides several co-designed opportunities to the residents of East New York and the surrounding area. These offerings include educational workshops, support groups, and social activities. All offerings are free. Some require registration (due to space limitations). You can register for required events through Eventbrite links on our Facebook page (thecrib.enyfec) or by calling 646-968-3399. Feel free to contact us for more information or just simply stop by!

Weekly
Chat and Chew
Join us every Friday from 12pm – 3pm for our Chat and Chew Open House. Tour our space, dream with the staff, mingle with C.R.I.B. members, register for upcoming offerings, discover community resources, enjoy a light meal and receive C.R.I.B. giveaways.

Parenting Journey
The Parenting Journey is a 12-week workshop on self-care and exploration of parenting through the lens of past, present, and future. This is a closed group and pre-registration is required.

Resources/Referral
The C.R.I.B. team is available daily to provide referrals, support and assistance with navigating community resources. Examples of resources include (but are not limited to) Housing Assistance, Employment Assistance, Health Services, Food Pantries, Benefit Screening, Legal Services, Counseling Services, Local Community Meetings and Community Events.

Monthly
Parent Cafés
Parent Cafés are parent-led discussions that create a space for participants to share their experience and identify ways to promote protective factors while providing one another with support. Parents and nonparents alike are welcome to join. If you are interested in being a parent leader, we are interested in having you.

Dream Team
The C.R.I.B. meets with community members to place offerings regularly. This meeting takes plans every third Monday of the month from 1pm – 3pm. Activities include ice breakers, discussing program suggestions, planning next month’s offerings, assigning roles and responsibilities. Refreshments provided.

Men’s Lives Matter
The Men’s Lives Matter group provides an opportunity for the men to socialize, network, and discuss protective factors such as resilience, relationships, support and community as it relates to men. Too often the narrative is that men don’t talk about issues in their lives. Men’s Lives Matter shows that isn’t true.

Family Movie Night
The community asked for it and we delivered. Bring your family out for our monthly movie night. Build social connections for yourself and your children. Movies are child friendly and have been voted on by children visiting the C.R.I.B. Refreshments provided.

Mobility Mentoring
The C.R.I.B. hosts monthly workshops and activities geared toward upward economic mobility. Such activities include support for family stability (e.g., childcare), health and wellness, financial management, education, employment, and career development.

Yappy Hour
Does your family include a dog? If so, join the East New York Dog Lovers for their Yappy Hour and many other dog-friendly social activities.

DIY Workshops
Do you have a talent? Would you like to learn a new skill? Join us for various “Do It Yourself” workshops lead by community members entrepreneurs.

Quarterly
Minding Our Business Network Mixer
The Minding Our Business Network Mixer is a quarterly event co-design with an active Dream Team C.R.I.B. Member. It is an opportunity to bring local small businesses together to share information and support one another. Business are encouraged to explore community give-back options.

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What is a Family Enrichment Center?

The C.R.I.B. (Community Resources in Brooklyn) is one of three Family Enrichment Centers (FEC) in NYC. The C.R.I.B. is located in East New York, Brooklyn. The C.R.I.B. is a home-like space designed to be warm and welcoming. Here community members are able to connect, contribute to their community, find resources, learn, and share with others. The C.R.I.B. invites and plans with community and parent leaders to co-design and co-facilitate offerings that build family protective factors, creating a space that is as unique as East New York.

Our Approach: For Us, By Us

The C.R.I.B. uses a strength-based approach to planning that asks empowering questions and contributes to collaboration. Together community members discover the best of their communities, create a dream for the future, and design and walk a path to get there together.

Discover the best of you and your community

The C.R.I.B. is open to children, youth, and adults of all ages. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation, and contribute their hobbies, knowledge, and passions to their neighbors.