Overview
In 2017, The Administration for Children's Services launched three Family Enrichment Centers (FEC), a family-centered, primary prevention model where all members of the community have access to and may benefit from activities and programs (called “offerings”). FECs are warm, inviting home-like spaces where neighbors are able to connect, contribute to their community, find resources, support one another, and build protective factors that help families thrive.

Approach
The FEC model is the result of eighteen months of research and development, and is informed by a research-backed Protective Factors Framework and is driven by deep, community involvement and ownership of the work.

Community-led:
Recruit and support community and parent leaders that co-design and co-facilitate FEC offerings.

Parent Cafés:
Parent-led discussions where participants share personal experience and knowledge to identify ways to promote the protective factors.

Appreciative Inquiry:
Asking empowering questions that nurture collaboration. Together residents discover local strengths, create a shared vision, design FEC offerings, and deliver them to peers.

Protective Factors:
Offerings and resources based on a seven-point, evidence-based Protective Factors Framework.

THE CORE @FEC

Resilience
Be strong & flexible

Relationships
Everyone needs friends & family

Knowledge
Life is learning & leading

Support
Everyone needs help sometimes

Communication
Help one another communicate

Economic Mobility
Individuals have resources & opportunities for growth

Community
Strong relationships among neighbors