



FAMILY SUPPORT &
RESOURCE CENTERS

Happier...Healthier...Stronger!



*Principle of
Family Support:*
Programs are embedded
in their communities
and contribute to
the community-
building process.

*"If it was not for the help of the staff
just talking to me I would not have
been ready to go back into the
workforce."*

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Family Community Advisory Councils,
St. Joseph's Children's Advocacy Center
and The Children's Home, Inc.*

SUCCESS STORY

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An Emotional Re-energizing

In 2006, Maria Molina received life-changing emotional and practical assistance at the Town 'N Country Family Support & Resource Center (FSRC).

The wife and mother of four came to the Center shortly after losing her son. In the midst of such traumatic loss, the Molina family's challenges were compounded by severe financial crisis. Maria obtained assistance from the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). The DCF employee referred her to the FSRC, where she could not only look for employment, but use the FSRC's copying services at no cost.

Maria appreciated all the help she received at the Center, but confided that she wasn't emotionally ready to re-enter the workforce.

Maria was grateful for the activities and the interaction with the friendly staff and appreciated the bonding with other families so much that she became a volunteer.

"People don't understand how difficult it is to lose a child," she says. Getting the right emotional help is crucial. In 2010, Peggy Martin, who works at the Town 'N Country Center, suggested she check out job opportunities at the Center's partner agencies. Maria filled out applications at the FSRC computer lab and was thrilled when she was hired, working part-time, as an event coordinator for the Children's Board of Hillsborough County. The Children's Board is the major funding agency for the FSRC.

Maria says she has received more than she has given, and she relishes the time she spends helping others at the Center.

*The FSRC partnership thanks Maria for her
determination and spirit of volunteerism.*

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