



**FAMILY SUPPORT &
RESOURCE CENTERS**
Happier...Healthier...Stronger!



*Principle of
Family Support:*
**Families are resources
to their own
members, to other
families, to programs,
and to communities.**



*The Family Support & Resource Centers are administered by
the Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County, Inc.
Managing partners include Bright Beginnings,
Catholic Charities, Child Abuse Council,
Family Community Advisory Councils,
St. Joseph's Children's Advocacy Center
and The Children's Home, Inc.*

SUCCESS STORY

April 2010

Mary's Journey

Family Community Advisory Councils (FCACs) exist at each Family Support & Resource Center (FSRC) to give community members the opportunity to discuss and bring attention to services or programs they feel are needed in the community.

As families work together for the betterment of their community through the councils, an environment fostering positive relationships is created. By way of relationship, Maria Riveros, FCAC Recorder, knew that FCAC member Mary Schumacher had long been searching for employment. At the time, Mary had been unemployed for two years. Following the November 2009 FCAC meeting, Maria told Mary about job opportunities with the Census Bureau. The FSRCs have partnered with the Census Bureau for the 2010 Census Drive. The Town 'N Country center's partnership consisted of having regularly scheduled Census Bureau personnel on site for job interviews and testing.

Mary applied and tested for available positions. Four months went by and Mary received no response about the Census Bureau position. Mary recounts, "I had given up hope [on working with the Census Bureau]."

In March 2010, Mary received her response. She began a temporary position with the Census Bureau as an Enumerator in April. Mary is so pleased with the resources and the environment fostered by the FSRCs that she arranged and accompanied her new co-workers on a center tour.

Mary is currently enrolled in college and working but she still finds time to volunteer at the center and be an active member of the FCAC.