



FAMILY SUPPORT &
RESOURCE CENTERS

Happier...Healthier...Stronger!



*Principle of
Family Support:*
Principles of family
support are modeled in
all program activities,
including planning,
governance, and
administration.



Children's Board
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Dreams Worth Growing

*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

Summer 2010

Sr. Wall

Mr. Wall would wait in the lobby during his son's tutoring sessions at the North Tampa Center that was until he agreed to participate in one of the Family Community Advisory Council meetings. Mr. Wall recalls, "Normally I'll just sit back and absorb before I jump in but people were receptive to my ideas, so I decided to come back." Mr. Wall soon became involved in other center activities as both a volunteer and a participant, in addition to serving on the Café committee.

Mr. Wall once owned an art gallery. During the economic turmoil of recent years, business at the gallery dwindled and he was forced to close. Mr. Wall worked freelance and cared for Wall Jr. after school. He cherishes the quality time with his son but in 2010 he was ready to search for more stable employment.

He believes he submitted 30-40 applications but there was never a call for an interview. One day, following a Community Café Committee meeting, Mr. Wall inquired about employment within the Resource Center project. He learned that a position was open at the Central Tampa Family Support & Resource Center, also a Hillsborough County Public Library. Mr. Wall immediately revised his resume, sought professional assistance to ensure that it was first-rate, and then he sent his resume to the Children's Board of Hillsborough County (*managing organization for the Central Tampa Family Support & Resource Center and funding organization for the project*). His five interviewers were impressed as Mr. Wall passionately shared his true appreciation and experience working with children and families. A week later, Mr. Wall accepted an offer to work for the Central Tampa Family Support & Resource Center!

"I just think that I was meant to work for the centers...and I'm really enjoying it." When asked about the affects of his family's involvement with the Family Support & Resource Centers he responded, "*It has enriched our lives greatly.*"

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