



**FAMILY SUPPORT &
RESOURCE CENTERS**

Happier...Healthier...Stronger!



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



**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

October 2010

A rich port...

Silvia and Arsenio Ramos came across the South County Family Support & Resource Center after a visit to the Joyce Ely Health Clinic. A peek through the glass revealed an inviting, family-friendly atmosphere. Edna Barahona welcomed the Ramos's and chatted about their shared homeland, Puerto Rico.

She explained about the Centers role in serving families to be happier, healthier and stronger with parent support groups, mobile health clinics, computer access and other neighborly activities taking place every month, all at no cost for the participants.

Their children, Brisaiby and Alexies, were good candidates for homework assistance and summer programs. Both parents were unemployed so they were interested in the job skill training services that used Center computers and faxes for sending resumes. As often happens, after several weeks, the Ramos family was invested in the Center. They became active volunteers, joining the Family Community Advisory Council (FCAC) and Silvia was appointed treasurer.

During vacation Brisaiby and Alexies gained tangible results and made many new friends at the summer program. Homework assistance was positive. Both children learned English. Their parents marvel at their motivation and improvement.

After much effort seeking work through the computer lab, Arsenio was hired as a custodian for the Hillsborough County School District.

Silvia and Arsenio have gained much from the FSRC; they delight in sharing their appreciation with other families. They believe helping others in the same way they were helped, is a way to thank all those who make the impact of the Resource Center possible!

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