

The Family Tree



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Family & Children's Service of Greater Lynn, Inc. has been helping families thrive since 1885. Our mission is to strengthen the life skills of families, children and individuals of all ages. This is accomplished through a range of preventive programs offered directly or in collaboration with other organizations in our community.

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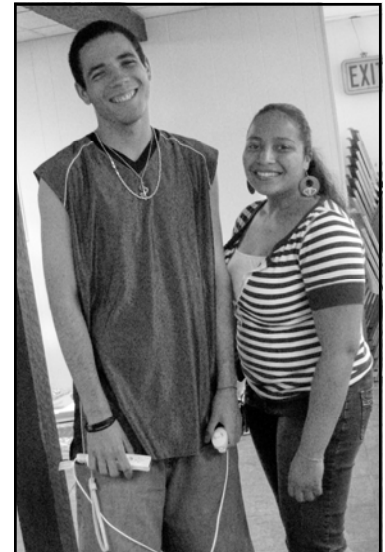
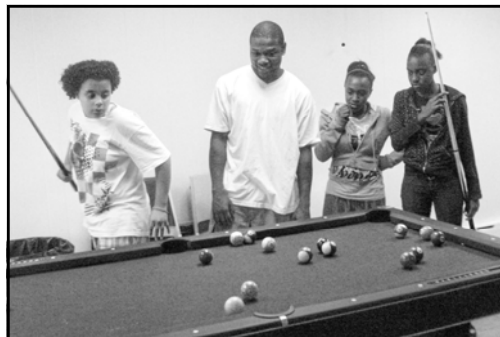
New!
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Youth Drop In at F&CS



Youth mentors Brian Sena and Samantha Sanchez staff the weekly youth drop in center.

Our Youth Drop In Center provides safe structured recreational and educational activities for youth age 11 to 14 under the supervision of F&CS staff, facilitated by volunteer peer mentors. The Center operates on the bottom floor of F&CS and features a Wii game system, a variety of board games, arts and crafts, science and robotics kits, as well as air hockey and a pool table. Weekly Drop In hours are Monday and Wednesdays from 3 to 6pm. This program is free for Lynn residents, but pre-registration is required. Call Katherine Litrocapes, LCSW, Program Coordinator at 781-598-5517 ext. 233 for more information or visit the Drop In to pick up a permission slip. This program is made possible through funding provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

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www.fcslynn.org



Marolí Licardié M. Ed.
Executive Director

A Message from our Executive Director

As summer winds down and families and children prepare to return to more structured days of school and work, it's the perfect time to remind parents of the programs and resources offered them at F&CS:

Our Family Resource Center

Hosts weekly drop in hours as well as a full calendar of events for families with children age 0 to 6

Our Youth Drop In Center

Provides supervised structured activities facilitated by adults and peer mentors, for youth age 11 to 14.

These programs provide parents with opportunities to nurture their child's development and encourage positive behavior, and are offered free of charge to Lynn residents. Visit our website at www.fcslynn.org for the Resource Center calendar or call 781-598-5517 to be placed on our mailing list.

F&CS 125th Anniversary

F&CS will celebrate 125 years of service to the Greater Lynn community with a series of events and activities in 2010.

More details coming soon!

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CASASTART Graduation

Our CASASTART Program was one of several throughout the state which recently lost funding due to state budget cuts. The program operated out of the Callahan School, and provided structured activities and case management services. The program ended on a high note, with a formal graduation celebration for 28 youth.

Pictured are our CASASTART graduates, posing with F&CS staff (top row): case managers Eddie Brito, Jenn O'Blenes and mentor Ernie Davis.



News and Events

FRC & LFN Turn 10



Marissa makes a t-shirt



Friends meet at the FRC!

F&CS and the Lynn Family Network (LFN) celebrated a decade of early childhood services in Lynn with birthday parties complete with cake and ice cream and the reunion of hundreds of families touched by the programs. The FRC opened in 1998 as a result of the vision and effort of now retired F&CS Executive Director Jo Ann Noyes, who secured a grant from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation to renovate basement space at F&CS. The Lynn Public Schools and the LFN became an integral partner in 1999. The FRC is a welcoming place that supports early literacy and healthy child development.



Marolí and Jo Ann cut the birthday cake

Join Us on the Lynn Commons for our 3rd Annual Family Fun Day!

**Thursday, September 24
Noon to 6:30pm**

This event is made possible through United Way's Community Care Day, which matches corporate volunteers with local nonprofits. The day features field games and family-friendly activities. Come join the fun!



United Way CEO Mike Durkin joins F&CS ED Marolí Licardié at our 2008 Family Fun Day



Growing Together

is a program for girls age 9-12 and their mothers or female adult role models, which deals with an often difficult and uncomfortable topic to tackle—**PUBERTY!**

This program is presented **FREE** by F&CS and Girls Incorporated of Lynn.

Next Group Meets in October

Saturday date TBA

9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Girls Inc.

Breakfast and Lunch will be served

Registration is required.

Call Lena at 781-592-9744 x 230



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Bored? Need something to do?
FREE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Ages 11-14

At the

Lynn Youth Drop-in Center

111 North Common Street, Lynn
(Side entrance on Harwood Street)



Mondays and Wednesdays 3-6 pm

Call 781-598-5517 or pick up a permission slip at the youth drop-in