Vehicles for Change 2.0

A publication regarding the evolution of quality Family Resource Centers

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In April 2000, the California Family Resource Center Learning Circle (Learning Circle) published Vehicles for Change. The Learning Circle was a diverse group of individuals including researchers, practitioners, policy-makers and funders. The group contributed experience and expertise to define family support as a model to prevent poor child and family outcomes by investing in the health and well-being of children, families and communities.

Vehicles for Change was a seminal document that described the characteristics and activities of quality family resource centers (FRC) and became a guide to both funders and practitioners.

Vehicles for Change 2.0 will tell the story of the evolution of Family Resource Centers (FRCs) since 2000. The publication will describe the factors that have contributed to the growth and development if FRCs and how these programs have expanded into other institutions including education, libraries, health centers and childcare centers. This publication will reflect what has been learned in the last fifteen years and provide a guide to the complex landscape of service provision, resident engagement and community development.

The opportunity to pause, reflect, and update Vehicles for Change will provide the field with new tools and resources now available to inform FRC practices. The publication will also act as a reminder that FRCs must remain anchored in a deep and rich history that remains committed to investing in the health and well-being of children, families and communities. The project includes planning, stakeholder engagement through focus groups and interviews, research, document development, editing and graphic design, distribution and rollout.

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