



## NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Family Resource Centers

#### **Brief Description of the Family Resource Center's site programming at Brennan-Rogers School, Hill Central School, Fair Haven School, Troup School and Wexler Grant School**

The four Family Resource Centers provide the following direct services: Early Care and Education Component, School-Age Child Care Component, After-School Program, Summer Vacation Program, Vacation Program, Positive Youth Development Component and Support and Training for Family Day Care Providers Component.

The Family Resource Centers:

- Support school and district improvement efforts that accelerate the closing of Connecticut's achievement gaps through school-community connections, including parent engagement, parent leadership and family literacy.
- Employ effective, coordinated practices that involve families in transitioning children to kindergarten between early care and education programs to elementary schools and home to school.
- Deliver early detection and well-child screenings for all children, birth to five that ensure regular check-ups, vision/hearing/dental screenings, immunizations and identification for possible developmental delays and health issues.
- Provide high quality, well-coordinated home visitation programs for at-risk families and their children from birth to age five, as part of a continuum of early childhood services.

The New Haven Family Resource Centers (FRC's) are an essential asset to the City of New Haven Board of Education. The FRC's staff are certified Parents as Teachers Parent Educators, they are qualified to conduct developmental assessments/screenings for children birth to five years old. Through the assessments, playgroup meetings and home visits, the Parent Educator prepares the children and their parents to enter Early Child Learning Centers/PreK. In addition to preparing the toddlers for Pre-K and the Pre-K for kindergarten, the FRC's are the key point for parent engagement throughout their respective schools. During the pandemic, the Family Resource Center staff assisted their principals and collaborated with the YFCE in every capacity in order to maintain the families and students informed on all the changes within the NHPS to provide the families and students the optimum support and guidance. They have contributed and collaborated with their school's principals and attendance team, in the effort to decrease chronic absenteeism.



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Although parents/families are not allowed in the school buildings due to COVID restrictions, the FRCs continue to keep families actively engaged (virtually) in a variety of services. Thus far, in the 2020-2021 school year, the New Haven FRCs have accomplished the following:

- **Forty-three** families participate in the Parents as Teachers Program. (The Parents as Teachers (PAT) promotes the optimal early development, learning and health of young children by supporting and engaging their parents and caregivers, promotes school readiness.
- **Fifty-two** virtual home visits have been conducted using the Parents as Teachers home visiting curriculum. The Site Coordinators provided wellness checks, family and student support and resource and referral services for food, health care, school supplies, diapers and clothing.
- **Twenty-seven** virtual playgroup meetings have been conducted for parents and children ages birth to five.
- **Twenty-seven** group connections have been conducted to provide early literacy and social-emotional development lessons and activities to support the parents in maintaining a positive and healthy daily routine with their child/ren- especially during the shutdown.
- **Sixty-five** pre-school students enrolled in the School Readiness and Head start Programs at their school. The site coordinators collaborate with and support the pre-k teachers by offering.
- **Two-hundred thirteen** adults and children participate in the Families in Training component, which consists of family literacy activities, educational and wellness workshops.
- **Seventy-three** students participate in the FRCs virtual before and/or after school programs.
- The FRCs have responded to over 850 calls or services relating to diaper distribution, adult sanitary products, food bank distribution, and school supplies and materials. Resource and referral services have greatly increased during the pandemic.

As of Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, there have been approximately **780** documented calls to the Parent Call Center which have been primarily manned by the FRC staff (with assistance from Title 1 Staff). The calls consisted primarily of the need for food. There were a few calls regarding Wi-Fi, computer issues, miscellaneous (clothing, insurance needed, tax letters, assistance with speech therapist etc.). All family and student needs identified through the Parent Call Center have been met.



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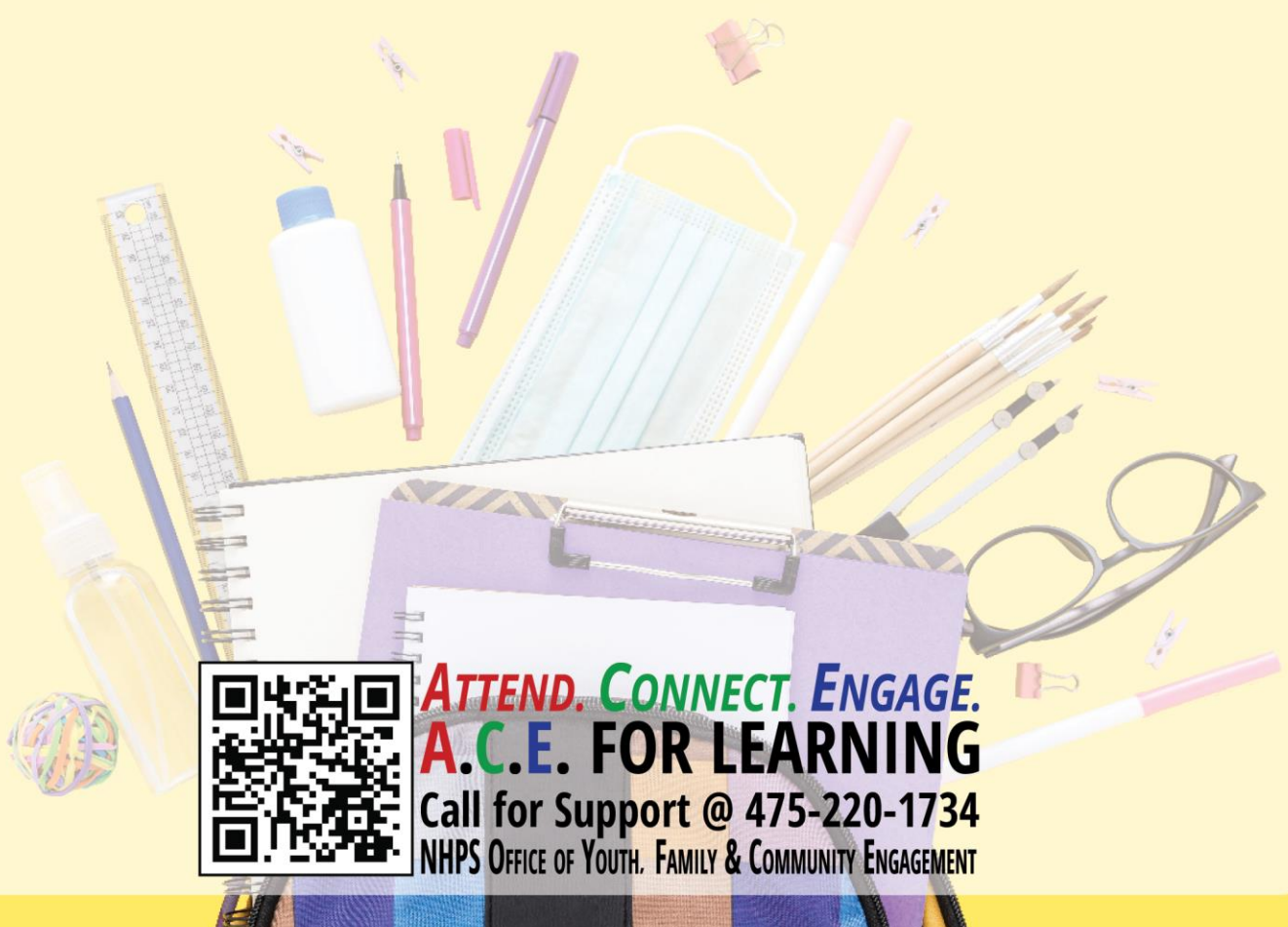
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