

Facts About FDC

FDC offers an 80-hour, community based, comprehensive skill building training for everyone who works with families.

FDC offers a 35-hour certified training for leaders to learn practical ways to build their organizational capacity in areas of empowerment based supervision, interagency collaboration, strength-based assessment, multicultural competence, and professional development.

In Connecticut alone, more than 3,200 participants have completed the FDC training program.

Participants who complete the 80-hour training, a skills based portfolio and pass the competency based exam are eligible for a FDC credential from the University of Connecticut School of Family Studies.

Participants who earn their FDC credential are eligible for 6 undergraduate college credits and continuing education units.

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Children's Trust Fund

Shifting the Focus



Connecticut Family Development Institute

A Program of the Children's Trust Fund and the University of Connecticut School of Family Studies

Building a Brighter Future

The Connecticut Family Development Institute offers the FDC program as an interagency initiative that provides family-serving agencies with the skills needed to help individuals and families attain healthy self-reliance and interdependence with their communities.

Vision

The Children's Trust Fund and the University of Connecticut envision a social service delivery system that empowers families to define and achieve their own goals.

Mission

Our mission is to support this vision by providing an accessible, community centered strength-based, family development training and credentialing program.

Value

The value of the FDC program is derived from the interactive, experiential learning and the completion of a comprehensive portfolio. A credential from the University of Connecticut School of Family Studies is obtained by completing the training program and passing a competency based exam. The Connecticut Family Development Credential is recognized throughout the state and by major family-serving agencies.

“The program was more of a mindset challenge than a procedural training, a refreshing change.”

- A Past FDC Participant

Why FDC?

- Builds lasting links to networks and resources within the community
- Establishes a cohesive workforce that values families and the community as intricate resources
- The comprehensive portfolio allows the participant to demonstrate how theory translates into practice
- Establishes mentor relationships
- Earning the Family Development Credential is an opportunity to be recognized by the state as a strength-based practitioner

“I have learned many skills that I am using to assist the families that I work with, but also for my own family.”

- A Past FDC Participant

“The class was the most thought provoking experience I have had in my lifetime.”

- A Past FDC Participant

Children's Trust Fund

The mission of the Children's Trust fund is to prevent child abuse and neglect in the state of Connecticut. The programs of the Trust Fund move theory into practice, apply research to program design and, when appropriate, change public policy.

University of Connecticut School of Family Studies

The University of Connecticut School of Family Studies issues the Family Development Credential and works with the Trust Fund to develop a body of research that supports the FDC training and implementation design.

