

Families First



Celebrating Client Successes

Together we can build resilient families so all children can thrive

"This is a success story that I am proud to share."
- Josue Quintanilla

This spring, we're celebrating a mom in our community who found stability through our Navigator services. Her story begins when she heard from a neighbor that a Families First Navigator was going around the neighborhood delivering diapers.

When Families First Navigator Josue Quintanilla connected with mom, we realized that she was in need of more services than just diapers. After completing an intake assessment, we learned that mom was taking care of a child with disabilities, unemployed, and had recently received an eviction notice.

We immediately started working to assist mom with rental assistance to help stop the eviction proceedings. Next, we connected her with additional community partners in her area to help meet her family's basic needs like groceries and household goods. Then, we helped her apply for Child Disability and SNAP benefits.

In a short time, mom and her children were doing a lot better! Today, she has moved into a better apartment, has been approved for Child Disability and SNAP benefits, and is receiving continued care from Families First and our community partners.

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Staff Training

Made Possible by AmeriHealth

This past January, AmeriHealth presented Families First with a \$24,890 award to cover costs for ongoing training and professional development for our Behavioral Health Counselors.

This generous funding will allow Families First to fund an array of clinical trainings for our staff, including Trauma-Informed Care, Crises De-escalation, First Aid and CPR, and more.

We are grateful to AmeriHealth for supporting Families First and funding top-of-the-line training for our staff. Our Behavioral Health Counselors are looking forward to partaking in this continuing education!



Included in the photo (top left to right): Dr. Edward Valentin, Director of Clinical Services, Families First; Shamekia Brown, Director Provider Network Management, AmeriHealth; (bottom left to right) Nicole St. Hilaire, Market Development Director, AmeriHealth; Paula Moody, CEO, Families First; Sakina Huffman, Behavioral Health Program Manager, Families First

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Where are they now?

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NEWEST SERVICE: Mobile Banking

Families First and PNC partnered this spring to provide the first mobile banking services in Atlanta.

Over the last few months, the PNC mobile bank has been providing services every other Thursday at Families First! In our front parking lot, clients have been able to access banking services like opening checking/savings accounts, loan information, financial education and advice, and more! In addition, the mobile bank is equipped with an ATM, providing easy account access for our clients.

Thank you to our partners at PNC for making this service possible for the families we serve!



Pictured: Paula Moody, CEO, Families First and the PNC Atlanta Mobile Banking Team

ReCAST Youth Encouragement Summit

This spring, Families First partnered in hosting the ReCAST Youth Encouragement Summit at Phoenix High School! The Families First "Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma" (ReCAST) services aim to assist high risk youth and families in the City of Lawrenceville, while promoting resiliency and equity among its residents.

The 2023 Youth Encouragement Summit included a mental health awareness session led by Families First, along with a career exploration session hosted by the Georgia Center for Opportunity, roundtable discussions with the Lawrenceville Police Department, panels, and more!

Students at Phoenix High School were able to engage with community leaders and resources as they looked toward their future. It was a wonderful day full of dynamic conversations, youth empowerment, and encouraging resilience in the next generation!





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CEO Paula Moody Accepted into the Harvard Business School Leadership Class

We are proud to announce that our very own CEO, Paula Moody, has been selected as a 2023 Social Enterprise Initiative Scholarship recipient for a Harvard Business School Program!

The Harvard Business School Club of Atlanta (HBSCA) awards winners of its Social Enterprise Initiative (SEI) Scholarships each year – granting local leaders access to executive education courses at Harvard Business School.

Selected alongside five other Atlanta nonprofit leaders, Paula will attend Harvard Business School courses this summer. The courses will provide tools to improve the effectiveness of one's organization by building an understanding of and applying core management concepts essential to leading a nonprofit organization.

Since its inception in 1997, the Club has awarded more than 100 outstanding nonprofit leaders in Georgia with the SEI Scholarship.



Join us in celebrating Paula for this prestigious award!