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## KRC's Family Connection Centers receive \$10,000 in Funding for Furnishings

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Thanks to a generous grant from the John's Island Foundation, the Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative (KRC) is able to furnish its Family Connection Centers in Fellsmere and Gifford.

When our offices reopen to the public, we now have children's furniture, computers, a copy machine, and the equipment necessary to help get children and their families ready for kindergarten! In the meantime, we are delivering Learning Kits and hosting virtual parent training sessions.



KRC's Family Connection Center in Fellsmere is located in the basement of the City Administration Building (the Old School House). This Center serves as a primary resource hub for children and families in the Fellsmere area, with lots of fun learning activities and connections to much needed community services. Partner agencies, such as the Mental



Health Collaborative, utilize the space to visit with clients, complete assistance applications, and much more. KRC shares the basement of this historic building with Literacy Services, creating a beautiful synergy between the two agencies. Together, we serve a large number of the families in Fellsmere who are aspiring to increase their own literacy levels, all while preparing their children for success in school and in life. KRC serves families who have young children ages birth to five and reside in Indian River County.

"The new computers and copy machine will allow us to help families complete online forms and applications necessary

for their children's education and assistance to meet the family's basic needs," says KRC's Child Development Specialist, Maria Pantoja

KRC's Family Connection Center in Gifford is located within Victory Park Apartments. The Indian River County Housing Authority generously provides the space for our Child Development Specialist to have an office where families engage in learning activities, attend support groups, take GED classes, get dental screenings, and learn about community resources. Literacy Services utilizes this space to offer GED classes and Sequel Care hosts group therapy sessions within this conveniently located office.

For more information about the Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative's work to help prepare children for kindergarten and its recent merger with The Learning Alliance, please visit our website: [www.krcirc.org](http://www.krcirc.org)

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