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Governor Beshear Proclaims FRYSC Week

Family Resource and Youth Services Centers Celebrate 20 Years of Service

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 15, 2011) – Governor Steve Beshear has proclaimed July 18-22 as Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSC) Week in the Commonwealth and congratulates all FRYSC staff on 20 years of exceptional service to Kentucky’s children and their families.

“FRYSCs have made a tremendous contribution of time and resources to Kentucky’s children to ensure academic success during the past two decades, and continue to do so today,” Gov. Beshear said. “FRYSCs staff sees their hard work and determination to help Kentucky children pay off in many ways, such as the satisfaction of seeing a child graduate who may not have without the intervention and assistance available through the program.”

From promoting literacy and math skills to helping with clothing and shelter, to brokering social services such as health care and family counseling, to organizing anti-bullying and drop-out prevention programs, FRYSC workers enrich the lives of students across the Commonwealth and ensure that the children who need the most assistance reach their academic potential.

FRYSC is housed in and administered by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS). There are 819 centers in 1,167 schools that encompass 98 percent of Kentucky’s eligible schools with a total student population of 619,541.

These school-based centers enhance students’ abilities to succeed in school by developing and sustaining collaborative partnerships that meet basic needs and promote early learning and successful transition into school; academic achievement and well-being; and graduation and transition into adult life

“I am very proud of the FRYSC employees who work so hard every day and have touched the lives more than 3.3 million children and their families during the past 20 years.” Gov. Beshear said. “I’m pleased to proclaim FRYSC Week as a way to acknowledge this vital Kentucky program that sets the bar for others nationally.”

CHFS Secretary Janie Miller said FRYSCs spotlight the home, school and community connections.

“FRYSC’s staff is known to go above and beyond to meet the needs of their students to improve the functionality of their families,” she said. “Now, the second generation of some families are being helped by their center’s unique blend of services and support.”

To further highlight this anniversary milestone, FRYSC and Yale University have partnered to mark Kentucky’s historic 20 years of unparalleled service throughout the U.S. to students and their families at the 2011 Victory Over Violence (VOV) Conference July 20-22, at the Galt House in Louisville.

Learn more about FRYSC and the 2011 VOV Conference online at

<http://chfs.ky.gov/dfrcvs/frysc/vov.htm>.