



Is your child:

- Having serious problems at home?
- Frequently absent, or having serious problems at school?
- Running away from home, or being exploited?

Family Resource Centers (FRCs) can help.

FRC services are voluntary, confidential, community-based, and tailored to meet your family's needs.

FRC services are convenient, with some programs available during evenings and weekends.



## The Wayside Story

Wayside's story began in 1977 when a group of citizens formed one of the first residences in New England for runaway and homeless youth- Harbinger House. As the need for alternatives to orphanages, reform schools, and psychiatric hospitals grew, Wayside responded by expanding to include an array of services which support youth and families in their communities.

Over the years, the Wayside network has incorporated a number of long-standing community organizations that share Wayside's commitment to helping the children and families in the region, complementing Wayside's overall spectrum of care.

Today, Wayside is one of Massachusetts' most respected child and family serving agencies.

Wayside is a non-profit, nationally accredited human service agency serving thousands of children, youth and families throughout Massachusetts.

### Wayside's mission is:

Empowering children, young adults and families to achieve greater independence and emotional well-being.

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Framingham- Middlesex County

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Offering parenting programs, support groups, assessment services, and information and referral resources.



*Building Strength, Hope & Resiliency*

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# Framingham Family Resource Center

## What is a Family Resource Center (FRC)?

Family Resource Centers (FRCs) help families and individuals resolve challenges, strengthen their bonds, connect to others, and engage in their communities. FRCs are located in each of the 14 Massachusetts counties.

## What does the Family Resource Center do?

FRCs offer parenting programs, support groups, information and referral resources, assessment services, early childhood services and education programs for families whose children range in age from birth to 18 years old.

FRCs also have specific services for families with children who may be frequently absent or have serious problems at school, have serious problems at home, have run away from home, or are being exploited.

FRCs work with parents, children, teens, grandparents, guardians, caregivers, or any other family member or member of the community who may be involved with the family.

FRC staff will assess the needs of the family members, recommend FRC services, and help with access to other community services if needed.

## How can we Help?

Families come to the FRC for many reasons. The goal of the FRC is to connect those looking for help to the appropriate services whether within the FRC itself, Wayside, or other places in the community.

FRC staff can help families find resources regarding:

- Housing Support
- Utility Assistance
- Legal Help
- Summer Camps, Sports Leagues, and more!

Children and families who need additional supports or are at risk of court involvement can be assessed by FRC clinicians and develop a Family Support Plan to address the child's needs.

The FRC hosts and facilitates groups and events to strengthen families by giving them the tools they need through education and engagement.



## How to connect to the FRC:

### Visit our website:

[www.waysideyouth.org/FamilyResourceCenter](http://www.waysideyouth.org/FamilyResourceCenter)

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**Main entrance on Henry St. parking and handicapped access on Lincoln St.**

*Walk-ins welcome. Please call or visit our website for updated hours or to make an appointment.*

