

# FRCSCV earns state Teach-a-thon award

Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley was recently recognized for training the highest number of adults in child abuse and neglect prevention statewide during the month of April as part of the Supporting Families Together Association's annual Small Change Makes a BIG Difference Teach-a-Thon.

Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA) is Wisconsin's statewide member association for organizations and individuals committed to making every early childhood a great one. Core membership consists of Wisconsin's Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs) and Family Resource Centers (FRCs).

"Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley maintains membership to SFTA because it is a natural partnership with common goals," said Executive Director Patty Draxler. "Together, we envision an environment in which all children have the opportunity to reach their highest potential and all adults understand their role and responsibilities to children. This award represents a tremendous effort on the part of our staff - I want to commend them all for their wonderful efforts in connecting with parents. This kind of effort benefits all our communities."

The Small Change Makes a BIG Difference Teach-a-Thon is held during the month of April to coincide with National Child Abuse Prevention month. Trainings within the Teach-a-Thon are specifically targeted to support parents, child care providers, and community members



Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley's Betsy Byker, Julia Kannel, Robbyn Bowman, Marla Butler, Sky Holt, Jalena Ziemba, Keri Fitts Kristin Thompson helped the organization earn a statewide award. (Not pictured: Patty Draxler and Susan Hodnefield.)

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in preventing child abuse and neglect. Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley provides child abuse prevention education on a year-round basis and has done special presentations during National Child Abuse Prevention month in past years; however, this was the agency's first time participating in the SFTA Teach-a-Thon. Staff provided training to 334 individuals across the St. Croix Valley; in all, more than 2600 adults were trained statewide as part of the initiative.

Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded

in 1998 with a mission to strengthen children, families, and communities by offering education, resources, and support. All programs are available at no cost to any family with children ages prenatal to school entry in Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix counties. Approximately 2,000 individuals participate in programming annually.

Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley is a funded partner of United Way St. Croix Valley and a Success By 6 vendor. For more information, visit [www.frcscv.org](http://www.frcscv.org) or call 715-684-4440.