



Summer of Success: Thriving Together



Eric Gaboriault, COO

Since becoming Chief Operating Officer of CFP last year, I've had the privilege of overseeing both our MA and RI programs. **Your support has been instrumental in enabling us to recognize and adapt to the needs of the populations we serve.** Our achievements are deeply rooted in the steadfast support of our donors and community partners. Your contributions enable us to continue our vital work and drive our innovative programs forward. We couldn't do it without you.

Looking ahead, we anticipate significant growth in the programming and services we provide. We touch the lives of approximately 400 youth in foster care on a daily basis in MA and RI. We wouldn't be able to achieve this impact without dedicated community partners and generous donors like you.

Read on to learn more about what our staff, youth, and families have been up to over the past few months. If you haven't done so already, please visit our [Facebook page](#) to congratulate my friend and colleague, our CEO Craig Gordon, on reaching 45 years as a CFP staff member this month!

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of almost 2000 youth and families each year.

You Can Ride with Team CFP



On September 21, Team CFP will once again be participating in the Rodman Ride for Kids, an annual bike ride that raises funds for 40+ youth-focused nonprofits. [Click here](#) to visit our team page, where you'll see two important green buttons: Join Our Team and Support Us.

We're aiming for at least 10 riders to join us at the event, but if you can't make it, we would still love your support as a virtual team member and fundraiser. Of course, if biking or fundraising isn't for you, a donation to our team will still have an impact on the youth and families we serve each year.

Questions about participating? Contact our team captain, [Eric](#).

If you'd like to learn more about sponsoring Team CFP, contact [Eve](#).

Rhode Island's First Youth Summit



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We're still reflecting on the wonderful time we had at Rhode Island's first youth summit for 16-20 year-olds with lived experience in the RI foster care system on July 17 at Rhode Island College! This day wouldn't have happened without the State's support and the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF). And a big thank you to all our sponsors: AAFCPAs, 91 Eleven Property Group, Rhode Island Coalition for Children and Families eHana, and to our volunteers from UnitedHealthcare, the Rhode Island Office of the Child Advocate, the Governor's Workforce Board, Stoneblossom Floral & Event Design, and the Rhode Island Self-Defense Center - **YOU made this all possible!** Lastly, former NFL player and motivational speaker, Gaelin Elmore, inspired our youth with his powerful keynote. As a fellow foster care alum, his message resonated deeply.

Congratulations to the SPEAK Youth Advisory Board and our Youth Development Services team. You helped orchestrate this memorable day – your hard work paid off!

Thank you
to our generous sponsors:



Our Newest Partners



Community support is essential to our mission of providing exceptional care for youth and families. We're thrilled to announce that Dedham Savings Bank and HarborOne have generously awarded CFP grants. These funds will enhance our Massachusetts Residential Programs with new furniture and sensory items, and support families participating in our Family Care Community Partnerships program, (FCCP) in Rhode

Island. We're also grateful to Navigant Bank for their recent support. Their financial literacy training has equipped our staff to better prepare the youth in our care for financial independence.

These partnerships not only provide crucial financial support but also enhance the services we offer, ensuring that our clients receive comprehensive care and support. **Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient community.**

If you are interested in learning more about how your company can support youth and families involved in the Massachusetts and Rhode Island foster care systems, please email Eve Rabinowitz at erabinowitz@c4p.org.

Claudia Andrade's Well-Deserved Recognition

We are thrilled to announce that Claudia Andrade, CFP's Area Lead Director at the Harbor Lead Area Office for almost 10 years, was recently recognized as the 2024 Children's Mental Health Hero Award Winner by the Harbor Lead Area Office. Claudia is renowned for her kindness, dedication, and resolute support for the families she works with. Her warm smile and compassionate nature make her a comforting presence for everyone around her.



Claudia's commitment to our mission and her incredible advocacy for families have made her an invaluable member of our Family Networks team. We are immensely proud to have her with us. Here are some heartfelt thoughts from her colleagues:

"Claudia is an incredible advocate for our families and has wonderful working relationships with many CFC providers and programs. We are so lucky to have such a fierce leader."

"Claudia is very kid-driven, accommodating, and patient! We are very fortunate to have her."

Tee Up for Foster Care Will Be Back Next Year!



We proudly hosted our first annual fundraiser, Tee Up for Foster Care, at Topgolf in Canton this May, in honor of Foster Care Awareness Month. This year, we focused on older adolescents in foster care, a group that CFP supports through several extended services programs.

The skies cleared up just in time for the sunset to provide a stunning backdrop as our guests drove balls into the range. With signature Tito's drinks in hand, attendees enjoyed a BBQ dinner while learning about Foster Care and CFP. We sold out the event and raised over \$23,000, but most importantly, we spent an evening mingling with our community partners, forging new relationships, and generating awareness about the Foster Care systems in MA and RI.



A huge THANK YOU to our featured Sponsors: Shaw's/Star Market, Dedham Savings, Tito's Handmade Vodka, AAFCPAs, RI Realty Management, Marcum LLP, and Needham Savings Bank. This evening's success was made possible thanks to the invaluable support of our community partners, family and friends. **Save the date: we'll be back at Topgolf, Canton for our 2nd annual Tee Up for Foster Care on Thursday, May 15, 2025. We hope you'll join us!**

CFP Names a New Chairman of the Board

Our July Board Meeting marked the end of an era for CFP as our long-time Chairman of the Board, Boyce Slayman, stepped down from his position. Boyce has been a cornerstone of CFP for 27 years, serving in various capacities with unwavering support and informed guidance. During our most challenging times, he remained steadfast, leading CFP through troubled waters with resilience and dedication.

We are pleased to announce that David Dubinsky will be succeeding Boyce as Chairman. David, a lawyer specializing in estate planning, has been a valuable member of the CFP board for the past 7 years and has served as the Development Committee Chair. Additionally, Kelly Hynes McDermott of Hynes Communications, has been named Vice Chair of the board. Kelly has proudly served on CFP's board for 4 years and has been integral to our marketing and development efforts.

We are excited to embark on this new chapter under the leadership of David and Kelly, and remain confident that their expertise and commitment will continue to drive CFP forward.



Above: Boyce Slayman and David Dubinsky, Below: Kelly Hynes McDermott and David Dubinsky



Looking for ways to make a huge impact in 2024?



Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of at-risk children and families. Let's continue to work towards our vision of a world where every child has a permanent, loving family and every family has the support they need. Communities for People is committed to being a thought leader in developing innovative service models, and with your support, we can make this vision a reality. Join us in our mission to foster hope and enable families to flourish as contributing members of the community.

Here's how you can make a difference:

- **Join our Amazing Team** of caring professionals. We have a variety of positions available with excellent benefits. Check out a full listing of positions [here](#).
- **Become a Foster Parent** and impact the life of a youth waiting for a home. CFP Foster Parents are changing lives on a daily basis. Our experienced, dedicated staff works with every foster family to provide supports every step of the way. You won't be alone; we are in it with you! Learn more [here](#).
- **Volunteer** your time and talent to make a difference in a youth's life. Communities for People has several opportunities available for you to help coach, partner with or mentor a youth. We also offer a variety of programs and events that can always use an extra set of hands. [We'd love to have you join us!](#)
- **Donate** Your donation makes a difference in the lives of nearly 2000 youth and families who are in our care in both MA and RI each year. You can show your support through a corporate sponsorship, in-kind donations, a direct donation and more. [No donation is too small, it all adds up and makes a great impact. Make a donation today.](#)