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### **Dennis Abboud Named As One of Crain's Chicago Business 2021 Notable Nonprofit Board Leaders**

Dennis Abboud, the Chairperson of Family Focus' Board of Directors, is being recognized by Crain's Chicago Business magazine as one of Crain's *2021 Notable Nonprofit Board Leaders*. Nonprofit leaders for inclusion in this recognition had to be nominated for consideration by the publication's editorial team, who selected those to be featured in 2021. Board leaders selected have advanced the cause of a nonprofit organization, contributed to organizational success significantly, assisted in fundraising in a meaningful way, served as a board member mentor and raised the organization's profile in the community. Dennis Abboud is the President, CEO and Chairman of ReaderLink, LLC.

"This a great testament to Dennis' vigorous leadership." said Dara Munson, President and CEO of Family Focus. "His personal passion for providing essential family support for participants is impacting lives throughout Chicago and NE Illinois."

Dennis led the board through the 2021 merger of Family Focus and Chicago Child Care Society, creating an organization with 214 years of combined early childhood development expertise, 378 employees, a \$25.6 million-dollar operating budget, and 11 service locations throughout Chicago and NE Illinois. The merger solidified Family Focus' ability to more effectively deliver high quality services and reaffirmed its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion to support families of all sizes, races, and sexual orientations as a new organization more effectively.

Family Focus invests in strengthening families and their children in Chicago and NE Illinois so they build social capital and achieve upward economic mobility through high-quality innovative programs and services, grounded in anti-racism and social justice. Programs include early childhood development, youth development and family support services. For more information on Family Focus, visit [www.family-focus.org](http://www.family-focus.org)

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Crain's Chicago Business magazine is the top source of news, analysis, and information on business in metropolitan Chicago for decision-makers in the private and public sectors. The 2021 Notable Nonprofit Board Leaders list will be published in Crain's Chicago Business both in print and digitally on October 11.

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