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Grupo Nexos is leading initiatives to transform the well-being of our most vulnerable communities. In this edition of Nexo Directo, we highlight the significant progress of ComPASS Puerto Rico and the recent approval of the Families First Prevention Services Plan. Additionally, we detail two efforts related to this historic transformation of the family welfare system.

ComPASS Puerto Rico Progress

The ComPASS Puerto Rico website is now available, showcasing details of this research initiative that will promote structural changes to address poverty and its effects on public health. The new digital platform also includes a tools section to facilitate collaborative work among project participants and the general community. We invite you to explore the page at

www.compasspr.org.



Families First Prevention Plan

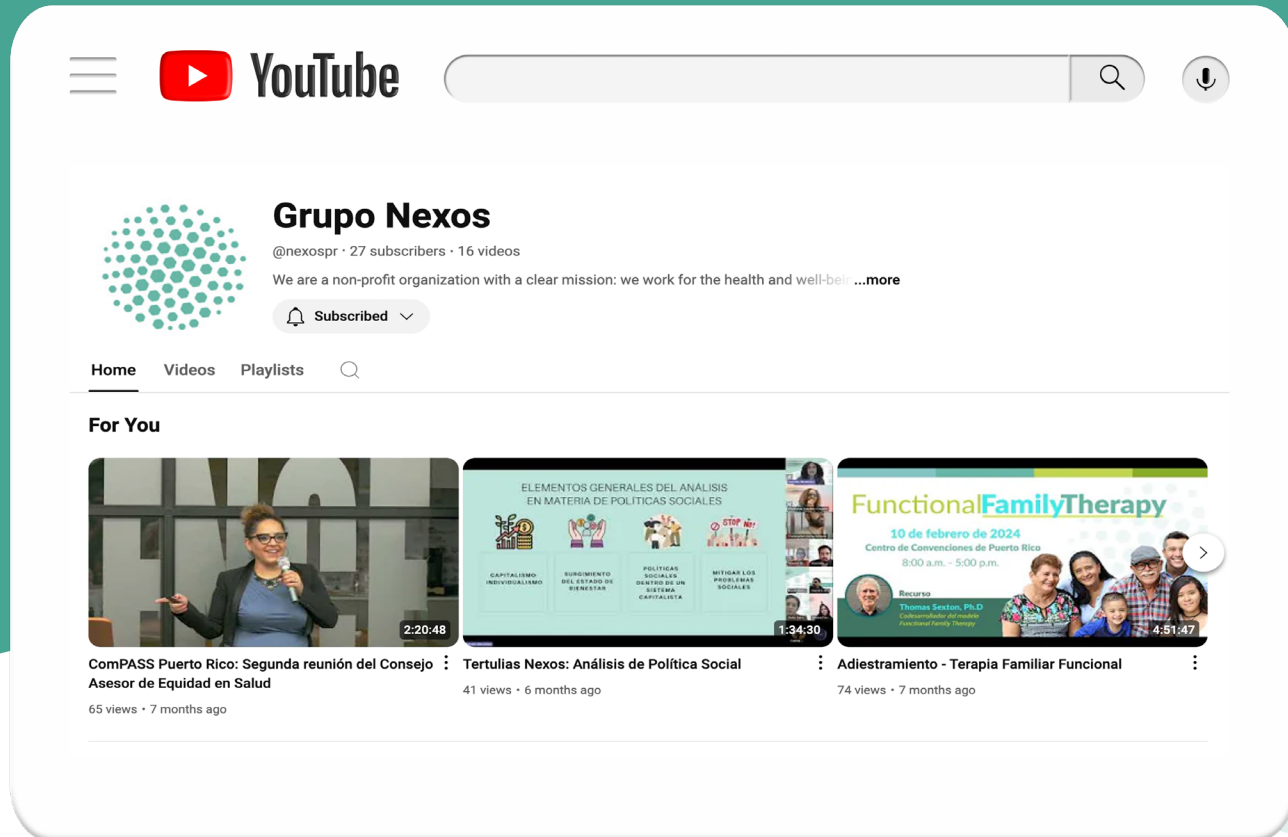
Puerto Rico became the first U.S. territory to receive federal approval for the Families First Prevention Plan. This state plan will allow Puerto Rico to recover funds and allocate resources for capacity building and providing services in key prevention areas such as mental health, substance abuse, parenting skills, and kinship support. With the plan's approval, we continue training personnel from the Administration for Families and Children (ADFAN), government agencies, and community organizations that provide services to the community.



Kinship

Support Program

As part of the plan's implementation, we are also developing the Kinship Support Program, which will provide caregivers with support to meet the basic, physical, emotional, and financial needs of the children under their care. Visit our YouTube channel and search for Tertulias Nexos, where we discuss the program's details.



Problem-Based Learning Simulations

Additionally, the oversight component of Families First Puerto Rico has been conducting capacity building sessions using the FORECAST curriculum (Foundations for Outreach Through Experiential Child Advocacy Studies Training). This problem-based learning curriculum aims to improve retention rates and enhance the competencies of professionals who provide services to children and families. To be part of this learning community, you can contact us at familiesfirstprsupervision@nexospr.org.

