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# Fremont County Family Center

**Vision**

Partnering with individuals, families and the community enriching lives...realizing dreams.

**1977**  
 Established

Serving  
**Fremont, Chaffee,  
 Custer Counties**

**55**  
 Staff

**Mission**

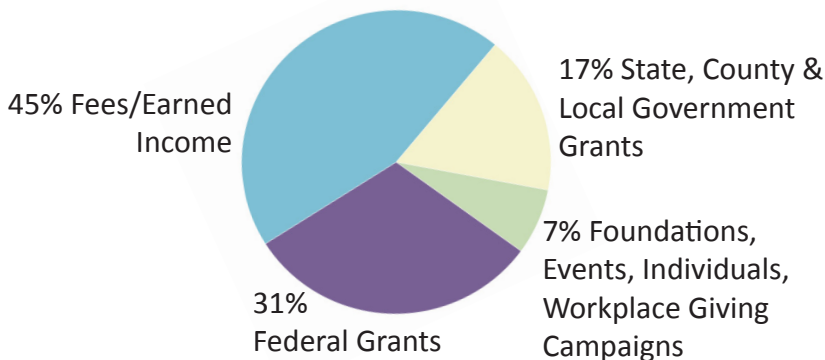
Starpoint provides essential services to two vulnerable populations: children and their families – and adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD).

**\$2,498,000**  
 2017-2018 Budget

**700**  
 families served annually

Community  
 Centered Board  
 Org structure

## Types of Funding



## Key Programs

- 1st Steps
- Early Head Start
- Early Intervention
- Fremont County Family Center
- Home Visitation
- Parents as Teachers
- SPIN Early Care & Education Centers

**Serving Our Community**

The Fremont County Family Center, a program of Starpoint Children's Services has provided family strengthening services and early care and education programs to Fremont County families for four decades. Families have a choice to voluntarily participate in one of three enhanced home visitation programs and/or childcare and preschool at two accredited sites. The Fremont County Family Center is located in Fremont County in south central Colorado.

Starpoint Children's Services continually provide evidenced based curricula to support enhanced home visitation. Parents as Teachers is the foundation for our work in home with families and for center based group connections. Home visitation staff meet regularly with an infant/toddler mental health specialist for supervision and reflection in a group setting. This model of enhanced home visitation supports the caregiver who in turn is able to better support and partner with the family, a proven strategy for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Starpoint's Early Childhood programs are inclusive of Fremont County children pre-natal to school-age, with targeted emphasis on serving families with children who live in circumstances that place them at risk for school success. Utilizing a two generation approach First Steps offers family strengthening services by providing information on child development, social & emotional consultation, partnering with families in identifying and accessing resources and concrete supports, as well as identifying social connections.



Highlights

Starpoint celebrated 40 years of service to families and consumers as Fremont County's Community Centered Board. In 2018 SPIN Early Care and Education will also celebrate 40 years of providing high quality programs to our youngest citizens. Other highlights of the year included piloting Parents as Teachers Safe Care at Home (PATSch) with Georgia State University, year three as a Colorado Community Response Program, a two county collaborative on the LAUNCH Together Grant, continued provision of the Energy Outreach Colorado assistance program, 25 years as a Parents as Teacher program with our original home visitor continually on staff. Along with Fairy Tale Night to promote literacy in the spring and Fall Festival to celebrate imagination and fun, 2017 also marked the beginning implementation of Science Technology Engineering Art & Math (STEAM) programs into Children's Services. During 2017 the Early Head Start Toy Van program was retired as the van is retooled to provide consumable STEAM activities to families in their homes. 2018 will mark our inaugural STEAM Fair, a new outreach event for young children.



*In the words of a home visitor:*

I am often amazed by the unbelievable resilience of some families despite the multitude of hurdles they face. Their ability to pick themselves up every time they are faced with another obstacle, and to want to do it on their own, makes me believe that they will not only survive, but will be successful in their pursuits.

One such family is a very young couple whose two year old son died from a serious medical condition just two weeks before I enrolled them. Left with a 9 month old daughter, and unfathomable grief, the loss of income from their son's SS Disability payments, the loss of dad's income because his grief was too great to deal with, and their inability to pay their bills, were just a few of the problems they faced when they enrolled. Yet, over the first three months enrolled in the program, they connected to mental health counseling, grief counseling, the dad was connecting to college courses, and mom was able to find a part time job. Mom worked out an arrangement with the landlord for their rent and utilities and would be making monthly payment for the amount in arrears. Dad decided he would take care of the baby and would take online classes and they utilized other family and friend resources to help with the car repairs and transportation issues. Mom told me they felt so much better knowing that they did all this without financial assistance. By the time they exited the program, they felt stable and strengthened.

Family Success Story



How You Can Help

We welcome your support of our programs through online gifts to our Starpoint Foundation.

