



# Huerfano/Las Animas Family Resource Center

## Vision

To establish resources and opportunities to meet the needs of children, youth and their families; To create innovative, family driven, and culturally sensitive solutions to the challenges confronting child development in our community; To create an environment where children and youth grow up learning respect for themselves, their families, neighbors and community.

## Mission

The Huerfano/Las Animas Family Resource Center is committed to helping identify and eliminate as many barriers as possible that put children, youth and their families at risk of not reaching their greatest potential.

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Established

Serving  
Huerfano, Las Animas Counties

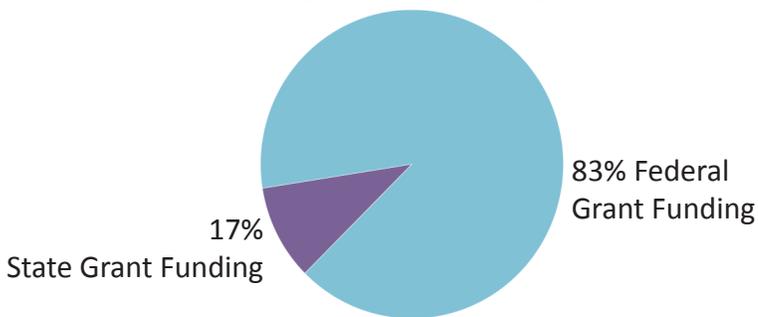
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Staff

\$475,000  
2017-2018 Budget

500  
families served annually

Government  
Org structure

## Types of Funding



## Key Programs

- Collaborative Management Program (CMP)
- Community Playgroup for children ages 0 - 5
- Family Engagement and Permanency Roundtable Meetings
- Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF)
- System of Care/COACT program

## Serving Our Community

Everyone needs help now and then. It might be a financial struggle, troubled relationship, family member struggling with addiction or a problem with a child. Maybe it's a special needs child who needs support. Our trained staff has someone to listen and help. We are people that can simply meet other people wherever they happen to be in life.

Our Center is unique because of programs that allow us to reach and nurture and uplift the human being behind the struggles. We can be at a person's side as they deal with harsh realities and learn how to access resources and overcome the obstacles in their lives. Our Center is also the place to come for enriching an already full life, making community connections, and implementing improvements for our neighborhoods.

Reaching out can be scary. Change can be scary. We have a commitment to diversity and inclusivity no matter what the circumstances. Our staff will help find new and creative solutions to problems and help children, youth and families reach their greatest potential.



Highlights

Being a part of people changing their lives and reaching their goals is always a measurement of success for our Center. Sometimes it is seeing the connection of young mothers and children at Playgroup. Other times it is finding a job that is a perfect fit for a particular skill set with just the right hours that allows a parent to coordinate with daycare. It is helping someone attain financial stability after years in poverty. It is the "Ah ha" moment in a family support meeting when a mother understands how to better connect with her children. Success is also being a trusted, safe person that allows a client to call and vent their frustration. It's the empathy and compassion that allows that same client to call to tell you their good news. Success is always a hug because that means you've made a human connection. Sometimes the successes are daily. Other times it's much longer. We take pride in knowing that we always make a difference for our clients.



Family Success Story

A family of four found their way to our Center last year. Mom, dad and two children ages 2 and 3 ½ were definitely road weary. On their way to Arizona, they ran out of gas in Walsenburg. Dad had lost his job in Wisconsin, and they were trying to rejoin family in Arizona, but their limited resources got them as far as our Center. They wanted a gas voucher to continue their journey, but upon assessment, we realized they needed more than just fuel.

Our Family Services Coordinator was able to connect them with more family so some much needed car repairs could be completed. Our local food bank offered up a food box, some new clothes and diapers for the children. In addition, we provided them with a list of resources to connect them to along the way as well as some additional resources in their Arizona destination.

We waved farewell knowing that we made a positive impact on this family.



How You Can Help

Donations of gently used baby items gladly accepted.

