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La Plata Family Centers Coalition

Vision

Creating stronger communities by building stronger families.

Mission

Through education, resource networking and positive relationship building, we form respectful, productive family partnerships that create thriving, empowered individuals who are self-reliant and who envision a hopeful future for themselves, their families and their communities.

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Established

Serving
La Plata & Archuleta
Counties

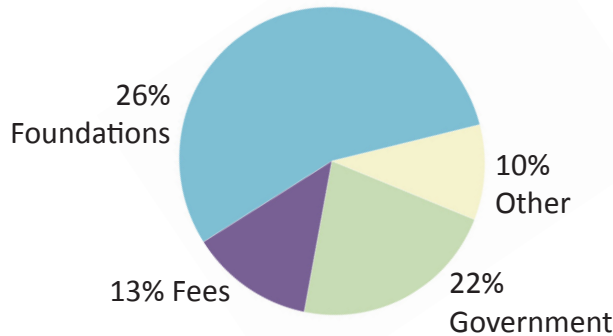
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Staff

\$899,594
2017-2018 Budget

925
families served annually

501(c)3
Org structure

Types of Funding



Key Programs

- Afterschool and Summer Enrichment Programs
- Early Childhood and Parenting Education
- Family Support Services

Serving Our Community

La Plata Family Centers Coalition serves families in rural communities in SW Colorado, including La Plata and Archuleta counties. We believe in the two-generational approach by empowering parents to foster positive, healthy relationships with their children by actively participating in group connections, goal setting, financial coaching, behavioral change, and other needed services to achieve self-reliance. These supports build nurturing environments for children so they can thrive and family strengthening breaks the cycle of multigenerational disparities.

Children who are given a safe and engaging space while their parents work do better in school and at home. Afterschool and Summer Enrichment programs offer low-cost after school and summer child care and includes evidence-based activities, tutoring, and homework assistance.

Families often come to us in crisis to address food insecurity, stress in raising children, a need for safety, and direction. Family Support Services can help by providing emergency services, enrollment in health coverage, strengthening parenting skills, diversion programs to prevent state intervention in Child Protection Services, and resource and community referrals.

Raising children is hard work. It can be even harder when there are other barriers such as lack of education, poverty and other stressors in the parent's life. Our Early Education program enhances a parent's knowledge and resilience by offering direct services to strengthen families.

It is exciting to engage new families in our programs as current families gain confidence to meet goals, improve their economic self-sufficiency, and social connections. To uphold our long term commitments to families, we are also accountable to our community partners so we can build a positive legacy together.

Highlights

- Providing families in the Pine River Valley peace of mind that their children are receiving high quality after school, delayed start and summer programming that increases healthy attitudes and behaviors for participants.
- Participation in the Harvard University Frontiers of Innovation research project to study and learn about positive methods of engaging center participants in family development work.
- Innovative outreach methods including new ways of distributing back-to-school supplies that has increased enrollment in Family Support Service programs that in turn has enabled families to prioritize their goals and work towards economic self-sufficiency and family thriving.
- Partnership with Archuleta and La Plata County Departments of Human Services, Axis Health System, San Juan Basin Public Health, Mercy Regional Medical Center and area insurance brokers to ensure all Archuleta and La Plata County residents have access to a well-trained network of assistors to provide health coverage application assistance to decrease the number of uninsured families in both counties.
- Partnership with Archuleta Department of Human Services to provide Family Support and Colorado Community Response programming in Archuleta County.



Family Success Story

A father of two unexpectedly found himself a single dad and came to the center for assistance when he received a disconnect notice for utilities, needed childcare and was facing eviction. Family Support Service Advocates helped this hard working father get back on the path to economic security by providing application assistance and referrals to partner organizations. He accessed assistance with his utility bills, rent, and quality, affordable childcare that enables him to work. By partnering with an Advocate, the father was able to more effectively navigate multiple community resources to help him reach economic self-sufficiency.

Starting a new life, in a new community was difficult for a mother of two fleeing domestic violence. In partnership with her Colorado Community Support Advocate, she determined that housing and savings were her family's priority goals. With resource assistance, she made a down payment on a home and opened a savings account. She has also successfully accessed referrals such as parenting classes, the food bank, and emergency funding through a community-based group of agencies. She reflects what a blessing the CCR referral has been to her family's future.



How You Can Help

- New Board Members
- Volunteers
- Diapers
- Donations

