

Rural Communities RC: 204 S Main St, Yuma, CO 80759 | 970-848-3867 | www.rcrcenter.info
Washington County Connections: 252 W 1st St, Akron, CO 80720 | 970-345-2225 | www.rcrcenter.info

Rural Communities RC/Washington County Connections

Mission

The Rural Communities Resource Center is a grassroots, nonprofit organization in Northeast Colorado. The Resource Center provides advocacy, education, and support to create systems change and develop programs that promote the physical, emotional and economic health of the area.

1984
Established

Serving
Yuma and Washington
Counties-Northeast
Region

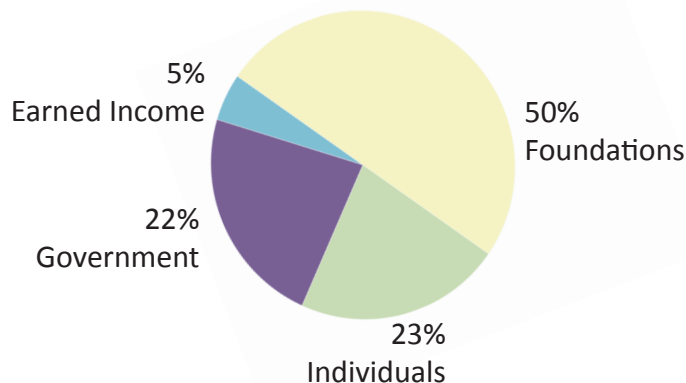
8
Staff

\$587,923
2017-2018 Budget

1197
families served annually

501(c)3
Org structure

Types of Funding

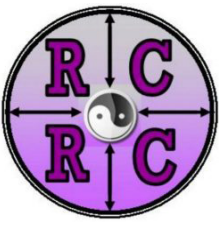


Key Programs

- Health Equity Learning Series
- Healthy Snacks Program (in three school districts)
- Incredible Years
- Lending Library
- Monthly literacy activities
- Nurturing Fathers
- Oral Health Program

Serving Our Community

Rural Communities Resource Center is located in Yuma, Colorado and is the main Family Resource Center office. Washington County Connections is located in Akron, Colorado and is a hub of the family resource center to the Yuma office. Both offices serve very large communities and counties. We serve 9 school districts and a population approximately 12,500. Strengthening Families, Quality Standards and Motivational Interviewing are key trainings and models when serving the community and clients.



Highlights

Some highlights from both centers: trained advocates in parenting programs, and 100% staff trained in Motivational Interviewing, Quality Standards, and Strengthening Families, local schools in area were awarded the Healthy Schools Champion award in 2017 per our work in the schools with the snack program, continually providing the Food Bank of the Rockies in both counties with wonderful volunteers, monthly literacy activities with 9 preschools and 8 childcare providers in both counties each child receiving a new book from their home library, dental program in all county school districts and in Yuma office monthly to adults and children, providing Cooking Matters classes, partnerships with: Department Human Services, Northeast Colorado Health Department, Baby Bear Hugs, Early Childhood Council, Centennial Mental Health, Local School Districts, Town Chamber, County Commissioners.



How You Can Help

- Non-perishable food items
- Volunteers - monthly mobile food pantry
- Volunteers - healthy snack programs in the schools, mittens or gloves
- monetary donations

Family Success Story



A family came to us in 2010 seeking assistance for utility, rental, food and budgeting assistance. We were able to provide assistance and make the necessary referrals. Not long after we were brought the Getting Ahead Program for families. I was the facilitator and had a couple different groups of 4-5 participants engaged. Penny was one of those participants.

Since completing the Getting Ahead Program Penny has put herself through Massage Therapy school and is working her own hours. She is also involved in her local school, and local non-profit fund raising events. Their need for assistance has decreased 100% and she most recently reached out about providing massages for the staff as a way to give back."

