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West End Family Link Center

Vision

To build stronger, healthier families and individuals in the West End of Montrose and San Miguel counties.

Mission

West End Family Link Center's mission is to empower the people of the west end of Montrose and San Miguel Counties by providing low-to-no-cost supportive services. These services include: referrals; education toward self-management; evidence-based programs (parenting and nutrition classes); emergency assistance services, such as heating assistance and food bank; and other resources when available.

1992
Established

Serving
West End of
Montrose and San
Miguel Counties

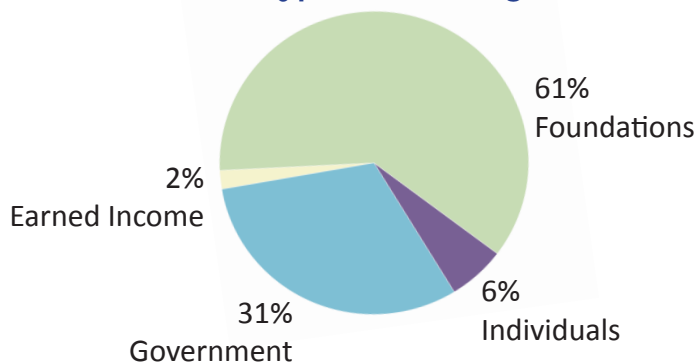
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Staff

\$161,347
2017-2018 Budget

225
families served annually

501(c)3
Org structure

Types of Funding



Key Programs

- Basic/Emergency Needs
- Bright by Three
- CATCH
- Early Childhood Education
- Exploring Foods
- Family Support
- Home Visitation
- Nurturing Parents
- Toy Totes

Serving Our Community

The West End Family Link Center serves a frontier area of 2,069 square miles, which includes the west ends of Montrose and San Miguel Counties both physically and financially isolated from the eastern portion of both counties. From our office it is at least 90 minutes to a two-hour drive each way to hospitals, medical/dental specialists, shopping centers, airports, entertainment, Colorado driver license/identification services, etc.

We provide many emergency and family development services including referrals to its clients. Our purpose is improving the quality of life and well-being for all children, youth, seniors, individuals and families of our area. With a population of almost 1,900 people, 25% are under the age of 18, and 20% over 65; with approximately 70% of children receiving reduced to no cost lunch at school, many of these vulnerable families count on the services provided by our programs.

Through these programs we have helped people to set goals for their family and/or themselves and work toward self-sufficiency. All of our programs have seen a significant increase over the last two years: 2015 we had 650 services to 135 unduplicated participants, in 2016 we had 1,405 services to 232 unduplicated participants (116% service increase), and in 2017 we had 3,364 services to 310 participants (139% service increase). The most significant increases in services have occurred in our Parenting, Early Childhood & Kid programming, and Basic Needs.

The biggest challenge we are facing is the closing of two major high paying employers by 2020. The increase in our numbers is already reflecting this reality; however, we are working with other organizations in the area to be proactive in finding solutions.

Highlights

In February 2017, West End Family Link Center was awarded “The Little Non-Profit That Could” award from the Telluride Foundation. We have made great advances in improving our financial situation along with our services. Some of these include entering into a contract for CORE Lifestyle services and supervised visitation with Montrose County Health and Human Services, receiving new and/or increased funding through new organizations as well as established funders, and being one of nine member centers participating in the Child Maltreatment Prevention community action planning grant awarded in November. This planning has resulted in a 51% increase in our annual budget, which has enabled us to expand our early childhood and kids programming, provide more comprehensive services to our families, and serve more families through our basic needs programs such as a 249% increase in people served through our food pantry.



Family Success Story

In September 2016, a mother of a disabled daughter called and needed help with her propane. She was in our county but lived over 2 hours away. We referred her to two other organizations. However, neither were able to help. We worked with her and were able to get her tank filled.

Update August 2107: “I want to thank you and your organization again for helping with my heat last year. The tank of propane, along with my wood burning stove, kept me and my daughter warm all winter. A few months ago, I received my CNA certification, and am now getting paid to care for my daughter. As a result, last Friday I was able to pay to fill the tank again in preparation for winter.

I really appreciate the fact there are programs like yours who reach out and help people like me. Thank you so much for being my support!”

Stories like these make the work worthwhile and help on those days when you wonder if what you do truly makes a difference to those you serve.



How You Can Help

- Donations
- Committee & Board Members
- Volunteers
- Mentoring Personnel

