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## Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pueblo

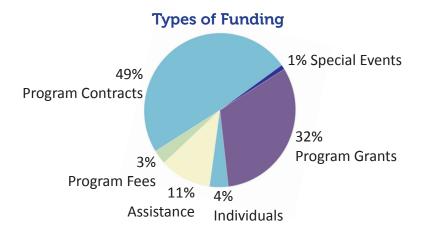
That every home is a nurturing environment that supports the full potential of the child so that every child is ready for school on day one.

Serving **Pueblo** County

Inspired by God's love, Catholic Charities uses a two-generation approach to fight poverty.

\$5,300,00 2017-2018 Budget

13,00 people served annually



## **Key Programs**

Diaper Bank Southern Colorado Family Development HIPPY **Home Stability Immigration Nurturing Parenting** Parents as Teachers Safecare

Our Community

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pueblo (CCDP) is the Associated Family Resource Center for Pueblo County and provides family stability services guided by the Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support. These services and programs target families who live in poverty and lack the resources to attain self-sufficiency. CCDP's goal is to strengthen families and encourage self-sufficiency through services that respond to their physical, spiritual, emotional and economic needs. CCDP works with entire families to become more self-reliant in key areas of family stability including parenting, health, education, employment, housing, and financial management. Prevention efforts underpin our multiple family strengthening programs. The continuum of services and programming provided by CCDP reflect the depth of need in the community it serves, and the most significant challenge is scaling programs and services to reach a larger number of individuals and families in need. Most of the families served by CCDP live at or below poverty level, and qualify for public assistance. Poverty creates tragic multi-generational patterns of dysfunction and of those born into poverty only 70% will make it out of poverty. A child 0-5 years of age is the most vulnerable to the effects of poverty, and prevention is where we would impact the most lives. According to KidsCount Colorado 2016, there are over 5,000 children 0-5 years of age who live in poverty in Pueblo County. CCDP's programs are strengths-based to help families discover and realize their own vision.

Parents as teachers received the Blue Ribbon award, Received the Launch Together grant, Maternal Infant Early Childhood HV Site, Leader in Child Maltreatment Planning Initiative



This family has successfully completed the Family Support Services program and met their goal of getting their own place. When I first met with this family, they were living at the Bramble Tree Inn, where they have been staying for a month already. Due to unfortunate circumstances, they had to move out of their home and find a place quickly. Because of the barriers that they faced, such as background and credit checks, they had to resort to the Bramble Tree instead of being homeless. The mom was 16 weeks pregnant at the time and was referred to the FSS program through the SCAN program at Southern Colorado Family Medicine. When I first met with them, they felt discouraged and hopeless because nothing was going their way. After meeting with them a few times, I was able to change their outlook, instill back hope, and build back the confidence that they needed to persevere. By collaborating with the Home Stability program, Catholic Charities was able to help this family pay for first month's rent and help aid them out of homelessness and into their own home. Today the family is involved with Nurturing Parenting and the Parents as Teachers program to better themselves as parents for their newborn coming in January. Because of the empowerment of the FSS program, this family now has the skills, resiliency, and knowledge necessary to be self-reliant in the community long term for their family.

- Family Development Specialist



## **How You Can Help**

Financial Support
Monthly Giving
Bequests
Volunteer
In-kind Donations
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