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Community Partnership Family Resource Center



Community Partnership Family Resource Center (CP) has established itself in the particular niche of family support, providing resources for education, human services, and individual growth. CP is the primary provider of prevention services, in particular for child abuse prevention and family support in Teller County, and CP partners with other organizations to widen the network of community-based resources in the region. As a result, significant long-term relationships have been developed with a number of local agencies. These collaborative efforts help service providers fill gaps identified within the community, provide needed programs, support each other's efforts, and share resources without duplication. CP's strengths-based approach has provided means to self-sufficiency, and our programs meet the health, welfare, and early childhood and adult education support needs of the community. Families throughout our county face multiple risk factors, including multi-generational poverty, situational poverty, transiency, and low financial security. Strengthening Families Services are essential to helping families surmount these challenges, and CP is committed to finding ways to maintain current family engagement levels, to subsidize increased costs of providing rural services, and to enable swift response to community needs. In 2017, CP provided 1,352 individuals (1 in 18 Teller County residents) with opportunities for growth, greater resiliency and stability for their families.

Highlights

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CP was founded in 1992, as an answer to the population growth and the presence of multiple risk factors associated with the impact of the gaming and mining industries in Teller County. Government services and school districts became overburdened by the growing demand for human services, and many services were lacking or non-existent. As these challenges began to emerge in 1992, Teller County Department of Public Health and other community groups identified the need for an organization to fill the gaps in meeting families' needs, thus establishing the Community Coalition for Families & Children to offer strong leadership in this area and collaborate with existing agencies. Upon joining the Family Resource Center Association (FRCA) of Colorado in 2003, the organization was renamed dba Community Partnership Family Resource Center (CP). In 2006 and 2013, CP was recognized as Non-Profit of the Year by the Greater Woodland Park Chamber of Commerce. CP continues to experience high demand for its programs and services, with an increased need for greater depth of delivery.



The following story illustrates how CP uses the Strengthening Families Protective Factors to help families achieve real change. A Teller County family was referred to CP's Family Support Services program through the local school district. This family had recently experienced homelessness and feared that their 3 year old had autism. The Family Advocate worked within CP's internal programs and outside agencies to provide housing resources, screenings, and tools to facilitate growth. CP helped the family secure resources to heat their home and gain transportation to doctors' visits, providing concrete support in times of need. CP supported the mother with leadership development to start a support group for families with special needs, filling a personal and community gap and providing social connections. The family also participated in CP's Active Parenting programs to increase their knowledge of parenting and child development and social and emotional competence of children. CP provided referrals and resources for continuing education for the father and mental health for the mother, increasing parental resilience. They are still actively involved in CP's programs and continue to make remarkable growth.



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