

Mountain Resource Center

Vision

Neighbors helping neighbors achieve their potential.

Mission

We strengthen our community with services that empower people.

1990
Established

Serving
West Jefferson, Park County
to Kenosha Pass, Parents as
Teachers Gilpin and Clear
Creek Counties

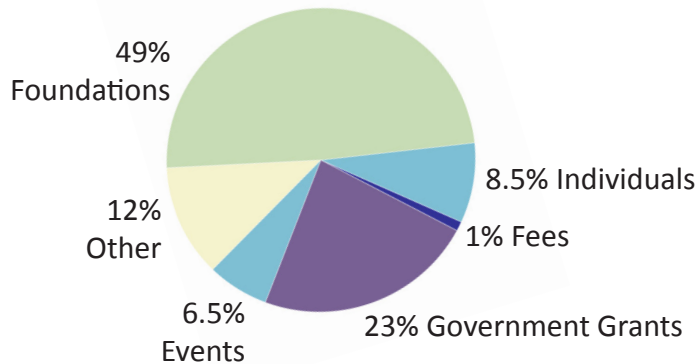
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Staff

\$1,420,445
2018 Budget

1,590
people served annually

501(c)3
Org structure

Types of Funding



Key Programs

- Basic Needs Assistance
- Food Pantry
- Healthy Living Initiatives
- Mental Health Services
- Parents as Teacher Home Visitation
- Public Benefits Enrollment Assistance
- Two-Generation Family Education
- Workforce Development
- Veteran Support Services

Serving Our Community

Our service region is characterized by very low-income residents coexisting with high-income residents. According to data from the Colorado Center on Law and Policy's Self-Sufficiency Standard, Jefferson and Park Counties have the state's highest self-sufficiency standard (one adult and one preschooler need \$55,297 to meet their basic needs). This 2015 statistic does not reflect recent, significant increases in housing costs.

In response to community needs, Mountain Resource Center offers the following services:

- Basic needs assistance for rent/mortgage, utilities, food and public benefits enrollment assistance
- Financial Coaching including budgeting workshops and one-on-one guidance in debt management and asset building
- Workforce Development through one-on-one career assessment and ongoing job search support; work-readiness and computer classes; upskills coaching for career advancement
- Veteran Support Services for VA benefits navigation, emergency assistance, mental health services and employment support
- Two-generation education and support for parents and children
- Home visitation program with learning activities, information on child development, health screenings and resource referral for families with young children

Highlights

Our Center was again one of two grantees awarded a Mile High United Way Center for Family Opportunity grant (we share this distinction with Denver Public Schools). This funding has led to robust integrated services that promote client self-sufficiency. In May of this year, we received an El Pomar Regional Merit Award. Also this year, Mountain Resource Center received an Excellence in Nonprofit Principles & Practices recognition from Colorado Nonprofit Association. Finally, our Chief Executive Officer completed El Pomar’s Executive Nonprofit Leadership class in 2017.

In 2017, we established new partnerships with the following organizations whose staff are on-site at Mountain Resource Center: WorkLife Upskills career advancement coaching for underemployed clients, OneHome/ 2-1-1 for metro area housing resources, Jefferson County Schools Community & Family Connections to support homeless families with school-age children and Doctor’s Care for private health insurance enrollment through Colorado’s Marketplace.



Family Success Story

Cheryl came quietly to Mountain Resource Center for help with rent or utilities, usually once a year. She also visited the food pantry regularly for several years. After Cheryl learned Mountain Resource Center launched a veterans program, she talked more about her situation. Cheryl’s husband was a veteran struggling with civilian life. She sought help because her husband was disabled, unemployed and not eligible for disability income. Her full-time job didn’t pay enough to meet the basic needs of her family of four.

Cheryl’s Advocate connected her with a financial coach and mental health therapist. As a result of financial coaching, Cheryl developed a budget, identified areas of spending where she could cut back and took on additional work. After several months, Cheryl reported improvements. She had not been to the food pantry or needed financial assistance in more than six months. Therapy was helping the kids cope with their dad’s disability.

Recently, Cheryl stopped in to announce she had a new job making almost double her previous salary. Cheryl cried as she explained, “I won’t need help from Mountain Resource Center anymore.”



How You Can Help

- Cash Donations
- Car Donations
- Gift Cards from Safeway/King Soopers
- Groceries
- Gently used Clothing
- Time

