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## Morgan County Family Center

Morgan County Families will be empowered and self-sufficient.

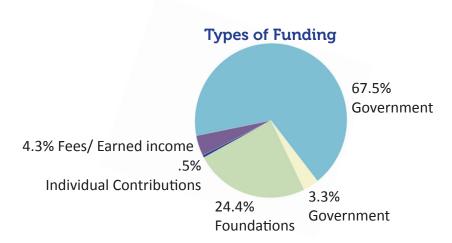
1993 Established Morgan County 10 Staff

Connecting

Connecting Morgan County families with support and tools for successful living.

\$570,309 2018 Budget 468 families served annually

501(c)3 Org structure



## **Key Programs**

Colorado Community Response
Energy Outreach CO
Family and Health Advocacy
Nurturing Fatherhood
Parents Forever
Partners in Parenting
Parents as Teachers
Promoting Safe and Stable Families
Smart Girls and Cool Dudes

Serving Our Community

The Morgan County Family Center provides support for those individuals seeking emergency financial assistance, those wanting to strengthen their family's resiliency, assistance navigating the health care system as well as increase their parenting strategies and knowledge of child development. The Family Center offers family advocacy to help families identify immediate needs, access services and build on their own strengths and community supports in order to be resilient, safe and stable. Parent Education opportunities are available to those parents of young children as well as to those in a co-parenting relationship. Programs and services are offered with a strength based approach and offer opportunities to increase parent knowledge of child development, social connections as well as connections to concrete supports.



In 2017 the Family Center received a Child Maltreatment Prevention Community Planning Grant which will allow the Center to identify gaps and needs within the community around Child Maltreatment Prevention. This process will assist the Center and community partners in identifying programs and services to implement in future years that will help strengthen families. Also in 2017, the Center identified the need to offer a youth mentoring program in the community. This program will begin in early 2018 and provide positive adult role models for youth that have been identified as benefiting from this support.



A family of three was referred to the CO Community Response program after the police were called to deescalate a situation between step mom and daughter. During a group connections meeting, there was a change in attitude between the step mother and daughter. The topic for the group connection meeting was on perspectives Participants were asked to complete a painting, there were two examples to choose from. When the exercise was over the advocate spoke about how everyone was looking at the same two example paintings, yet everyone's painting was different, because each person has their own perspective. By the last home visit, the family was able to have open discussions about consequences and expectations without anyone becoming defensive. This was completely different than the first home visit when daughter would not speak a word, sat with her arms crossed and was very defiant. The step-mom was clearly in charge of the first meeting and did not give the other family members a chance to speak.



## **How You Can Help**

Volunteers Donations

