

Family Resource Center Roaring Fork Schools

Vision

All children have the support they need to ensure optimal health and success in school and in life.

1995
Established

Serving
Roaring Fork
Schools

17
Staff

Mission

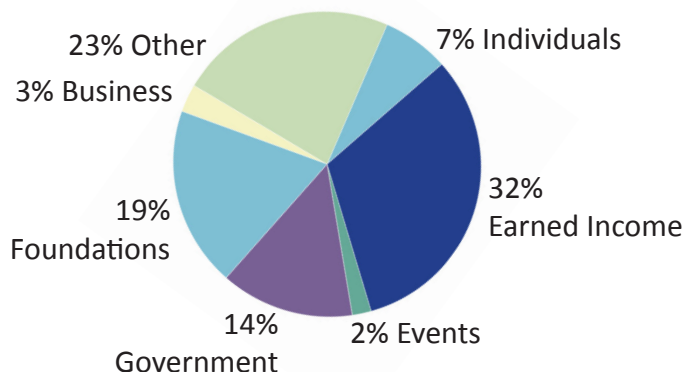
To improve student health, well-being and academic achievement by connecting families, schools and communities.

\$696,815
2017-2018 Budget

627
students served annually

School
District
Org structure

Types of Funding



Key Programs

Colorado Community Response Program (CCR)
Homeless and Child Welfare Education Liaison
Prevention Programming
Parent Collective
School-based Family Liaisons

Serving Our Community

Family Liaisons: A Family Liaison is in each Roaring Fork School to work with families to find support so that all students can come to school ready to learn. Liaisons identify students in need and help them to secure community resources to meet their needs. Health insurance, utility assistance, food, counseling and vision exams are just a few examples. Liaisons also help to enroll new students, to translate and interpret, plan and lead parent nights and mentor students.

Colorado Community Response Program (CCR): Referrals for this program come directly from The Department of Human Services. A Family Support Specialist works closely with school staff and community partners to provide comprehensive, voluntary services for families reported, but not involved with child welfare. The Program works to increase family's protective capacities by addressing the link between poverty and maltreatment and connecting families to vital services.

Homeless and Child Welfare Education Liaison: The Homeless and Child Welfare Education Liaison works to increase the identification, enrollment, stability, and school success of children and youth experiencing homelessness and to ensure that students in foster care are achieving academically through course completion, advancing to the next grade, accruing credits toward graduation, and on a path to postsecondary success.

Prevention Programming: Prevention specialists are based at middle schools in Glenwood Springs, Carbondale and Basalt. Their focus is to implement a substance abuse prevention program that is embedded in the schools, and reducing barriers to treatment and counseling services provided by community-based organizations.

Parent Collective: A monthly gathering in each community for parents of young children that strives to strengthen families protective factors; parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete support in times of need, and social-emotional competence in children.

Highlights

During the 16-17 school year, Family Liaisons worked directly with parents of more than 627 students, connecting them with resources to meet their needs. Sometimes it's as simple as a phone call, or a "warm hand off" to a local health provider. For some families multifaceted challenges bring them to the Family Liaison over and over. When that occurs the Family Resource Center considers those families to be "case managed."

The parents of 104 students received case management services last year. Teachers, school counselors and parents report that those students showed marked improvement in the area in which they were referred, as well as in their general behavior, attendance and academic progress. Once the students were connected with needed resources they could focus on school and were ready to learn!



Family Success Story

When a local teacher visited a student's home he found the family had no food. They were struggling with a variety of hardships resulting from the incarceration of the father. Mom was 33 weeks pregnant and didn't have a job, she couldn't pay the rent and was at risk of losing their housing.

The teacher went to the store and purchased food for the family. He then made a referral to the Family Resource Center. A Family Liaison met with mom and worked to understand the needs of the family, forming a trusting bond with this isolated mother in a challenging time.

With the help of local partners the Family Liaison was able to secure food and housing for the family for 30 days. With the housing emergency temporarily solved Mom was able to work with the Liaison to find long term solutions for her family.



How You Can Help

Support from Community Members
Warm Winter Clothing
School Supplies

