

FRCA Summer 2026 News



Family Resource Center Association

The CFSA 2.0 rating increased!



Exciting news for the family support field: the Colorado Family Support Assessment 2.0 (CFSA 2.0) just earned an "A: Psychometrics Well-Demonstrated" rating from the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CEBC). That's CEBC's highest rating for a measurement tool, awarded only when multiple peer-reviewed studies confirm a tool is reliable and valid.

The [Family Resource Center Association](#) and [Omni](#) developed the CFSA 2.0 to help programs track family strengths, needs, and progress across economic security, health, and the protective factors that guard against child maltreatment. It's now used by Family Strengthening and Support programs nationwide.

This rating means the programs using the CFSA 2.0 can point to independent, third-party confirmation that their data holds up, backed by three published research studies.

Congratulations to everyone at FRCA who has been committed to building the evidence behind this tool over the past decade-plus! If you want to learn more about the CFSA 2.0, consider attending an [information session](#).



Member Retreat in Grand Junction a Success

Thank you to all of the Executive Directors and FRC leaders who joined us at **Hilltop Community Resources** in Grand Junction for our Annual Summer Member Meeting. The event started with a welcome happy hour and tour of Hilltop's beautiful new space. The following two days were filled with updates on FRCA's Family Pathways model fidelity work, peer panels on program self assessments and advocacy, information about the upcoming legislative session and time to connect with each other. We're already looking forward to seeing everyone again in October!

STAFF HIGHLIGHT



Mandy Watrous-Gale is a new ECLC Commissioner

FRCA Executive Director, Mandy Watrous-Gale, is honored to join the **Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC)**.

The ECLC is Colorado's federally authorized state advisory council for early childhood. The role of the ECLC is to be a statewide leader, subject matter expert and champion of best and promising practices throughout the state. Mandy is excited to elevate family support services and economic mobility in her commissioner role.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Pagosa Community Initiative Shares the Lasting Impact of Family Resource Centers

Pagosa Community Initiative (PCI) staff met with a single mother with a minimum-wage job who was doing everything she could to create a safe, stable future for herself and her daughter. With PCI's help, she received professional clothing that helped her feel prepared and confident when applying for a new job with more opportunities for advancement. PCI then provided after-school support and a scholarship to summer camp, allowing her to work the later hours needed to succeed in her new position. Her daughter received therapeutic support and began showing tremendous growth.



Pagosa Community Initiative Staffmembers

PCI later connected the family with a first-time home buyer program and the family achieved something that had once seemed out of reach: purchasing their first home. The family still remains connected to community resources and uses them as tools to strengthen their stability and continue moving forward.

Recently, they reached out to PCI again. This time, they would like to volunteer and give back together, supporting other families who may benefit from the same encouragement and opportunities they once received.

Their journey is a powerful example of what can happen when a family's determination is met with consistent, relationship-based community support. They moved from surviving to stability, and a lasting desire to help others thrive.

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