



Family Resource Center Association
Connecting Resources, Impacting Lives

Family Resource Center Program

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Background

- In 1993, the Colorado Legislature passed Senate Bill 131, creating the Family Resource Center Program across Colorado.
- The statute defines a Family Resource Center (FRC) as a **“unified single point of entry where vulnerable families, individuals, children, and youth in communities...can obtain information, assessment of needs, and referral to delivery of family services.”** – Title 26-18-102
- Family Resource Center Association (FRCA) was created in 1998 to support the Family Resource Center Program and the 21 FRCs across Colorado.
- In State Fiscal Year 2015-16, \$750,000 was added to the state budget for family support case management in 10 FRCs.
- There are currently 29 FRCs in urban, rural, and mountain communities supported by FRCA.



A Family Resource Center...

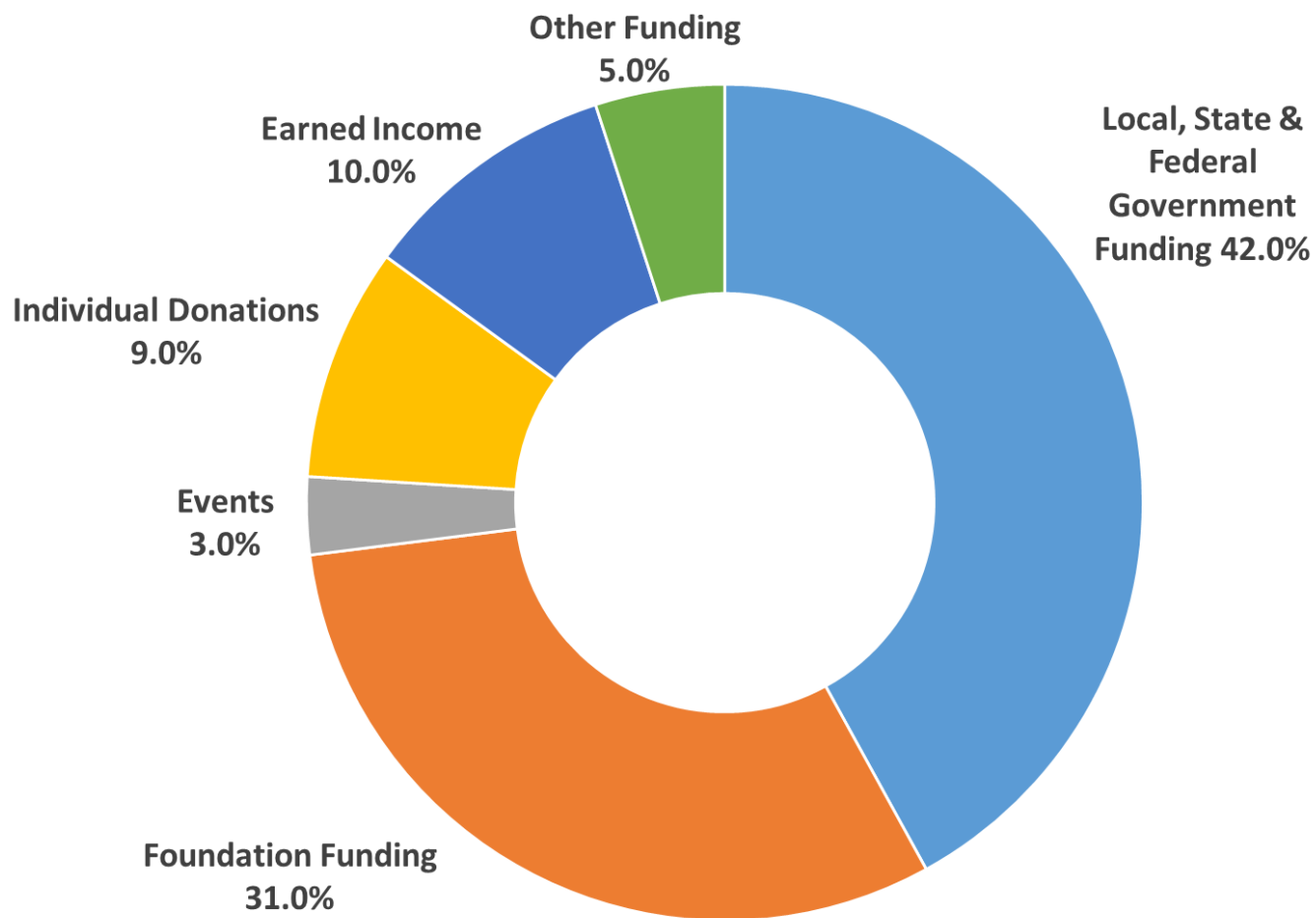


- Uses a **two-generation** approach with a dual focus on the needs of both children and parents.
- Provides multiple services and supports to families through **strengths-based comprehensive, coordinated case management**.
- Acts as a **family friendly access point** where families can ask for and receive the help they need.
- Is tailored to the **culture, resources, and needs of the community** and focuses on supporting and building on the strengths of each family.
- Works one-on-one with families to **help them set and achieve transformative goals** and help them become more self-reliant.



Funding Sources of 10 FRCs receiving state funding:

42% Government
31% Foundations
10% Earned Income
9% Individuals
5% Other
3% Events



Services provided by Family Resource Centers

- Comprehensive Family Support Case Management
- System Navigation and Resource Referral
- Parenting Education
- Financial Literacy
- Early Childhood Education
- Food Pantries
- Adult Education
- Workforce Development
- Emergency Services



Impact of Family Resource Centers:

- FRCs currently use the **Colorado Family Support Assessment 2.0** to measure the impact of family support case management.
- FRCs collect data in a data system maintained by the Family Resource Center Association (FRCA).
- FRCA and an independent research partner agency, OMNI, annually analyze this data, which shows **statistically significant improved family outcomes** in economic self-sufficiency, health, and parenting skills.



Families who engage in family support services are assessed in:

14 Self-Sufficiency Categories

- Income
- Employment
- Housing
- Transportation
- Food Security
- Child Care
- Child Education
- Adult Education
- Cash Savings
- Debt Management
- Health Coverage
- Physical Health
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse

Five Protective Factors to reduce child abuse and neglect:

- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Concrete Support in Times of Need
- Children Social and Emotional Development
- Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development



Evaluation of Family Support Services:

An evaluation of the 10 centers who received state funding shows that in July 2016-June 2017:

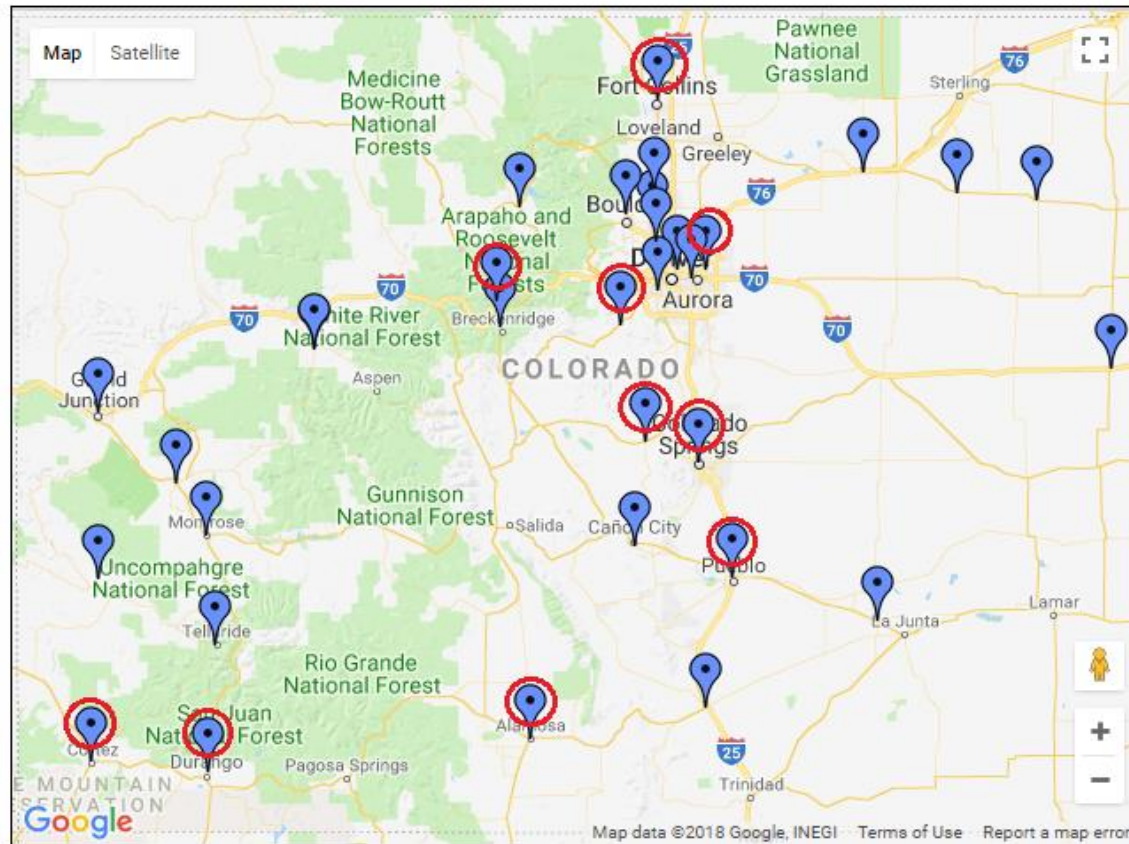
- **1,404 families** received comprehensive, coordinated case management.
- FRCs provided **9,301 distinct services** to families.
- Families had significantly **higher scores** on all protective factors known to prevent child maltreatment as well as **increasing economic self-sufficiency and family functioning** in areas like health and parenting skills.
- 62% of these families had a household income at or below 100% of Federal Poverty Level (under \$25,100 for a family of 4), demonstrating that the **FRCs serve Colorado's most vulnerable families.**



The Need for Additional Funding:

- Currently, state funding supports statutorily mandated family support case management services in **10 FRCs**.
- Without additional funding, **FRCs are limited in their ability to provide necessary family support case management** to meet statutory requirements.
- **Families will have difficulty accessing needed services** and will remain vulnerable to the impacts of poverty and an increased risk for child maltreatment.
- Many of the 10 centers receiving state funding have **waitlists to serve families with family support case management**.





Blue markers = Current FRCs associated with Family Resource Center Association
Red circles = FRCs receiving resources from state general funding