

The **FACES** mission is to prevent child abuse, neglect, and family violence.

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FACES is excited to announce our participation with Community First Foundation's new online tool GivingFirst (www.givingfirst.org) effective April 2008.

GivingFirst is a program of Community First Foundation and was created to be a link between giving and the community. The web site will enrich donors' knowledge about the nonprofit sector and encourage charitable giving in metropolitan Denver.

Through GivingFirst, you can read more about FACES' management, finances and programs in this detailed profile.

To encourage philanthropy, whenever credit card donations to FACES are made through GivingFirst, Community First Foundation pays the credit card processing fees (through the end of 2008), which typically are three to five percent per gift. This means that 100% of gifts made through GivingFirst.org goes directly to the participating nonprofit. What a great way to ensure your full donation goes to your favorite GivingFirst nonprofit!

SAVE THE DATE — OCTOBER 14, 2008!



FACES is very excited to announce that several top chefs in Denver will be presenting their favorite creations, accompanied by fine wines provided by National at an event on Tuesday October 14, 2008. A "cook-off" between two of the chefs will highlight the event that will take place at the elegant "Living Kitchen" showroom at Roth Distributing in Aurora. Pat Miller (The Gabby Gourmet) has been the guiding light in helping the Board of Directors orchestrate this event. Plan on joining us for a relaxed and informal evening of delectable food and exceptional wines. For sponsorship and ticket information please call Chris at 720-570-9333 x 21.

Summary of Service in 2007

In 2007, the Home Visitation Program served 188 families with 4,706 direct service hours. The families included 238 adults and 373 children (ages 0 – 12) for a total of 611 individuals.

- 82% of the children were 8 years of age and younger.
- 73% were single parent families.
- 9% were teen parents.
- 85% of families are living below federal poverty levels.
- 93% of families were referred due to social, emotional and physical factors that heightened their risk for child maltreatment
- 12% of families included kinship caregivers and/or children involved in the foster care system..

Program Outcomes

The following outcomes are based upon families that discharged from service in 2007, received eight or more visits, and completed pre-post tests:

- 90% of the parents met the majority of their self-determined service plan goals to improve their family functioning.
- 90% of the parents strengthened their ability to protect and care for their children .
- 85% of the parents improved their coping skills to become more self-reliant, stable and supportive to their children
- 83% of the parents improved their parental stress management skills and reduced their stress level score.



How do we measure our success?

A significant body of research has identified several risk factors associated with child abuse and neglect. When there are multiple risk factors present, the possibility for child maltreatment is greater.

In 2007, ninety-three percent 93% of families served by FACES were referred due to social, emotional and physical risk factors that heightened their risk for child maltreatment.

The goal of the FACES Home Visitation Program is to increase family protective factors and minimize risk factors for the prevention and treatment of child maltreatment. The objectives are as follows:

- To strengthen and increase family self-determination and parental empowerment.
- To assist parents in becoming more self-reliant, stable and supportive to their children.
- To increase parenting knowledge and strengthen the parent-child relationship.
- To improve parental stress management and coping skills.
- To increase the family's connection to resources and services in the community.



The Home Visitation Program utilizes the following evaluation and assessment tools to measure attainment of the program objectives, review and adjust individualized service plans, and improve service delivery.

SERVICE PLAN GOALS are established in partnership between the counselor and the family at the beginning and throughout service. They are based upon concerns and behaviors that the family determined they want to address and change.

FAMILY GLOBAL ASSESSMENT SCALE Is a pre-post rating scale that is scored by the family counselors and is used to assess the highest level of family functioning in the past six months. It measures internal factors like marital status and parenting style as well as external factors like stable housing and access and use of community resources. Cultural values and norms are considered in the ratings.

ADULT ADOLESCENT PARENTING INVENTORY Is a normed and validated pre-post test taken by the parents. It measures parental attitudes in five domains: expectations of children, level of empathy and nurturing, beliefs regarding corporal punishment, parent-child roles, and children's power and independence.

PARENTING STRESS INDEX Is a normed and validated pre-post test taken by the parents that measures the following: parental stress level, parental personality characteristics, depression, attachment, role restriction and family structure.

FAMILY SATISFACTION SURVEY Is given to each family at the conclusion of Home Visitation Services. The return rate of questionnaires from families completing services in 2007 was 11%, all of whom were very satisfied with services.

Welcome to the Team!!

FACES welcomes Courtney Hopley to the Board of Directors. Courtney is an associate with Holme, Roberts and Owen LLP. She is a tax attorney who specializes in mergers and acquisitions and partnership tax. Courtney is a Colorado native and is passionate about working to educate families to prevent future violence and neglect.



FACES also welcomes Christy Moss, MSW, to our staff as our new bilingual family counselor. She has a Masters in Social Work with an emphasis in Family Therapy and her undergraduate work was in Social Work and Spanish. Her experience includes working with at-risk youth, children and families, and resourcing for low-income families. Christy is actually the fourth intern over the last few years, that was hired as an employee after completing her internship at FACES. We are very fortunate to have Christy on our team.

Introducing...

A new unique way to benefit and promote children's health and safety programs – The Colorado Kids 1st License Plate.

The Colorado Kids 1st License Plate is a specialty plate authorized by The Colorado Department of Revenue to help Colorado organizations fund local projects to promote children's health and safety: This symbol is intended to raise state-wide awareness to keep Colorado communities safe.



Visit www.rmrpi.org for more information.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

We want to extend a special thank you to those who responded to our Child Abuse Prevention Month mailing in April. We recognize the importance of taking the time to acknowledge this special month dedicated to increasing awareness and addressing this ever-growing problem. Your on-going support of our work is critical for the at-risk families and children in our community.



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*One hundred years from now it will not matter what your bank account was, the sort of house you lived in or the kind of car you drove...
But the world may be different because you were important in the life of a Child.*

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