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Tri-County Family Care Center

Vision

All families and individuals in our community are strong and self-reliant.

1995
Established

Serving
Bent, Otero & Crowley Counties

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Staff

Mission

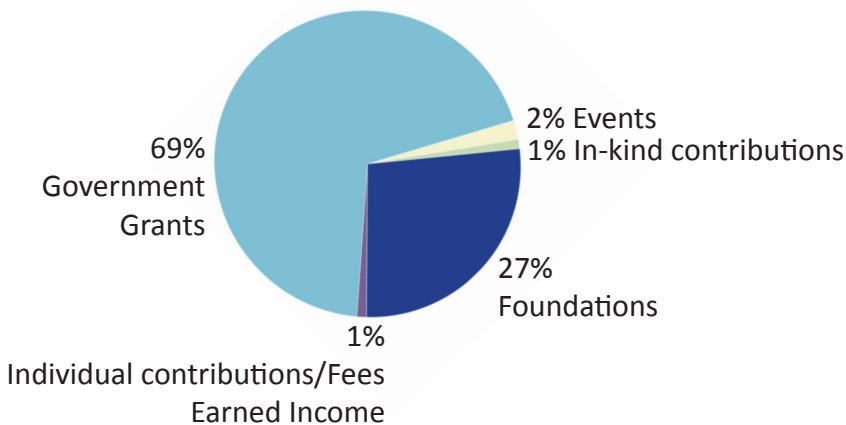
Tri-County Family Care Center (TCFCC) educates and empowers families and individuals to be self-reliant through life skill programs, service and support.

\$322,015
2017-2018 Budget

225
families served annually

501(c)3
Org structure

Types of Funding



Key Programs

- Bright By Three
- Car Seat Safety
- Colorado Community Response
- Family Strengthening Activities
- Family Support Services
- H.A.P.P.E.E.
- Occupant Protection Safety Class
- Parents As Teachers

Serving Our Community

Bright By Three (BB3): The program consists of three annual home visits with activity books and gift packs associated with each of the child's first three years. The program helps parents bond with their children, discover new learning tools, and understand the early health issues that children face. The first visit to families with newborns will introduce parents to their children's developmental stages; bonding; nutrition; and health education for their child's early years. Activities are provided to strengthen the child's age-appropriate developmental growth and increase parental knowledge. The 3 PAT Educators offer the visits, which allows the opportunity to recruit them into the PAT program. Parents as Teachers (PAT) has 2 full time and one ¾ time educators. TCFCC serves 38 families. This home visiting program utilizes certified educators who recruit and visit families in their homes twice a month. This opportunity creates an even greater impact in TCFCC's rural area. **Colorado Community Response:** Goal of this program is to offer services and resources to at-risk families. These are families who are not currently involved in the child welfare system, but are still at potential risk for incidents of child abuse or maltreatment. **Car Seat and Occupant Protection Safety:** Three certified car seat technicians are available to check car seats for safety and proper installation. TCFCC offers a monthly Occupant Protection Safety Class for clients that have received a ticket for no seat belt or child not properly restrained. TCFCC is now offering a car seat check monthly. **Family Support Services:** This program is designed to support families to become stronger and more self-reliant by working with a case manager and attending activities such as parenting and budgeting classes or family strengthening courses.



Highlights

TCFCC’s annual fundraiser is “Cruisin’ Into Summer Festival & Keep Kids Safe Fair,” held the first Saturday of June in Rocky Ford, CO with entertainment all day, food, crafts & other vendors and safety booths! Our 18th annual “K’NEX Building Trust Contest” will be held on Sunday, August 19th at 12:30 pm in the Exposition Building at the Arkansas Valley Fair in Rocky Ford. We had 42 teams register last year! Kids 5-18 years old with a parent or guardian make up the team.

We support our communities with resources & referrals, child development education, childhood screenings, parenting and budgeting, Energy Outreach Colorado funds, LEAP & Medicaid applications and much more. We are partnering with the 16th Judicial Probation Department to work with their clients. Case management is done to determine what assistance they need to make their lives stable for employment, housing, insurance, and more.



Family Success Story

TCFCC received a referral for a homeless family with 2 adults, 3 boys and a daughter. Can you imagine living in a motel room for almost 2 months! They had been couch surfing for several months before that. I met with the Mom and Dad and they accepted services. Another agency paid for 10 nights and a family member paid for 6 nights. All possible financial resources in La Junta were gone. As we searched in the area for a rental house or apartment, TCFCC paid for 14 more nights. The kids were doing well in school and we didn’t want to move them. Finally, they found a house in La Junta so the kids would stay in the same school! The landlady set a rent amount they could afford and kept the utilities in her name! We gathered some basic furniture, a Thanksgiving Basket and other supplies to get them started. Mom is now employed! Dad is home with the kids. The family has some stability. Life is getting better! I closed this case with a big smile and a very happy heart!



How You Can Help

- Donations
- Committees
- Board Members
- Volunteers

