

Realities For Children

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Realities For Children's Services for Affiliate Agencies

In addition to our Core Services, the following benefits are available to the children you serve.

1. **Triumph Award college scholarships** for childhood abuse survivors.
2. **Keeping Dreams Alive awards** to encourage children to keep their dreams alive, by granting wishes.
3. **Kids Matter Program**, a youth-led initiative, that supplies bags with toiletries, toys, books and school supplies to children facing housing transitions.
4. **Item Distribution** events including Back To School backpacks and school supplies, Santa's Workshop, Bikes For Tykes, and bi-annual distributions of general items.
5. **Item Procurement**: We can help you source emergency items such as diapers, formula, toiletries and bedding for the youth you serve. We also have comfort kits, toys, books, sporting equipment, car seats and more from time to time. Fill out our online In-Kind Item Request Form to request these items as the need arises.
6. **Free tickets** to events such as Eagles Ice Hockey, CSU basketball, and the theater.
7. **Eye Glasses**: Through our partnership with America's Best, we can offer complimentary eye exams and 1 pair of glasses. Fill out our online In-Kind Item Request Form.
8. **Dental Services**: Through our partnership with The Toothzone, we can offer complimentary dental care (restrictions apply) in painful emergency situations.
9. We have designated Scholarship Funds to **Learning Rx** which may be applied to tutoring without money coming from agency funds.
10. Through our partnership with **Lighthouse Chiropractic**, we can offer complimentary school physicals and adjustments.
11. We are partnered with **Verified Volunteers** to offer our Affiliate Agencies a 20% discount for volunteer background checks and screening.
12. Use of the **Realities Room at the Community Life Center**, at 220 N. Grant Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80521, for meetings and services.

Due to our extensive network with very generous businesses, we are often able to offer services such as

1. electrical repairs for clients
2. refurbished computer equipment for agency use
3. painting services for agency facilities
4. office furniture
5. Thanksgiving meals

Agency Name: Adopt Colorado Kids

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Youth services:

- Recruit foster and adoptive families;
- Produce recruitment videos for children waiting for adoption;
- Serve aging out youth through our Dream Makers program;
- Provide Dream Packs to aging out youth;
- Provide essentials (grocery and gas gift cards) to youth as needed.

Agency Name: Adoption Dreams Come True

Name: Cindy Sarai
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Youth services:

- Domestic Colorado State Licensed child placement agency for infants - 3 yrs of age;
- Birth Parent counseling for all options for unplanned pregnancy;
- Offers a sliding fee scale for adoptive parents to assist with their adoption process;
- Dream Room: free diapers, clothing, nursery items for low income families in Larimer County with children from 0-2yrs of age.

Agency Name: Alternatives to Violence

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Youth services:

- Child and adolescent counseling;
- Prevention education;
- Housing;
- The provision of basic needs;
- 24 hour crisis hotline;
- Transitional housing;
- Safe shelter;
- Victim's advocacy;
- Court advocacy;
- Child & adolescent, sexual assault and adult therapy;
- Prevention education.

Agency Name: Angel House, House of Neighborly Service

Name: Glorie Magrum
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Youth services:

- Shelter and day center for homeless families with minor children-Angel House Rotation Program-families are provided evening shelter and meal by coordinated host churches;
- Food, clothing, and other emergency and basic resources;
- Case management for homeless families with minor children;
- Budgeting, saving and debt reduction counseling ;
- Transitional housing for homeless families with minor children who transition out of Angel House Rotation Program.

Agency Name: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Larimer County

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Youth services:

- Court Appointed Special Advocates;
- Harmony House Supervised Visitation and Exchange, Fort Collins;
- Harmony House Supervised Visitation and Exchange, Loveland.

Agency Name: ChildSafe

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Youth services:

- Child sexual abuse treatment programs;
- Individual, group and family therapy;
- Neurofeedback therapy, play therapy, EMDR.

Agency Name: Faith Family Hospitality

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Youth services:

- Emergency overnight shelter in area churches;
- Safe day shelter with access to showers, laundry, food and play area;
- Case management support and advocacy;
- Longer term shelter in the family friendly transitional housing - up to 6 months (coming soon!).

Agency Name: Finally Home

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Youth services:

- Finally Home Foundation Family Strengthening Program (specialized education, encouragement and training);
- Family Wellness for Foster/Adoptive Families ;
- Super Hero Academy for Kids;
- Teen Titans Youth Program for Teens.

Agency Name: Foster and Adoptive Families of Larimer County (FAFLC)

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Youth services:

- Medical equipment, orthodontics, dental, eye, therapeutic and chiropractic care;
- Girl and Boy scouts, athletic and recreational activities;
- Summer and church camps;
- School and graduation supplies and music lessons;
- Clothing Bank, car seats, baby items, furniture;
- Food pantry.

Agency Name: Healthy Harbors

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Youth services:

- Medical care coordination for children and teens whose lives have been impacted by abuse and neglect;
- Attend primary care (intake, follow-up) appointments;
- Facilitate specialist appointments including dental and mental health appointments, and appointments at Children’s Hospital;
- Assimilate health and psych-social history for initial PCP visit;
- Create Health Passports, Health Action Plans, and collect medical records;
- Act as liaison between medical providers and DHS/CPS caseworkers;
- Attend DHS Meetings;
- Assist families with community resources.

Agency Name: Hearts and Horses Therapeutic Riding Center

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Youth services:

- Equine Facilitated Learning for youth at risk.

Agency Name: Homeless Gear

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Youth Services:

- Children in Need program;
- Quarterly service events for children and families;
- Basic needs supply distribution;
- Non-perishable food for children/families who are homeless/low-income;
- One Village One Family program;
- Match families who are homeless with volunteer mentor teams;
- Provide funding for security deposit, up-front housing costs;
- Provide six months of ongoing, structured mentorship;
- Housing advocacy/outreach.

Agency Name: Kids at Heart

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Youth services:

- Fundango;
- Camp Teen Fundango;
- Camp Fundango.

Agency Name: Laramie River Valley Rendezvous

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Youth services:

- One week free outdoor adventure camp for at-risk youth 13-16 years of age;
- The camp is completely free and the campers hike, bike, horseback ride and white water raft;
- All campers can then participate in the Campus Corps 10 week mentoring program in the fall at CSU.

Agency Name: Larimer County Department of Human Services; Children, Youth & Family Services

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Youth services:

- Parent education;
- Various therapeutic interventions that are trauma focused;
- In-home supportive services;
- Youth and family advocacy;
- Out of home care services if there has been an emergency removal of a child;
- The division also recruits, certifies, trains and supports foster care and kinship care providers.

Agency Name: Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains

Name: Jim Barclay
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Youth services:

- Foster Care (approx. 200 children in care per day statewide; includes domestic children and Unaccompanied Refugee Minors);
- Adoption and Pregnancy Counseling;
- Post Adoption Support Services;
- Safe Touch (Sex abuse prevention curriculum in Weld Co schools and other Northern Colorado schools);
- Ready Or Not (teen pregnancy prevention program using infant simulators with middle school and high school students);
- Parenting Education classes (including classes for parenting teens);
- Visitation and Safe Exchange (for court-ordered visitation for children and caregivers);
- Treatment Foster Care Pilot (participating in statewide pilot to create Treatment level foster care);
- Trauma Assessments (contract with Larimer Co DHS to provide high-level trauma assessments);
- Trauma Care Coordination (contract with Larimer Co DHS to lead care coordination in high-needs cases involving trauma);
- Members of Fostering Colorado (statewide policy advocacy association for Child Protection Agencies).

Agency Name: Namaqua Center at SummitStone Health Partners

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Youth services:

- Individual coaching is provided to our highest risk clients who are participating in therapy at SummitStone Health Partners. Individual coaching assists youth and their families in developing and maintaining stability and healthy levels of functioning;
- Group coaching is available after school at The SPOT. It's a safe place for youth to be themselves, express their creativity, intelligence, and to learn new skills and tools to enhance their life. SPOT stands for Safety, Passion, Openness, and Tolerance;
- Wondercamp is a skill building program for SummitStone Health Partner's young clients with serious mental illness who require structure and support during extended school holidays. Through clinical groups, games and activities children are provided an opportunity to practice social skills and receive immediate feedback on their behaviors and interactions;
- Respite services provide families with much needed respite from the challenges of caring for a special needs child. While the child participates in the safe and structured Respite Care environment, caretakers are able to tend to the needs of their other children, significant others and themselves ;
- Grandfamily Support Program provides ongoing outreach, case management assistance and support at no cost to grandparents raising their grandchildren in Larimer County.

Agency Name: Partners Mentoring Youth

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Youth services:

- We provide intensive one to one mentoring relationships to youth (ages 7-17) facing identified risk in their lives, through community based and school based programming. Most of our youth live at poverty or low socio-economic status, many of them have been victimized, many of them deal with mental health issues in their homes, etc.;
- We provide group life skill workshops, recreational activities and community service opportunities to youth who are matched with mentors in our program or whom are waiting to be matched.

Agency Name: Poudre School District (PSD) Teen Parent Program

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Title:

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Youth services:

- The PSD Teen Parent Program works directly with pregnant and parenting youth who are enrolled in our district. We are a district wide program located at Fort Collins High School.

Agency Name: Project Self-Sufficiency

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Title: Executive Director

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Youth services: Specifically youth services are

- Boundless Children's Fund: supports health and wellness after-school, and enrichment activities for children like gymnastics and karate;
- Cool Kids Back-to-School Clothing Fund: each child can purchase new clothes before the start of the school year;
- Holiday Fund: provides children with under-the-tree gifts and a family Holiday Party with Santa;
- Mental Health Fund: provides children with access to mental health counseling to address trauma or underlying concerns that may inhibit the child's successful growth and development.

Agency Name: Reflections for Youth

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Youth services:

- Dialectical, family and individual therapy;
- Dependency and addiction services;
- Residential care facility for boys ages 11 to 18;
- Special Education program.

Agency Name: Sexual Assault Victim Advocate (SAVA) Center

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Youth services:

- Victim advocacy & Crisis intervention (Larimer County: youth ages 14 and up; Weld County: children ages 3 and up);
- Clinical therapy (Larimer County: youth ages 14 and up; Weld County: children ages 3 and up);
- Support for parents and caregivers of children/youth;
- Comprehensive prevention education (ages 8 and up).

Agency Name: Teaching Tree Early Childhood Learning Center

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Youth services:

- Evidence-based school readiness program for children 6 weeks to 6 years old;
- Two centers – one in Fort Collins, one in Loveland – serving nearly 300 children each year;
- CCAP and sliding fee families accepted;
- Programs implemented: Pyramid Model for Promoting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children, The Creative Curriculum, Teaching Strategies GOLD;
- Nutritious meals and snacks that meet 100% of children’s daily nutritional requirements;
- Free enrichment programs: Reading Wagon, Food Friends, Mighty Moves, yoga, and speech and reading;
- Comprehensive services for families including nurse consultations and speech therapy;
- Summer school-age program to prevent summer slide and engage children in community activities;
- Family literacy library.

Agency Name: Team Wellness & Prevention

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Youth services:

- Youth Wellness and Prevention Programs;
- Define-Early intervention and mentoring program;
- Brain Wise;
- Parenting Matters;
- Youth Empowered Yoga;
- Actuality-Social Norming Campaigns;
- Customized prevention programming.

Agency Name: The Center for Family Outreach

Name: Laurie Klith
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Youth services:

- Prevention and education and case management for ages 8-18;
- Prevention and education and case management programming regarding substance abuse, academic failure, and challenging relationships with friends and peers, and crisis conflict within the family;
- Presentations and educational classes for schools, teachers and parents addressing issues such as high risk patterns of adolescence behavior, lack of motivation and capacity to complete everyday tasks; attaining academic success, emotional, behavioral and relationship signs, cyber and bullying, and what are the warning signs of substance use.

Agency Name: The Family Center/La Familia

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Youth services:

- Intervention services;
- High-quality early childhood learning center (6 weeks to 5 years of age) and Early Head Start and CO Preschool Program site;
- Licensed youth program (6 – 16 years of age);
- Parents As Teachers and SafeCare CO home visitation program – bilingual;
- Exercise and Nutrition classes – bilingual;
- Access to community garden workshops and harvest – bilingual;
- Parenting classes – bilingual;
- ESL classes;
- Resource and Referral – bilingual;
- On-site utility assistance, hygiene products, car seat classes, translation – bilingual;
- Family Development Goal Planning – bilingual;
- Embed CORE coaching and Family Visitor into all programs.

Agency Name: The Jacob Center

Name: Joel Painter
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Youth services:

- Residential care, acute residential care, foster care;
- Coaching, group coaching;
- NYPUM;
- Clinical outpatient assessment and psychotherapy;
- Trauma assessments and treatment, trauma care coordination;
- Community based supervision;
- Foster care support;
- Credit recovery;
- Day treatment;
- Friendly visitor program.

Agency Name: The Matthews House

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Youth services:

- Transition Facilitation for youth and families through a Multi-Disciplinary Team with Larimer County Child Welfare, State of Colorado Division of Youth Corrections, Senate Bill 94 and Probation;
- Experiential Education including arts, leisure time hobbies, and outdoor leadership activities;
- HOST (Housing Opportunities Supporting Transition) Temporary housing;
- Community Life Center offering Preventative services in the areas of Education, Family Services and Recreation Activities.

Agency Name: Turning Point Center for Youth and Family Development

Name: Stephanie Brown
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Youth services:

- Gender-Specific Adolescent Residential Substance and Mental Health Treatment;
- Life Skills;
- Family Therapy;
- Individual Therapy;
- Group Therapy;
- Mentoring/Coaching;
- Licensed Education Programs;
- DUI/DWAI Classes and Therapy.

Agency Name: Voices Carry Child Advocacy Center

Name: Mary Beth Swanson

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Youth services:

- Forensic Interviews of child abuse victims;
- Family Advocacy for victims and families;
- K - 2 Curriculum for Child Abuse Prevention in Poudre School District
- Prevention Task Force.

Agency Name: WinGs Ministries

Name: Delma Gutierrez

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Youth services:

- “Ready 4 School” backpack distribution (backpacks are filled with students individual classroom supply list);
- Father’s Fund - helps children from single mother families with extracurricular activities registration fees;
- Children’s Outreaches.

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