



CBR YOUTHCONNECT

Creating Connections that Inspire Change

New Programs to Serve More Youth and Families in Colorado

Connections Build Resilience and Family Voices Colorado

CBR YouthConnect (CBRYC) is excited to announce that we are introducing two new programs, Connections Build Resilience and Family Voices Colorado. The first, Connections Build Resilience (CBR) is a brand new model that we are developing based on several evidence-based therapies, including *Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)* and *Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI)*. CBR is being developed to replace our previous home-based program Preventative Aftercare (PAC) which no longer meets the requirements of many of our county contracts. Secondly, Family Voices Colorado (FVCo) By CBR YouthConnect, helps families navigate health care and related systems for children with special health care needs, regardless of diagnosis. It also provides trainings, and educational.... *(continued p. 2)*

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CBR YouthConnect Offers Services to a Family Looking to Adopt

CBRYC's Preventative Aftercare (PAC) services were recommended to support a family in maintaining placement for two male adolescents in their foster-to-adopt home. Our staff worked closely with the foster placement to build their confidence in their abilities to adopt these youth. This included helping the foster mother find resources in the community, such as support groups, and recommending individual therapy. Our staff supported the... *(continued p. 3)*

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Summer 2019



Bang Bang!
The 10th Annual Bust'n Clays for Kids Event was a huge success!

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Impacting 2,000 lives annually throughout 20 different counties in Colorado.

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...for families to learn how to self-advocate for their children. FVCo is program where families can find useful information, trainings, and other resources to ensure their children receive the care they need. FVCo also connects CBR YouthConnect to a larger network of families and professionals nationwide that advocates for families who have children with special needs on a federal level.



We are so excited to have both of these programs join the CBRYC portfolio. Not only will both programs allow us to serve more youth throughout Colorado but they will also help us serve new populations that we have never served before.

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...youth as well, which included providing crisis support when needed. One youth was discovered searching for “ways to kill yourself,” at school and the school staff was able to reach out to both the foster father and our staff immediately. CBRYC’s staff was able to meet with the youth and the school to learn more about the situation, and assess the youth’s safety. After asking more detailed questions, it was determined that the youth did not intend to harm himself and was not suicidal, but he was severely depressed. Our staff helped the foster mother and the school create a detailed safety plan that included creative approaches such as having the foster mother join the youth at school for additional support. This youth also struggled in school academically, and our staff was one of his main advocates in ensuring an appropriate Individualized Education Program (IEP) was put in place. We maintained close communication with the school and with the foster parents to ensure the safety plan was being followed and the family was receiving the support they needed as they continued the process of adoption.



Want to learn more about CBRYC’s Programs?
Visit our website: www.CBRYouthConnect.org

Executive Update

Welcome to the summer update for CBRYC. We have a lot going on and I wanted to give a summary of key items you should be aware of. We are excited about our new offering that replaces our PAC program. The Connections Build Resilience (CBR) program is an evidence based approach that is now required by many of the counties we serve. We are getting great feedback about it and the innovation we have brought to support our kids and families. In addition, we have had Family Voices Colorado (FVCo) in our offering for 8 months now, but this will be our first full year to integrate it with our other programs. Again, FVCo helps to connect families with the resources they need.

As you know, one year ago, Chuck Thompson retired from CBRYC after a great 35 years of leadership. Tom Rose was hired as our CEO and spent the last 10 months working to integrate FVCo into the organization and move CBRYC into the future. Unfortunately, Tom has left CBRYC and we wish him well. We will look for a replacement in the Fall of 2019.

As you may remember, when we had the residential facility in La Junta, we were 100% Medicaid. We left that funding model when we sold the Ranch, and have been a pay for service provider from the Child Welfare agency's within Colorado's Counties. We are now looking to become a certified Medicaid provider once again.

To strengthen our back office, CBRYC has hired a full-time Sr. Accountant (Tom Gambino) who will help us continue to improve our financial systems and internal controls. Tom has a lot of experience and has already helped improve the bottom line. Our corporate staff is still very small with just 2 FTE's as of this newsletter.

As always, we look to our corporate and individual donors to support our programs. We just had a very successful 10th Annual Bust'n Clays event due to our donors' generosity. These fundraisers are critical for us to maintain our quality of care and invest in ourselves with the trainings and resources we need. Thank you to all of those that helped in this event.

Mike Sanders
Chairman of the Board
CBRYC

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Events

10th Annual Bust'n Clays for Kids Event 2019

On June 21st, 2019, over 100 people gathered at Colorado Clays Shooting Park in Brighton, CO for a fun day of competition and food. Over 50 teams were registered for the event, even signing up more

shooters the day of the event.

The clay shoot competition as well as the live auction in the afternoon all helped to raise funds to support CBRYC's programs that serve the youth and families of Colorado. Although everyone kept score on this particularly challenging course, those who attended the event said that they were really there to just have fun and support a great cause. Thank you to our wonderful volunteer committee for making

the Bust'n Clays for Kids Event a success for the 10th year in a row. This event could not happen without your continuous donation of your time, energy, and funds. We hope to see you all next year at this fun event!



**Want to be the first to know about
Bust'n Clays for Kids 2020?**

**Email info@youthconnect.org and
request to be added to our Bust'n Clays
distribution list.**



Upcoming Events

2nd Annual Hats & Boots Extravaganza

The 2nd Annual Hats & Boots Extravaganza is coming in January 2020. This fun event features live music, dancing, and more! Come dressed in your best cowboy or cowgirl getup and have a hoot! Thank you to all of our donors and attendees for participating in last year's event. We can't wait to see all of you again!



3rd Annual Magic Show

The 2nd Annual Magic Show, held April 20, 2019 was a huge success thanks to our wonderful donors. We were able to bring magic into the lives of many children in the community. The 3rd Annual Magic Show is coming in Spring 2020. Keep a look out for more information about this event in the months to come!

Want to be a part of the fun events CBRYC puts on every year?

Become a sponsor, donate, or volunteer!

Email info@youthconnect.org for more information on how you can be involved in our annual events!

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New CBR YouthConnect Team Members

Welcome Haley Ferguson to the CBRYC Family!



We want to formally welcome our newest Family Service Provider to the CBR YouthConnect family. Haley has a Master's of Arts degree in School Counseling and is a licensed professional counselor candidate (LPCC). She joined our team back in April and is already making an impact.

We are so excited to have you Haley!



Danny Sturtevant to become a Full-Time Member of the CBRYC Family!

We also want to welcome Danny Sturtevant to his new full-time position as a Family Service Provider. Danny has just graduated with a Master's degree in Clinical Counseling and is now a licensed professional counselor candidate (LPCC). He will be coming on full-time in July after quite a bit of time as a successful part-time member of our team.

We are so excited to see more of you Danny!



Recognized Donors

Big Thank You to Brett Thompson!



We want to recognize Brett Thompson and his family for all the amazing support he has provided to CBRYC. Brett has been involved with CBRYC since a young age and is the head of our Bust'n Clays for Kids committee as well as a long-time donor. Everyone at CBRYC thanks you, Brett, for the time, effort, and heart you have put into this organization! You have made a difference. Keep standing tall!



“Our mission is to connect children, youth and families with the resources and inspiration to become hopeful and productive citizens.”

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Upcoming for CBR YouthConnect

Celebrate CBR YouthConnect's 60th Anniversary with us!

All year long CBR YouthConnect is celebrating our 60th anniversary of serving youth and families in Colorado. Help us celebrate by sending in your pictures and stories about how CBR YouthConnect have impacted and been a part of your life. We want to hear about your memories and what CBR YouthConnect means to you. We are compiling a small book that will be released digitally at the end of the year with your submissions.

Email info@youthconnect.org with your pictures and stories. We'd love to hear from you!

Want to learn more about CBR YouthConnect's history and heritage?

[Click here!](#)

Mark Your Calendars for CO Gives Day!

Colorado Gives Day is Tuesday, December 10th, 2019. This day of giving is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy throughout Colorado by facilitating online giving. Donate online to CBR YouthConnect at ColoradoGives.org to support the work that we do for youth and families in Colorado and get a tax-write off for the year!

[More Details](#)

Follow CBR YouthConnect on social media to keep up with our events and how we are impacting lives throughout Colorado.

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