



CBR YOUTHCONNECT

Creating Connections that Inspire Change

Reaching More Youth and Families in Colorado

Expanding Service Areas to Reach More Youth and Families in Colorado

CBR YouthConnect (CBRYC) is excited to announce that we were awarded a new service contract with the recently established Broomfield County. This contract allows for CBRYC to provide a variety of our programs to the youth and families located in the city and county of Broomfield. CBRYC is also thrilled to have partnered with Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Development Board to offer our specialized mentoring program as a supplement to the great work they are already doing for the youth in those counties as they seek to gain job skills and independence. These new partnerships are in addition to our current connections throughout 17 different counties in Colorado. Our reach is truly a unique feature and capability of CBRYC compared to other Colorado youth organizations and it is clear that our partners recognize this value and what our programs can bring to their communities. We look forward to continued growth and partnership across Colorado.

CBR YouthConnect Specialized Mentor Helps Youth Trust and Care for Herself

CBRYC's specialized mentoring program was referred to help Aubrey, a 16 year-old teen who was on probation. Aubrey was not attending school, was hanging out with negative peers, and was engaging in risky behaviors. While participating in services, Aubrey discovered she was pregnant and revealed this to her mentor before contacting anyone else. Her mentor helped her process and navigate the pregnancy by helping her identify long-term support and educating her (*continued p. 2*)

[More Details](#)

Fall 2019



Windsor Gardens Optimist Club raises money for CBRYC!

[More Details](#)



Impacting 2,000 lives annually throughout 17 different counties and 8 judicial districts in Colorado.

[Read our Impact Statement](#)

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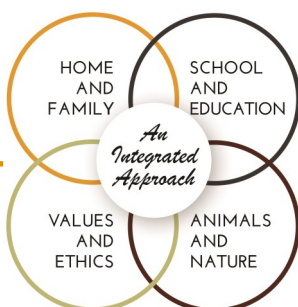
... on what it meant to take care of herself and her developing child. Through mentoring, Aubrey learned that it was okay to trust the adults and professionals in her life. She gained time management skills, learned how to fill out job applications, and focused on eating and sleeping on a consistent schedule, as well as attending regular doctor's appointments. Aubrey also joined the program *Colorado Young Leaders*, where she was able to engage in positive friendships and learn more about herself and the future she wanted to make for herself and her baby. Although CBRYC's specialized mentoring services were only contracted for a little over 4 months, Aubrey was able to transition from a depressed and conflicted teenager who engaged in harmful behaviors with negative friends to a positive, self-leader who is now focused on being the best person she can be for herself and for her baby.



Want to learn more about CBRYC's Programs?

Visit our website:

www.CBRYouthConnect.org



Executive Update

Hello Everyone,

As I write this the snow is coming down hard in Denver and the rest of the State of Colorado. Hopefully this update finds everyone safe and warm.

The Board of Directors is happy to give you an update on all of our accomplishments this calendar year. We finished creating and deploying our new evidence-based methodology to use in the cases assigned to us by the counties of Colorado. This was a requirement we met on time and our county partners have reported that it has exceeded expectations on the quality it demonstrates. Additionally, we became state Medicaid approved and are now working with the Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs) to start taking cases based on Medicaid rules. Lastly, we had our 10th annual Bust'n Clay event in June which was a huge success. Thanks to all that participated.

In November, we are sending out our year end Impact Statement via mail to our donors. If for some reason you don't receive it by mid-November, please let us know and we will put another in the mail. We continue to be a vibrant and impactful organization, keeping to our mission year after year. Looking ahead, we have a goal to replace all the laptops for our staff by the end of the year. With new reporting requirements from the State plus the fact that these laptops are 5-10 years old it is about time! Please help us with a generous donation to CBR YouthConnect.

If you have other questions or suggestions for the Board of Directors, please email me at Sanders.Mike21@gmail.com and I would be happy to discuss.

All the best to you and your family this Holiday Season.



Mike Sanders
Chairman of the Board
CBR YouthConnect

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Events

Windsor Gardens Optimist Club Annual Picnic

On August 1st, 2019, the Windsor Gardens Retirement Community in East Denver gathered together for their annual picnic fundraiser for CBR YouthConnect. The Rocky Ford watermelons and cantaloupe, provided by CBRYC, were sold to those in attendance. Amanda Bicker, the Chief Operating Officer of CBRYC (pictured right), shared the mission and vision of the organization as well as thanked the Optimist Club for their long-standing support for CBRYC.

“What a fun afternoon spent with an amazing group of generous individuals. The Windsor Gardens Optimus Club has been supporting CBR YouthConnect for several decades. This year we raised over \$800 and received a pair of Rockies Tickets for our youth. Thank You!”

- Amanda Bicker



THANK YOU Windsor Gardens Optimists for your wonderful support of CBRYC and the youth that we serve! You are helping troubled youth and their caregivers reflect on what they stand for, what kind of persons they want to be and how to support each other.



Have an idea for a way your organization or club could support CBRYC?

Email info@youthconnect.org with your ideas!

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!



The Best Rodeo After-Party in Denver

★ **Mechanical Bull Riding**

★ **Live Country Music and Dancing**

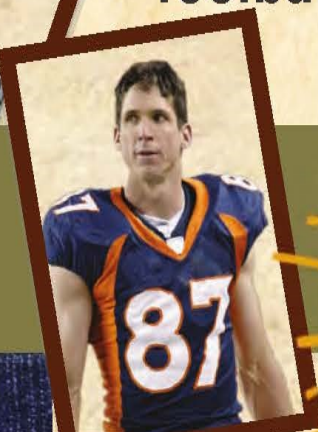
★ **Celebrity Guest**

- Autographs
- Pictures

★ **Silent & Live Auction**

Call 303-691-6095 OR Visit CBRYouthConnect.org to reserve your tickets!

**BUY
YOUR
TICKETS
NOW!**



Be a Sponsor and receive VIP access when meeting **Ed McCaffrey!**

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HATS AND BOOTS EXTRAVAGANZA

**January 17, 2020
6pm to Midnight**

Located At The Grizzly Rose

5450 N Valley Hwy, Denver



Eat, Drink, and Dance!

Meet **Ed McCaffrey**, professional football player and Denver sports legend!



INSPIRING YOUTH AND FAMILIES TO CONNECT AND THRIVE

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Program Spotlight



Diego (age 12), Jesus (age 9), Maria (age 6), and Emma (infant) moved into their aunt's home after their mother was arrested for substance abuse. CBRYC was called to provide services to these youth as they transitioned into their new home. The CBRYC clinician helped them learn that it is okay to love and accept love from a caregiver that is not their mom, and that feeling this way did not take away from the love that their mother had for them. Our clinician also supported their aunt, a single mother herself, and the grandparents who had taken a very active role in caring for the kids. Diego, Jesus, and Maria felt abandoned by their mom, but they were able to learn that it was not their fault that she ended up in jail and that she needed extra support and help so that she could adequately care for them. They also learned to communicate what they were feeling and wanting with their aunt and with their grandparents, drawing the family closer and connecting them further. Services were successfully closed after six months. The children successfully transitioned into their new home where they felt safe, secure, and loved.

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



Recognized Donor



Happy Birthday and Thank You to Maxine Hoffman!



Happy Birthday Maxine! Maxine (center) turned 99 in August. CBRYC's former CEO, Chuck Thompson, (left) and current board member Mo Tinsley (right) attended her birthday party and presented her with this plaque in honor of her and her late husband's long-term support of our mission. Maxine and her husband became involved with CBRYC when we were still known as the Colorado Boys Ranch and had a residential treatment facility in La Junta. Maxine's influence on the boys at the ranch was tremendous. Today, Maxine and her family continue to leave their fingerprints on the work we do with their continued support and advocacy of our mission.

Everyone at CBRYC thanks you, Maxine, for the support and heart you have put into this organization! You have made a difference.



THANK YOU FOR
Standing Tall
AND MAKING A
Difference

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Upcoming for CBR YouthConnect

Celebrate CBR YouthConnect's 60th Anniversary with us!

All year long CBRYC is celebrating our 60th anniversary of serving youth and families in Colorado. Help us celebrate by sending in your pictures and stories about how CBRYC has impacted and been a part of your life. We want to hear about your memories and what CBRYC 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!



Mark Your Calendars for CO Gives Day!

Colorado Gives Day is Tuesday, December 10th.

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! We also are excited to announce that CBRYC is participating in Kids for ColoradoGives, encouraging kids to give to kids. Check out our [Kids for ColoradoGives profile](#) and encourage the kids in your life to participate in giving back to their community!

[More Details](#)



A program of Community First Foundation

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

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CREATING CONNECTIONS
THAT INSPIRE YOUTH AND FAMILIES

CONNECTING YOUTH WITH

Family, School, Values, Animals and Nature

AWARD-WINNING PROGRAMS



Helping • Inspiring • Equipping • Improving • Teaching

PROGRAMS:

Home and Family

- Connections Build Resilience
- Supervised Visitation

Values and Ethics

- STORY Program
- Specialized Youth Mentoring

Animals and Nature

- Animal Assisted Therapy
- Pawsitive Connection
- Thunderbird Ranch

School and Education

- Courses and Projects

Community Voices

- Resource Navigation
- Advocacy

FOCUS:

Helping children and families in crisis referred by county child welfare departments, courts and youth corrections.

Helping hard-to-reach youth from troubled homes, alternative schools, diversion programs and treatment centers with histories of school drop-out, homelessness, teen pregnancy, delinquency and mental health conditions.

Helping all youth, parents and families manage the stresses, confusion and trends in our society.

**Expanding our programs to serve families
of children with special needs!**

2,000
lives touched
annually

15
Colorado
Counties

7
Judicial
Districts

60
Years of
Service

**Youth and Families throughout Colorado receive our
services due to a variety of circumstances including...**

Abuse & Neglect • Prevention • Judicial Involvement • Adoption Support
• Truancy • Special Health Care Needs

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THE BENEFITS AND IMPACT OF OUR PROGRAMS

“We were called...”

“We have our Mom back!”

– Jacob, age 9 and Xavier, age 6

Mom was in jail for substance abuse and they were living with Grandpa before he passed away. Both brothers were fearful and grieving the loss of their grandfather. **We were called** to provide home-based services as well as specialized mentoring for both boys. The brothers learned it was okay to grieve and let out their emotions and that they could look up to someone besides their grandpa. **NOW**, Mom is out of jail and clean, and Jacob and Xavier are communicating openly about their feelings.

“Sully helped me learn what having a family was really about!”

– Isabell, age 15

Isabelle was a closed off teen with a history of trauma who had bounced from foster home to foster home. With mental health and behavioral concerns along with a fear of trusting anyone, she needed someone she could count on. **We were called** to provide animal assisted therapy. The therapist and her dog, Sully, came every week for three years to help, and Isabelle slowly started to open up. **NOW**, Isabelle is a confident young lady that has learned relationships can help you heal, as well as a student in a public high school, and she has been adopted into a loving and supportive family. Way to go Isabelle!



More than **87%** of all cases are successful!



39%
female
clients



61%
male
clients



Donations help to bridge the service gap by covering **18%** of **ALL** program costs!



We embrace diversity by serving **ALL** races, genders, religions, and ethnicities.



OUR MISSION:

To connect children, youth and families with the resources and inspiration to become hopeful and productive citizens.

60 YEARS OF SERVICE

OVER 77,000 LIVES TOUCHED



OUR AWARDS:

Samaritan Institute-Colorado Ethics in Business Award for Non-Profits

Two time recipient of the El Pomar Outstanding Youth Organization Award

Numerous features on NBC Nightly news, Animal Planet and Discovery Channel

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