



CBR YOUTHCONNECT

Creating Connections that Inspire Change

Continuing to Provide Services to the Youth and Families of CO

Addressing Trauma During a World in Crisis

For over 60 years, CBR YouthConnect has been there, providing services to youth and families across 17+ Colorado counties. CBRYC has always been responsive to the changing needs of the youth in our community and you have been by our side. Your support has allowed us to help the most vulnerable needs of our children and families. Today your support is even more critical as we struggle to provide services to mitigate the heightened risks COVID-19 presents for children and families.

Face-to-face contact is our normal process and we are continuing to respond to clients' needs in their homes and natural communities. We are increasing our staff capacity, technology capabilities, and support to our front-line staff to best meet the current and anticipated needs of this vulnerable population. Unfortunately, these new modes of care can result in decreased reimbursements from our funders.

During this unprecedented time, youth and families involved in Child Welfare are some of the most vulnerable. Family life has been dramatically impacted by COVID-19. This number is elevated for those families with a child with a special health care need whose needs are even greater.

CBR YouthConnect is NOT abandoning these youth and families during this time. We will continue serving, helping, assisting, and inspiring these families to find hope and make connections, no matter the circumstances or crises *they* or the *world* may be facing.

[Read More About How CBRYC is Addressing COVID-19](#)

Spring 2020



Our annual fundraiser is coming soon.

Sign up to participate!

[More Details](#)



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

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Keeping Families Together

CBR YouthConnect's Home-Based and Supervised Visitation Services Reunite Mother and Son

Devon was a shy and scared 14-year-old boy living with his father and step-mother when CBRYC was called to provide services. Child welfare had been called several times with concerns about his safety in the home and Devon had admitted to suicidal thoughts and was desperately crying for help. His mother was recovering from substance-abuse and was participating in supervised visitation with CBRYC, where she was able to see her son three times a week, but to Devon, it didn't feel like enough. CBRYC's home-based clinician worked with Devon's father and step-mother, but eventually determined that it was not a safe place for him to stay, especially after his step-mother filed for divorce. The clinician then switched gears to working a lot more with Devon and his mom. His mother was able to learn how to implement self-care and gained increased parenting skills. After filing a protection order against his father, Devon's mother was able to gain full custody of her son. Once he was back with his mom, Devon flourished. The home-based clinician worked with him to process his trauma as well as to become more assertive.



Now, Devon is so happy to have his mom back and he is learning to come out of his shell as he continues to grow and learn more about himself. We are so happy we were able to reunite a mother with her son.

**Want to learn more about
CBRYC's Programs?**

Visit our website:

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Executive Update

Hello Everyone,

As I work from home, I watch the changing weather patterns today which are reflective of our current reality and mood—sunny at times with periods of high wind, clouds, and some rain. I ask that you be mindful of your days and your thoughts, adjust to them as we do to the weather, and don't forget to ask for help along the way.

Going into this, my husband and I made a promise that we would come out of this storm changed. I say we will be "Better not Bitter." That we will focus on our time together, refocus on what we have missed in the past as we sat in Denver traffic thinking about all we could be doing. It has not been easy. My husband's Aunt died the day before her 87th birthday and I lost a very dear friend of over 20 plus years – gone well before her time. The last time we spoke—only a few weeks earlier—it was about another long-time dear friend who had passed away. My husband has been furloughed, and we haven't been able to see my daughters or their families—the very reason we moved here. We held his Dad's 85th Birthday on Zoom and truly missed all 4 brothers and families meeting in NY to celebrate. But, #BetternotBitter has allowed us to see things in a whole new light.

Every morning we watch the sunrise together and welcome a new day, a new chance to make a difference. And I take a moment to reflect on our staff who truly have made a difference. To all of them, my heartfelt thanks for extending yourself as essential personnel—a disconcerting but rewarding position to be in. You have found a way to see the faces and hear the voices of the youth and families who are more than just clients to you. You know firsthand the difficulties they face and find a way to reach out even while challenged yourself. I say a quiet thanks to our community partners, from state to county officials who support the work we do, for ANB Bank who worked hard to get us Paycheck Protection Program funding that makes sure we have the funds to do our work as our service delivery models change and impact our reimbursements, for our Board members who approved our request for a temporary pay increases and reimbursement rates for our staff during these challenging times, and many more, the list is long.

And again, we are Better not Bitter. COVID-19 has been a game changer—it has made us all realize what is immeasurably important, that it is okay to slow down, and taught us to learn to value relationships at their very core and, most importantly—***that those who have must to continue to care for those who don't.***

We will continue to do that with not only an abundance of caution but a new-found dedication.

Godspeed,



Terese (Terry) Scofidio
President / CEO
CBRYC

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Events

11th Annual Bust'n Clays for Kids

The 11th Annual Bust'n Clays for Kids is coming again this summer. This is a fun-filled day of games and competition! Come shoot your best as an individual or as part of a team. Registration is open on our website.

Team entry is \$600 for four shooters.

Additional shooters or a single shooter is \$150.

Program Sponsorships are \$2,500. Sponsors get two teams entries as well as a sponsored station.



You can also download the event flyer by [clicking here](#).

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!

Not interested in the competition? You can volunteer! We are always in need of great volunteers to help us run this fun event.

If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to us at info@youthconnect.org.

[Click Here to Learn More or Register Today!](#)



Events



**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!**



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Program Spotlight

Animal Assisted Therapy

Tristan (age 13) was with a new foster family and had been diagnosed with autism, ADHD, and PTSD, along with a speech/language delay that made traditional talk therapy next to impossible. His foster family didn't know where to start to help Tristan process some of the trauma he had experienced already in his young life. CBRYC was called to provide animal-assisted therapy. Working with the various animals at Hope Farms Project and his home-based clinician, he was able to identify and properly express his feelings of anger and grief surrounding his trauma. He also learned calming techniques, improved his social skills, and was able to find better ways to connect with people, including his foster family. After almost a year of services, Tristan's foster family decided to adopt him! Tristan still loves animals and is so excited to share this passion with his forever family. We are so happy for you Tristan!

Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) is a strategic, skill-based therapy requiring professional knowledge and experience to successfully enhance individual, group and family therapies. The AAT therapist skillfully and thoughtfully involves the animal(s) as a part of the relationship building process; as a source of information about individual and family dynamics; as a partner in providing feedback and insight to the client(s) relative to treatment goals; and as a motivator for change.



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



Recognized Donor

Memorializing a Founding Board Member of CBRYC



We were saddened to hear of the passing of a long time donor and friend of CBRYC, Robert “Bob” Cody, in early March of 2020. Bob was the last surviving member of the original Colorado Boys Ranch Foundation board. He was one of the ambitious and generous men in the La Junta area that worked to make CBR a reality. Serving as the board treasurer for several years, Bob helped to bring CBR into being and to make it a place where the phrase “Caring Brings Results” truly came to life.

Thank you so much, Bob, for your unwavering commitment to CBRYC and to the 77,000 boys, girls, and family members that have been touched since 1959.

You will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.



THANK YOU FOR
Standing Tall
AND MAKING A
Difference

Bob’s family has asked that those wishing to pay their respects to send a donation to CBRYC.

If you wish to donate in memory of Bob, you can send a check to CBRYC at 12567 W. Cedar Drive, Suite 101, Lakewood, CO 80228, or you can go online by clicking [here](#). Just make sure to write “In memory of Bob Cody” in the memo.

The Original Board of Directors

Back row, left to right, **Doyle Davidson**, Assistant Secretary, **John May**, Executive Secretary, **James Myers**, Director, **Everette Marshall**, Director/Mgr. Livestock & Farming, and **Elias Candell**, Director.

Front row, left to right, **S. O. Jeffers**, Director, **Robert “Bob” Cody**, Treasurer, **Richard Davis**, President, **Milton Richert**, Director and **Carl Shafer**, Director



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Upcoming for CBR YouthConnect

ReFUND Colorado—NEW in 2020

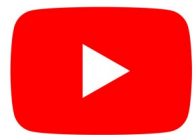
ReFUND Colorado is a new offering this year that will benefit nonprofits throughout the state. Many Coloradan's receive a tax refund this season and now they have the ability to give some or all of this refund to the nonprofit of their choice. Use the registration number pictured here if you would like to dedicate some of your refund to CBRYC.

[Learn More About ReFUND Colorado](#)



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

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#GivingTuesdayNow

Tuesday, May 5th, has been designated as #GivingTuesdayNow. This day is an international day of giving and unity to support the unique and unprecedented needs that have been realized due to the crisis of COVID-19. This crisis has produced emergency situations throughout the world and throughout Colorado. On May 5th, you will have the chance to support local Colorado

nonprofits as we navigate this crisis while still providing services to the families who are most in need. Mark your calendar and go to [ColoradoGives.org](https://coloradogives.org) to donate to CBRYC on May 5th.

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