



# CBR YOUTHCONNECT

*Creating Connections that Inspire Change*

## Outstanding Programs Impacting Youth in Colorado

### Setting the Standard for *Competency Outpatient Restoration Education*

This time last year CBR YouthConnect (CBRYC) announced our new *Competency Outpatient Restoration Education* program. Although we have served just over seventy youth since April of 2020, we have already set the standard for this program throughout Colorado. We are now working with Utah’s Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) to develop their program as a model after our own so they can provide the much needed support to youth in the juvenile justice system with identified mental or intellectual disabilities.

This program helps youth learn rational decision making skills, gain an understanding of their criminal charges, and learn about the basic proceedings of the court and how it pertains to them.

**“This program has helped me tremendously to learn more about the court system and how it works. I would love this program to continue so it can help more juveniles like me.”**  
**- Carson, age 14**  
***Competency Outpatient Restoration***

### Winter 2021



**The 12th Annual Bust'n Clays for Kids is coming this July 16, 2021 at Colorado Clays!**

[More Details](#)



**Impacting 2,000 lives annually throughout 19 different counties, 7 judicial districts, and 4 partner agencies in Colorado.**

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# Going Home

## CBRYC's Supervised Visitation Program Brings A Son Home

Izzy, age 13, had been moved into foster care due to some concerns that were present in his home. His dad was determined to do better and learn the necessary skills to bring Izzy back home. CBR YouthConnect stepped in to provide Supervised Visitation for Izzy and his dad. One of our Community Service providers observed the interactions between Izzy and his father. Izzy's dad showed his son that he was listening and that he loved him. No safety concerns were observed during their visits, and it was clear that Izzy's dad was learning and implementing positive parenting skills every time he interacted with his son. After two and a half months, the CBRYC Community Service Provider recommended that Izzy and his dad move to unsupervised visits and eventually have Izzy return home to live with his dad once again.



Now, Izzy has returned home with his dad. They are still learning how to navigate their father-son relationship like any dad with a teenager is, but their future is bright and we are so glad that we got to be a part of their reunion story!

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

**Visit our website: [www.CBRYouthConnect.org](http://www.CBRYouthConnect.org)**



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# Executive Update

Hello Everyone,

As I write this the sun is filtering through my front windows and I feel lighter than I have in months. This past year has been filled with trials and tribulations for all of us. Now, as spring is just around the corner, you can palpitate life - and as to quote an Alan Jackson song.... life was changed, disassembled, rearranged as it so often has been for the generations before us and will be for the generations that follow us. CBRYC strives to bring hope and promise to future generations through all the services we provide and can only do that with our partners - all or you – staff, payors, donors, families, who rely on our incredible group of mobile Mentors, clinicians, and therapists. That is why CBR has so much to look forward to. We begin this year with several lofty goals and objectives – some familiar and others will take us into unknown territory.

Many of you have experienced our Bust'n Clays for Kids fundraiser. (Psssst, if you haven't – check it out on our [website](#). Its great fun!) The Committee is already in high gear. The money raised last year allowed us to continue to serve those in need during the pandemic. The personal protective equipment for staff and families, hot spots for remote therapy, cleaning products and so much, much more that we provided our families during the pandemic were possible only through your continued support. This year we plan on dedicating our funds to enhancing and expanding the services we provide. There are many ways to get involved from joining in the fun, becoming a sponsoring or volunteering to help at the event.

Our senior clinical staff are spending a great deal of time getting ready to implement an Electronic Health Record. With our partners from Health Information Management Systems (HiMS) and Left-Hand Management we have custom built a system that will streamline our entire process from the time of referral to case closure. It will allow for greater efficiencies for staff that are so necessary when operating a 100% mobile operation (Good riddance to word documents and too many emails!). Furthermore, it will allow us to collect data on patient outcomes and efficacy of treatment and are working to collect and code data to support implementing the Family First Prevention Act by collecting specific treatment modality outcomes. An electronic system will allow us to optimize our revenue. This is critical as we roll out our status as a fully approved and certified Medicaid Provider in all the Colorado RAE's. As we finalize the build out we will be training our staff over the next 4 weeks. We are looking forward to these time saving efficiency which will allow us to meet the increasing needs of both the County Department of Human Services and Judicial system.

Speaking of expansion, our Board has been spending a lot of time with us in planning for the future. This month we will begin an exciting project. While we are known amongst our dedicated supporters and payors, there are so many who don't know who CBR Youth Connect is or what we do – and that limits who we can help. We are embarking on a branding and marketing project to include a new logo and a purpose statement that will allow us to tell all of Colorado that we are here to help. I am excited by the energy and momentum this is generating even in these early days.

More importantly, we are looking forward. We know that those we serve often need more than we can provide. We also know that there are families out there we could help before they reach a full crisis. Transitional supportive residences, Substance Use Disorder partnerships, School or Community based clinics, after school programs with community partners. Do you have any ideas on what families in Colorado need – send those ideas our way by emailing [info@youthconnect.org](mailto:info@youthconnect.org). No idea is too farfetched. We will be exploring a lot of different program ideas and doing our due diligence on grants, funding streams and sustainability.

This is such an exciting time to be at CBRYC. Interested in working for us, volunteering at an event, or being a Mover and Shaker on our Board - please call or [email us](#)! We'd love to hear from you.

Enjoy the promise of the days ahead!



Terese (Terry) Scofidio, CEO



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# Events

## 12th Annual Bust'n Clays for Kids

The 12th Annual Bust'n Clays for Kids is coming again on July 16, 2021! This is a fun-filled day of games and competition! Come shoot your best as an individual or as part of a team.



- **Team entry is \$600 for four shooters.**
- **Additional shooters or a single shooter is \$150.**
- **Station Sponsorships are \$2,500. Sponsors get two teams entries as well as an assigned sponsored station.**

**[Click Here to Register!](#)**

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** or **donate an auction item!**

We are always in need of great volunteers to help us run this fun event. If you are interested in volunteering or donating an auction item please reach out to us at [info@youthconnect.org](mailto:info@youthconnect.org).



**[Click Here to Watch a Video of Bust'n Clays for Kids 2020](#)**

**Email [info@youthconnect.org](mailto:info@youthconnect.org) to request to be placed on the email list for updates on Bust'n Clays for Kids!**



# Events



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

Email  
[info@youthconnect.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@youthconnect.org) for more information on how you can be involved in our annual events!



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# Program Spotlight

## Connections Build Resilience Home-Based Program



Aiyden, age 8, thought his dad had forgotten about him after his parents got a divorce, but that was far from true. Although Aiyden lived in rural Colorado and his dad lived in Montana, his father was determined to be a part of Aiyden's life again and reached out to CBR YouthConnect for help.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Aiyden's dad couldn't travel out to Colorado to see his son, so CBRYC's Family Service Provider helped him do the next best thing and set up Zoom calls so they could see and talk to each other.

At first, Aiyden was hesitant and only called his father by his first name. However, as their relationship began to flourish and grow, he learned that he and his dad had a lot in common and that his dad really did care about him and his experiences. Three months later, Aiyden told his dad that he loved him and that he forgave him for leaving. Now, Aiyden's dad is just waiting for the moment he can finally wrap Aiyden in his arms again.

CBRYC's Connections Build Resilience Home-Based program helps over 120 youth like Aiyden each year find and create those lasting family connections. We wouldn't be able to do this without our generous donors, and to them we are forever grateful!

CBRYC's Connections Build Resilience Home-Based program provides statewide in-home, community-based services with the clear mission to keep youth and families together. The services are designed to prevent youth from being removed from their homes and family and also to reduce the length of placement by facilitating transition to home. This is accomplished by our Family Service Providers who offer structure, support, supervision, and interventions within the family, school, and community setting.



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# Recognized Donor and Granting Foundation

## Thank you to the Harris Family!

The Harris Family have been long-term donors and friends of CBRYC. Their Charitable Fund has been faithfully supporting our mission to serve the youth and families of Colorado since 2010. One of their favorite events is the Bust'n Clays for Kids event in the summer. Zach Harris sits on our event committee for Bust'n Clays and always helps to make sure that everything runs smoothly so the attendees can have a great time knowing they are supporting a worthy organization.

We are so incredibly grateful to the Harris Family for all of your commitment, support, and heart you have given to this organization. You have made a difference. Keep standing tall!



## Thank you Denver Active 20-30 Children's Foundation!

CBRYC is proud to announce that we were recently awarded a **\$5,000** grant from the **Denver Active 20-30 Children's Foundation!** This grant is dedicated to the overall support of CBRYC's programs with an emphasis on growing and expanding our Specialized Mentoring program. These funds will provide PPE equipment to our staff along with supporting the basic needs of the youth and families we serve.



We want to give a huge thank you to the Denver Active 20-30 Children's Foundation for this support! You will allow us to change lives and inspire change for many youth and families through Colorado in 2021.

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# Upcoming for CBR YouthConnect

## ReFUND CO

The ReFUND CO awareness campaign shows how you can directly support a local nonprofit that is doing important work in your community. If you get a state income tax refund, this new program puts you in control of deciding to donate some or all of it and choosing exactly which Colorado-registered charity will directly benefit.



For our organization, this provides a new way to fund our ongoing programs for the youth and families of Colorado.

We hope you'll consider supporting CBRYC in this way!

[Learn More about ReFUND CO](#)



## Coming Home 2021 Reunion Event

The first boy arrived at CBR in 1961. CBRYC is working on putting together a reunion event in honor of this for the boys, staff, and donors who spent time at the Colorado Boys Ranch in La Junta.

**More details to come!**

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

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