

Priority Response Area: Family Resource and Assistance Organizations

Rationale:

Family resource and assistance organizations have long served as anchors in communities across Colorado, providing a range of economic, social and family support services to children, youth and families experiencing the greatest barriers to health and well-being. They are now on the front lines of addressing many needs that families face due to the impacts of COVID-19 and working to provide or connect families to food and other basic needs, rental assistance, housing, shelter and many other resources.

- The Family Resource Center Association (FRCA), a membership organization for 33 family resource centers (FRCs) operating across Colorado, conducted two surveys to understand what centers are experiencing in the current environment. Key results include:
 - Expanding food access, direct financial assistance and rental assistance are among the top needs FRCs reported for families facing hardship.
 - 66% of FRCs reported that they have become the primary service provider in their community because other agencies are closed or are referring clients to the FRC.
 - While FRCs have traditionally served children and families experiencing hardship, 50% of FRCs reported doing outreach to populations they haven't served previously, including veterans, seniors and recent parolees. Many are expanding their outreach to reach populations such as non-English speaking individuals (if they weren't reaching them before), populations not connected to social media, employers and the newly unemployed.
- Family resource and assistance organizations have also increased staff and/or shifted staff responsibilities to respond to increasing demand for services and they have expanded some services and/or taken on new responsibilities as a result of other community partners' diminished capacity.
- Family resource and assistance organizations have had to make substantial shifts in operations and protocols to ensure the health and safety of clients, staff and volunteers in accordance with state and local guidance as a result of COVID-19.
- As family resource and assistance organizations have had to halt their traditional in-person educational and social programming, they are turning to new ways to support families, including through delivering activity kits and sharing homeschooling tips and other resources through social media.

Funding Recommendation

Family Resource Centers – FRCA Member Centers (33 centers serving 52 counties in Colorado): \$850,000

- **Family Resource Center Association** (for operations and support of pass-through grants to 33 centers), \$25,000
- **Aurora Community Connection** (Adams, Arapahoe), \$25,000
- **Bright Futures for Children** (San Miguel, Ouray), \$25,000
- **Broomfield FISH** (Broomfield), \$25,000
- **Catholic Charities of Central Colorado** (El Paso, Douglas), \$25,000
- **Catholic Charities Diocese of Pueblo** (Pueblo), \$25,000
- **Center for African American Health** (Denver), \$25,000
- **Community Partnership Family Resource Center** (Teller), \$25,000
- **Delta County Family Resource Center** (Delta), \$25,000

- **Denver Indian Family Resource Center** (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, Weld), \$25,000
- **Emergency Family Assistance Association** (Boulder), \$25,000
- **Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success** (Larimer), \$25,000
- **Families Forward Resource Center** (Denver, Adams, Arapahoe), \$25,000
- **Family and Intercultural Resource Center** (Summit), \$25,000
- **Family Resource Center** (Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma), \$25,000
- **Family Resource Center Roaring Fork Schools** (Garfield, Pitkin, Eagle), \$25,000
- **Focus Points Family Resource Center** (Denver, Adams, Arapahoe), \$25,000
- **Fremont County Family Center** (Fremont, Chaffee, Custer), \$25,000
- **Hilltop Community Resources** (Mesa, Montrose), \$25,000
- **Huerfano Family Resource Center** (Huerfano, Las Animas), \$25,000
- **La Familia/The Family Center** (Larimer), \$25,000
- **La Plata Family Centers Coalition** (La Plata, Archuleta), \$25,000
- **La Puente Home** (Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, Saguache), \$25,000
- **Morgan County Family Center** (Morgan), \$25,000
- **Mountain Family Center** (Grand), \$25,000
- **Mountain Resource Center** (Jefferson, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Park), \$25,000
- **OUR Center** (Boulder), \$25,000
- **Prairie Family Center** (Kit Carson, Cheyenne), \$25,000
- **The Piñon Project Family Resource Center** (Montezuma), \$25,000
- **Rural Communities Resource Center** (Yuma, Washington), \$25,000
- **Sister Carmen Community Center** (Boulder), \$25,000
- **Tri-County Family Care Center** (Bent, Otero, Crowley), \$25,000
- **Washington County Connections** (Washington, Yuma), \$25,000
- **West End Family Link Center** (Montrose, San Miguel), \$25,000

Family resource/assistance organizations (previous Caring for Colorado grantees, not FRCA members): \$160,000

- **Compañeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center** (Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan), \$20,000
- **Roots Family Center** (Denver), \$20,000
- **Growing Home** (Adams), \$20,000
- **Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County** (Adams), \$20,000
- **Warren Village** (Denver), \$20,000
- **Rose Andom Center** (Denver), \$20,000
- **Valley Settlement** (Eagle, Garfield, Pitkin), \$20,000
- **San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center** (Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache), \$20,000

Resources/Articles:

- [Colorado Weekly Unemployment Claims Soar to 60K As Coronavirus Fears Grip Economy](#) (CPR)
- [As Coronavirus Slows or Stops Paychecks, Colorado Renters Are Worried About Being Able to Pay](#) (CPR)
- [Even Before the Coronavirus Outbreak, Hourly and Self-Employed Workers Were Struggling to Meet Basic Needs](#) (Urban Institute)