Colorado
Mission: To ensure that Family Resource Center Association Member Centers are strong and optimally equipped to serve Colorado families.

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For over 20 years, the Family Resource Center Association has worked with Member Centers to improve how support is provided for local families and to supply Colorado families with the knowledge and tools needed to become self-reliant.

At a Glance
- Types of Members: Community-Based (27), School-Based (2), Government Department (1)
- Network Annual Budget: $1.1 Million
- Funding Sources: State General Fund, Private Foundations, Individual Giving
- Pass-Through Annually: $3.2 Million
- Funding Source: Private Foundations
- Network Structure: Independent Nonprofit

Member Service Areas
- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Child Development Activities
- Family Economic Success Activities
- Health/Wellness Activities
- Intentional Multiple Family Member Engagement Activities
- Community Development Activities

Network Functions
- Connecting Members
- Training/Technical Assistance
- Systems Change/Policy or Advocacy
- Pass-Through Funding to Members
- Marketing/Public Awareness Activities
- Shared Data Management System
- Liason with the State Office of Early Childhood

1998 Year Founded
30 Members
26,627 Individuals Served
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Highlights

• Through advocacy efforts, The Family Resource Center Association recently increased direct dedicated funding for Family Resource Centers in Colorado’s State General Fund by $500,000.

• FRCA is working to streamline data entry for its Member Centers. In partnership with Parent Possible, another intermediary within the Early Childhood field, FRCA worked to allow for the live flow of data between their required database tracking home visiting evidence-based models and FRCA’s shared Member Center database. The result was an exchange of 13,777 records, reducing duplicative data entry burden for Member Centers. FRCA is using key learnings from this pilot to address other duplicative data entry burdens.

• FRCA successfully trademarked some of its tools, including the Colorado Family Support Assessment 2.0 and the Family Pathways tools, resulting in a new earned income-generating licensing fee structure for non-Members.

Outcomes

• FRCA’s most recent annual evaluation report indicated that families showed statistically significant gains in 11 of 14 family domains. Increases were evident within families’ identified areas of change as well as extending beyond to additional areas, suggesting benefits of goal setting on family functioning.

• Through FRCA’s Frontiers of Innovation Project with the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University, FRCA conducted two cohorts to disentangle not only which families engage at a deeper level, but why. Families with four or more ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences Score) made gains in family functioning/resiliency, social support, nurturing and attachment at comparable rates to families with fewer ACES, suggesting family development services benefit all families.

Standards of Quality Implementation

9 Standards Trainers
30 Certification Trainings
828 Certified Individuals