



families first
helping families improve children's lives



Colorado Child Maltreatment Prevention

We all play a role in preventing **child abuse and neglect.**



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(1-844-264-5437)

Parenting Class Schedule Fall 2017

Circle of Parents 2017 Schedule

Our goal at Families First is to prevent child abuse and neglect before it happens. To achieve this it is crucial that parents are able to receive the support they need to ensure their children reach their full developmental potential and receive consistent, high-quality parenting. At Families First, we make sure information and resources are easily accessible.

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) collected information from a parent survey and parent focus groups that revealed the following:

- Parents are reluctant to ask for help and concerned about being judged.
- Parents want more opportunities to help them build informal networks of support.
- Parents trust libraries and health care providers and would like to see more information in these places on child development and community resources.
- Parents recognize that family stability is dependent on economic opportunity and high quality child care.
- Parents still need accurate information on child development. For example, one common misunderstanding is that parents believe that their young children misbehave just to upset them.
- Programs and campaigns need to be developed at the community level so they are relevant to parents living there.

Families First is dedicated to providing services to address these needs in a nonjudgmental environment. We supply families with skills and resources that allow them to better protect and care for their children. Our Circle of Parents groups provide an informal network of support. Our Parents as Teachers program includes home visits and supports child development. Our Support Line is available to answer any questions or concerns a parent may have and provide them with information, resources and referrals. We also provide a variety of classes throughout the Denver metro area.

The table below details the number of children served by Colorado's child and family services during the 2016 federal fiscal year according to CDHS. Unfortunately, we still have a lot of work to do but we will continue improving children's lives so that eventually every child will grow up feeling safe and valued in a nurturing family environment.

FFY 2016 Child Welfare Services Data

Number of calls to Colorado's child abuse and neglect hotline reporting system:	202,320
Number of referrals:	97,646
Number of referrals accepted for assessment:	36,763
Number of children involved in child welfare services during the reporting period:	28,808
Number of new children involved with child welfare services:	17,494
Number of children who entered foster care during the reporting period:	5,419
Number of children discharged to reunification (parents, relatives, & guardianship):	3,645
Number of children discharged to adoption:	769
Number of children discharged to emancipation:	210



PARENTING A CHILD?
WE'RE HERE TO HELP!
877-695-7996

CONSEJOS PARA FAMILIAS
866-527-3264



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January

1 year - Lindsay Van Wyk

March

4 years - Maria Soto
1 year - Bridget Cunningham
1 year - Jeni Lucero
1 year - Lesa Nesbit

April

2 years - Bert Singleton

June

22 years - Rosa Huber
9 years - Amy Fowler-Funk
9 years - Taylor Solymosy-Poole
2 years - Natalie Townsend

February

2 years - Amy Cobb
2 years - Ann Shockley
2 years - Ashley Hashimoto
2 years - Dee Everitt
2 years - Ruth Connors
2 years - Silvia Romero
2 years - Kayla Gardner
1 year - Caroline Caldwell

May

26 years - Claire Poole
16 years - Sonya Beauman

New Hires

Katie Bouchard
Erin Danylchuk

Upcoming Food and Fun Events:



Dine & Donate

Tuesday Sept 26, 2017

from 5-8pm

50% of all mentions will benefit Families First



MODERN market

FARM FRESH EATERIES



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8575 E Arapahoe Rd F, Greenwood Village, CO 80112

Infinitus PIE - October 16th

5807 W 38th Ave, Wheat Ridge

Infinitus Pie's Mission is "Inspiring through mouthwatering PIE coupled with a passionate dedication to community, education and humor."



Have GREAT pizza for a GREAT cause with Families First in October!

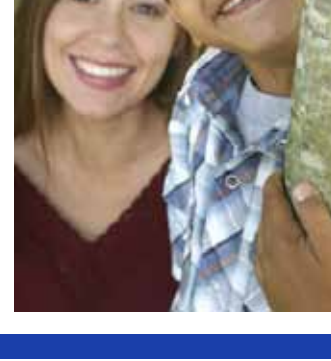
Families First invites you to the
2nd Latino Conference

When: Saturday, October 7th
Time: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
Location: Knights of Columbus, Aurora

Cost: \$30 per person
For more information
866-527-3264



A conference in Spanish
for Spanish speaking parents



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