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helping families improve children's lives

Phase II of Families First Transition Plan February 1, 2018

Update on the Children's Treatment Center

After 31 years, the Children's Treatment Center at Families First closed February 1, 2018. With plenty of advanced notice and planning, we were able to work closely with caseworkers, guardian ad litem and families to find the best and most appropriate placements for each child.

The Children's Treatment Center property is for sale. Families First current and new programs starting this year will be held in Families First Family Center. Please consider a tour of our facility to learn about our new programs.

What are the next steps?

We are training Families First staff and volunteers in February and March in a new, innovative prevention and intervention program. This program develops social emotional competence in adults and youth; supportive relationships between youth and their caregivers; and, supportive emotional climates that foster security, belonging, and connection. We will begin piloting this program with current children and their caregivers in late March.

In March and April, we will begin building our new Day Treatment Program, housed in our Family Center. This program will be a comprehensive multi-disciplinary program designed to serve children three to six years of age. A unique, therapeutic classroom setting will offer an environment that is stable, safe, and nurturing. Each child will receive a variety of tailored services which include speech and occupational therapy, psychological evaluations and diagnosis, play therapy and socialization, counseling, and pre-school education.

Will this affect the other programs? Will you still offer parenting classes and Circle of Parents® support groups, and Parents as Teachers programs?

These changes will not affect our current programs, other than to enhance what we do by providing more child and parent interactions that foster supportive emotional security.

How can the community help?

We are excited about the changes and very honored with the response we have received from the community. You are invited to come and tour our Family Center to learn more about our new programs and attend one of our upcoming events. You are helping to further our mission of providing education, family support, and treatment to prevent the abuse and neglect of children. You are an integral part of helping improve more children's lives in Colorado.



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