



Update from Adam Robe, Executive Director



Today marks a day in history for Families First and the many children and families we have worked with through the years. As you know, we have been working diligently to ensure that our transition goes smoothly as we move into the next phase of building our new programing. To kick us off, during February and March our staff and volunteers will be trained 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. Starting in late March, we will begin piloting this program with current children and their caregivers.

In March and April we will be ramping up for our new treatment program that will be 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/psychiatric evaluations and diagnosis, play therapy and socialization, counseling, and education.

We are excited about the direction our agency is heading as we work to improve the lives of Colorado's children. Due to the overwhelming support and enthusiasm you have shared over the past few months we are able to begin to serve many more children than we have in the past. The impact on these young lives, the healing they will undergo and the transformation to families will be astounding.

Thank you for standing with us during the difficult times, we have had and the new challenges ahead as we embark on a new Families First!

Best Regards,

Adam Robe



Children's Treatment Center Update

"Today is the last day for the Children's Treatment Center. With plenty of advance notice and planning, we were able to work closely with caseworkers, guardians ad litem and families to find the best and most appropriate placements for each of our children. Some went to family members, one to an adoptive family and others to foster placement while they await adoption. We are so proud of the staff that, even though their jobs with us were ending, made the children's needs and wellbeing a priority in their lives and stayed with us as caregivers until the last child was moved. Thanks also to the Executive Director and Board of Directors who supported our transition plan, allowing us to continue providing the best quality care and treatment until the day our doors closed."

~ Ann Afton, Children's Treatment Center Director

