

# WARREN VILLAGE

Transforming Parents' Lives. Improving Children's Futures.

Living in poverty and homelessness is not only stressful but can result in feelings of fear, hopelessness, and prioritization of daily survival over long-term planning. From day one, Warren Village's goal has been to help low-income, single-parent families make the journey from poverty to self-sufficiency.

The number of children in the Denver Metro area without a stable, safe place to live has increased by 322% over the last 10 years.

Since 1974, Warren Village has implemented a nationally-acclaimed, two-generation approach that provides opportunities and resources to empower disadvantaged families to change their life trajectory. This holistic approach includes three program components.

## OPPORTUNITY & EMPOWERMENT

### Safe & Affordable Housing

With safe, consistent and affordable housing, families can break the cycle of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency. Warren Village offers two to three year transitional housing in 92 apartments accommodating single-parent families with up to six children. In addition, through our First Step program, in partnership with Denver's Road Home—we offer a one-year transitional communal living program for single mothers.

### Parent Services & Advocacy

Warren Village provides each resident with a Family Advocate who helps parents navigate and find additional resources; provides post-secondary education assistance through our College-to-Career program; provides career exploration through our Workforce Partnership Initiative; teaches financial literacy skills; provides holistic wellness supports; and helps plan for long-term housing.

### Early Education & Child Care

Children who experience homelessness and poverty are at an increased risk for social, emotional and cognitive problems. Warren Village's nationally accredited Learning Center provides early childhood education and care for children (ages 6 weeks to 10 years) to ensure that exposure to early trauma does not define their path.



4,600 FAMILIES SERVED SINCE WARREN VILLAGE WAS CREATED IN 1974

WE SERVED 137 FAMILIES AND 221 CHILDREN IN FISCAL YEAR 2017



## PROGRAM MODEL



Early Education  
& Child Care



Parent Services  
& Advocacy



Safe & Affordable  
Housing



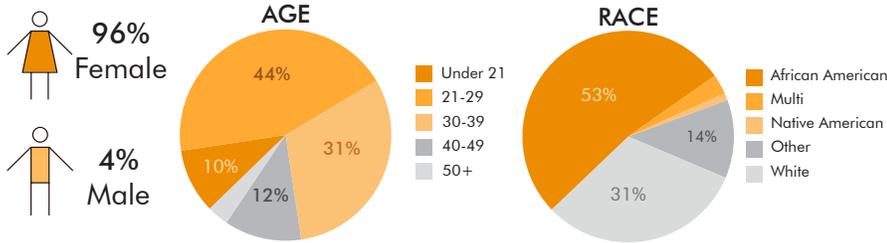
## OUTCOMES

In Fiscal Year 2017, of the 47 families who exited Warren Village after a stay of six months or more:

- 83% found permanent housing
- 68% had increased their income
- 60% increased their personal competencies
- 72% attended the required 70% of Life Skills Classes or more
- 34% had completed a degree or certificate program or have credit hours on track to graduate or complete a certificate

## WARREN VILLAGE FAMILIES

Living at Warren Village is a hand up - not a handout. Parents are required to maintain a full-time schedule of employment and/or education, attend life skills classes, and volunteer in the community. They pay 30% of their total income. 100% of Warren Village families have a household income of less than \$20,000 qualifying them as living at or below the poverty line. Our parents are:



## MODEL ENHANCEMENTS

### Wellness Initiative

Lasting and long-term personal and economic self-sufficiency requires both a healthy mind and body. Launched in February 2017, the Wellness Initiative is the foundation for stability and greater levels of success. Each family participates in classes focused on the following components:



### Workforce Partnership Initiative

This initiative builds upon our existing education and career services. It provides a continuum of career development and job readiness services that emphasize career pathway planning and exploration, internships, certificate training programs, and post-employment support.

## GET INVOLVED

### Volunteer

Warren Village works with more than 1,000 individual and group volunteers who make an impact by:

- Sharing their profession, hobbies and passions by facilitating an evening Life Skills class or support our Workforce Partnership Initiative.
- Providing safe, quality childcare at Warren Village while parents attend evening Life Skills classes.
- Hosting a Family and/or Community night with their group, by providing dinner and activities for residents.
- Joining the Warren Village Young Professionals group.

### Donate

We need your help! Half of our budget each year is supported by generous donors in the community. 85% of all contributions go directly to program services.

## SUCCESS STORIES



While Whitney was at Warren Village, she worked closely with her family advocate to find a scholarship that would lead her toward a career path that she was able to grow into. Whitney represents Warren Village through the Close to Home Campaign, serves on the Board for the Colorado Community Land Trust, volunteers in the community, and was recently able to purchase her first home. Now, Whitney believes she has the skills and knowledge to continue on her pathway to success in her housing career as she gives back to the community.



When Serena moved into Warren Village with her son Julian, she felt like she could truly breathe for the first time in a place she could finally call home. During her time in the program, Serena worked hard at setting her goals with her family advocate and made sure she immersed herself in as many opportunities as possible. Today, Serena has completed her education and received a B.A. in Health Care Management while Julian continues to flourish at his elementary school. "We are well on our way to that better life I knew we could have."