



Transforming Parents' Lives. Improving Children's Futures.

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**Warren Village Recognizes Five Years of Transformative College to Career Program**  
*Program assists families in their pursuit of self-sufficiency through career-specific training*

**DENVER (May 14, 2019)** – [Warren Village](#), a Denver-based organization focused on helping low-income, single-parent families make the journey from poverty to self-sufficiency, is celebrating five years of its College to Career (C2C) program.

Launched in 2014 with a grant from Bank of America, the C2C program assists families in moving toward financial self-sufficiency by providing career-specific training that moves students further and faster toward certificate or degree completion and into the workforce. Warren Village Family Advocates, alongside community partners, offer robust wrap-around services and support, including enrollment services, financial aid support, tutoring and childcare.

“The program started in response to the growing cost of living in Denver combined with persistently low wages, causing a financial crisis for Warren Village families,” said Ethan Hemming, Warren Village CEO. “Research shows that a person’s level of education is directly related to his or her earning potential as well as life-expectancy and long-term health. The C2C program gives our residents the best opportunity to increase their earning potential with a wide range of supports.”

C2C includes a partnership with [Community College of Denver](#) (CCD). CCD instructors teach two to three onsite classes per semester at Warren Village, providing a supportive and comfortable learning environment. Warren Village provides the opportunity for childcare during that time for parents to focus on their coursework.

“Community College of Denver’s educational programs are designed to enrich the social, civic and economic fabric of our community, nation and world,” said Ruthanne Orihuela, executive dean of Arts and Humanities at CCD. “CCD is proud to have the opportunity to invest in the education of members of our community through Warren Village’s College to Career program.”

Since the launch of C2C, 65 percent of residents have enrolled in college courses; 98 residents (or one-third of all residents served during the five years) have participated in classes onsite at Warren Village with Community College of Denver; and 74 residents have attained certificates or degrees.

## **About Warren Village**

Warren Village is focused on helping low-income, single-parent families make the journey from poverty to self-sufficiency and has served nearly 4,800 children and parents since 1974. Through its two-generation approach, Warren Village transforms parents' lives, improves children's futures and strengthens the community. The organization's holistic proven approach includes safe and affordable housing, parent services and advocacy, and early education and childcare. For more information about Warren Village, visit the website [warrenvillage.org](http://warrenvillage.org), or engage with the organization on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) (@Warren\_Village) and Instagram (@warren\_village).

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