

WARREN VILLAGE

Transforming Parents' Lives. Improving Children's Futures.

STRONG FOUNDATIONS *are Built Here*

Since 1974, our Two-Generation (2Gen) approach has been providing opportunities and comprehensive resources to empower low-income, single-parent families to change their life trajectory.

Our holistic approach includes three main program components:

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 years of housing in 92 apartments accommodating single-parent families with up to six children. In addition, we offer a one-year communal living program for 11 single mothers and their children through our First Step program, in partnership with Denver's Department of Housing Stability.

Parent Services & Advocacy

Warren Village provides each resident with a Family Advocate who helps parents set goals and find additional resources, including: post-secondary education assistance through our College to Career Initiative, career exploration through our Workforce Partnership Initiative, financial literacy classes, holistic wellness supports, and comprehensive long-term housing plans.

Early Education & Child Care

Children who experience poverty and homelessness are at an increased risk for social, emotional, and cognitive problems. Warren Village's on-site Learning Center provides early childhood education, child care, mental health supports, and 2/3 of the daily nutritional requirements for children between the ages of 6 weeks to 10 years. This support allows their parents to focus on their education and/or employment.



In 2020, the Learning Center earned a **Colorado Shines Level 4** program quality rating, demonstrating our dedication to continually improving the quality of our services.

WE HAVE SERVED 5,205 CHILDREN AND PARENTS SINCE 1974

WE SERVED 202 CHILDREN AND 130 PARENTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020



PROGRAM MODEL



Early Education
& Child Care



Parent Services
& Advocacy



Safe & Affordable
Housing

OUTCOMES*

- 80% or more of Learning Center children are meeting or exceeding national cognitive, literacy, mathematics, and physical benchmarks

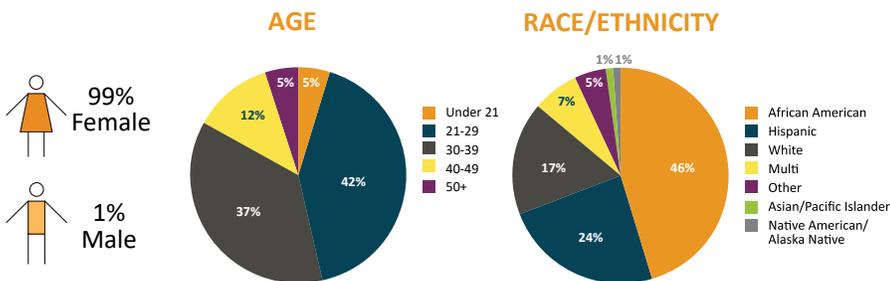
At Program Exit:

- 90% of families found permanent housing
- 54% of residents completed a degree or certificate program, or are currently "on track" to finish
- 83% of residents increased their personal competencies
- The average annual salary of residents working full time is \$34,538.

*FY2019-2020

RESIDENT COMMITMENTS

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 for rent.



MODEL ENHANCEMENTS

Wellness Initiative

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



Workforce Partnership and College to Career (C2C) Initiatives

These initiatives build upon our existing education and career services, and provide a continuum of career development and job readiness services that emphasize career pathway planning and exploration, internships, certificate training programs, and post-employment support. Family Advocates offer robust wrap-around services and support, including enrollment services, financial aid support, tutoring and childcare. C2C also includes a partnership with Community College of Denver, that provides two to three on-site classes per semester at Warren Village, in a supportive and comfortable learning environment.

GET INVOLVED

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

- Sharing their profession, hobbies, and passions by facilitating an evening Life Skills Class or supporting 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 Leaders group.

Donate - We need your help! Half of our budget each year is supported by generous donors in the community. 82% of all contributions go directly to program services.

SUCCESS STORIES



Growing up, Jami experienced many traumatic and life-altering events including sexual abuse, neglect, and the death of her brother. She dropped out of school at the age of 14. After bouncing around for many years unsure of her next steps, she began massage therapy school and seemed to be on the right path. Then Jami **found herself unexpectedly pregnant and all alone**. Despite feeling hopeless and estranged, Jami wanted to **build a foundation** for her daughter, but she wasn't looking for a hand-out. She passed her GED exam, moved into Warren Village, invested in the needs of her daughter, earned her **associate degree**, and embraced every opportunity Warren Village provides. Hers is a story of challenge and of transformation – **from hopeless and alone to successful and empowered**.



Reba grew up in poverty, and while she feels her parents did the best they could with the skills and resources they had, it just wasn't enough. She never had a model for success. Despite all of this, she was the first in her family to graduate from high school, and seemed **destined to pursue college**. Reba had her first child with a partner who started to become abusive, and between that and becoming so wrapped up in making ends meet, she lost sight of her goals. Once Reba had her second child, she decided it was time to **leave the abuse behind**. She knew that the future her kids deserved could not be accomplished while living in an environment that was not supportive of her personal or educational goals.

Reba found Warren Village, entered her new apartment, and **felt an overwhelming sense of relief** in knowing that she was finally in a place where she could build a foundation for her family. With help from her family advocates, she was able to navigate resources, **complete two associate degrees**, and continue her studies at a local university working towards a bachelor's degree in Project Management, which she is focused on completing before she leaves Warren Village.