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Warren Village Announces \$300,000 Caring for Denver Foundation Grant to Advance Wellness Initiative for Resident Families
Funds will allow Warren Village to dramatically increase onsite mental health services

DENVER (June 9, 2021) –[Warren Village](#), a Denver-based organization focused on helping low-income, single-parent families make the journey from poverty to self-sufficiency, received a \$300,000 grant from the [Caring for Denver Foundation](#) to advance its Wellness Initiative for resident families over the next two years.

Warren Village's Two-Generation (2Gen) approach focuses on creating opportunities for, and addressing the needs of, vulnerable parents and their children. An important aspect of this is the Wellness Initiative, classes and supportive modalities that address four core areas of self-sufficiency, including psychological, physical, social and financial well-being.

The Caring for Denver grant enables Warren Village to hire one-and-a-half on-site mental health clinicians to provide services to residents 26 and under, advancing the Wellness Initiative. Of the 230 people currently living at Warren Village, more than 70 percent are under the age of 26. Warren Village also will use the funds to enhance existing mental health support and skills, such as offering life skills classes to youth heads of household and support for the Kids' Club afterschool enrichment and summer camp programs. This funding builds on the foundation established through partnerships with the Mental Health Center of Denver and The Tennyson Center for Children, and will intensify our efforts in the mental health arena.

"Researchers have long agreed there is an established relationship between poverty and poor health outcomes, as well as higher rates of mental health complications for children," said Ethan Hemming, CEO & president of Warren Village. "The Caring for Denver funds allow us to provide free onsite services to our residents, dramatically increasing their access to mental healthcare, and thereby significantly improving the family's ability to reach their full potential."

"Caring for Denver was created by Denver for Denver to address Denver's mental health and substance misuse needs by growing community-informed solutions," said Lorez Meinhold, executive director of Caring for Denver. "We are grateful to partner with Warren Village in this meaningful work to support parents and their children. This program seeks to support and strengthen connections between caregivers and their children which is one of the most powerful known predictors of lifelong mental health."

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 7,688 children and parents since 1974. Through its Two-Generation (2Gen) approach, Warren Village transforms parents' lives, improves children's futures and strengthens the community. The organization's holistic approach includes safe and affordable housing, parent services and advocacy, and early education and child care. For more information about Warren Village, visit the website warrenvillage.org, or engage with the organization on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) (@Warren_Village) and Instagram (@warren_village).

About Caring for Denver Foundation

Caring for Denver Foundation was founded and funded with overwhelming voter support to address Denver's mental health and substance misuse needs by growing community-informed solutions, dismantling stigma, and turning the community's desire to help into action.

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