

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 strategy 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. Their client-centered approach includes 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, which demonstrates a dedication to our continuous quality improvement in all areas of service delivery, including center staff/workforce qualifications, family partnerships, administrative practices, learning environment, and child health.

WE HAVE SERVED 8,254 CHILDREN AND PARENTS SINCE 1974

WE SERVED 411 CHILDREN AND 229 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, social emotional, language, and physical benchmarks.

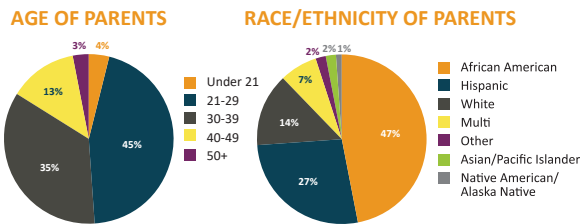
At Program Exit:

- 86% of families found permanent housing
- 59% of residents completed a degree or certificate program, or are currently "on track" to finish
- 76% of residents increased their personal competencies
- The average annual salary of residents working full time is \$35,553.

*FY2020-2021

WHO WE SERVE

Residents are primarily single mothers between the ages of 21 and 29 with at least one child under the age of five. Less than 50% are employed when they arrive and 100% are homeless or unstably housed. Many have experienced domestic violence against themselves or their children.



Parents are required to maintain a full-time schedule of employment and/or education, attend Life Skills Classes, and volunteer in the community. Each resident pays rent, based on their income, which ranges from \$25 a month to 30% of their total income.

MODEL ENHANCEMENTS

Alumni Navigation Network

This initiative provides continuing resources for Warren Village alumni families. In addition to regular outreach, a dedicated staff member, who is a licensed clinical social worker, provides a continuum of alumni programs, services, and activities, and empowers peer resource navigators who help fellow alumni as they face exciting opportunities and potential challenges after they leave Warren Village.

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 these components (at right).



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 child care. 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 providing safe, quality childcare while parents attend evening 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 and/or providing clerical and administrative support to our teams.

Donate - We need your help! More than half of our budget each year is supported by generous donors in the community.

SUCCESS STORIES



Growing up, Jackie didn't have role models in her life. She lived day-by-day, not worried about where life would lead her. While her parents tried their best, Jackie was exposed to verbal and mental abuse, which ultimately impacted her self-esteem and mental health. Then Jackie found herself pregnant her junior year of high school and dropped out.

Becoming pregnant at such a young age put life into perspective. With the help of Warren Village Jackie got on the path to success. Attending Life Skills Classes, she learned to be self-aware and patient, she gained skills to communicate and parent her daughter, and she set goals to continue to better herself. She is proud to be a first-generation college student with her eyes on the prize of becoming a nurse.



Jessica was a vibrant high school student. She enjoyed learning and envisioned a successful future. Then, her mother passed away, and Jessica's life was turned upside down.

She managed to persevere and began taking college classes, and while thriving in her studies, she found herself in a number of unstable living conditions: an unaffordable apartment that left her in debt and homeless, a traumatic family situation she had to escape, and then she unexpectedly became pregnant. A domestic violence incident left her worried for her unborn baby, so Jessica picked up and fled the situation, searching for help. She found it at Warren Village.

With the help of her Family Advocate, Jessica quickly began working on realizing her goals: providing a stable home for her soon-to-be daughter, paying off debt, and continuing her education. She embraced every opportunity, Life Skills Class, and resource available to her. She delivered a beautiful and healthy baby girl named Janelle, who is now growing up in a strong and supportive environment in our Learning Center.