

Baby Bear Hugs



Regional Home Visitation Program

Our Mission:

To promote positive parenting, enhance family strengths, and prevent abuse and neglect to infants and children.

2009 - 2010 Annual Report



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Why support Baby Bear Hugs?

Every dollar you give increases the potential for a child to have a safe and happy life.

- \$1,250 will provide parenting education and support monthly to a family for a year.
- \$850 will provide Nurturing Parenting for a parent with a child through 16 week classes.
- \$100 will provide a one time visit which may include Colorado Bright Beginnings, or Ages & Stages.
- \$50 will provide 10 Teddy Bears for children
- \$10 will provide 6 board books for children



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- * Amgen Foundation
- * Colorado Bright Beginnings
- * Colorado Children's Trust
- * Colorado Health Foundation
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Programs of Baby Bear Hugs



Baby Bear Hugs changes the lives of families through trusting relationships with caring visitors who provide parenting education and support. One time and ongoing visits are available for all families with children 0 to 3 years old in 9 counties in Eastern Colorado.

The "core" programs of Baby Bear Hugs include the programs of Bright Beginnings, Ongoing Visits, Nurturing Parenting, Healthy Living, Ages and Stages Developmental and Social Emotional Screenings, and support groups.

Programs of Colorado Bright Beginnings:

- **Program A** This is a one time visit after the birth of the baby which includes information on feeding, crying, sleeping, health, safety, and brain development.
- **Program B** Is delivered when the child is 12 - 24 months old, focusing on language development.
- **Program C** Will focus on the 24 - 36 month old child and include information on consistent and positive guidance and discipline.

Through the use of Ages & Stages we continue to educate parents about child development and screen for appropriate development.



The evidence-based Nurturing Parenting curriculum has been incorporated into the ongoing home visits and Nurturing Parenting classes were provided two times this past year.

The newest program, Healthy Living, incorporates the evidence based Eating Smart, Being Active Curriculum into selected visits.

During Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Baby Bear Hugs provided:

884 program A, B, and C visits (Bright Beginnings)

410 families received on-going home visits
Nurturing Parenting Classes to 60 parents and 64 children

Nurturing Parenting Ongoing Curriculum to 21 parents and 24 children

In addition to county staff, Baby Bear Hugs reached these numbers through:

15 Volunteer Visitors

7 Nurturing Parenting Classroom volunteers

72 Advisory Committee members

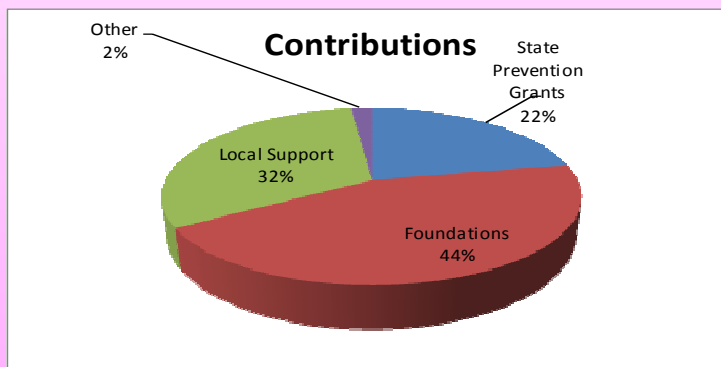
and a total of 2,084 hours of donated time

Financial Profile

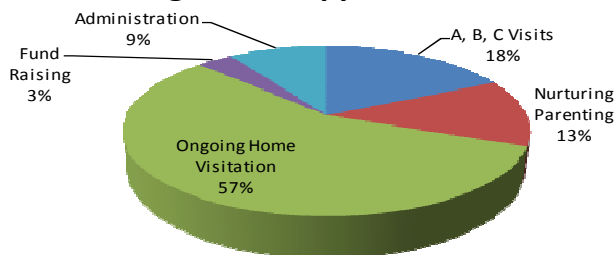


Contributions:

State Prevention Grants	\$ 91,718
Foundations	\$ 184,931
Local Support	\$ 131,705
Other income/support	\$ <u>7,680</u>
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$ 416,034



Program & Support Services



Program Services:

A, B, C visits	\$ 78,881
Nurturing Parenting	\$ 56,053
Ongoing Home Visitation	\$ 247,988
Fund Raising	\$ 14,938
Administration	\$ <u>40,888</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 438,748

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Stories of success...

A Baby Can Learn From Games!

A Baby Bear Hugs visitor demonstrated and discussed resources from the 0 to 12 month Bright Beginnings visit for a new mom.

The mom said she didn't know that a baby could learn from games.

She said her family always stresses the importance of safety and nutrition, but she did not realize how important reading and playing games were to early brain development. This Mom now reads at least two books a day to her child, and makes game time from the learning games book a normal part of the family routine.

Baby Bear Hugs Visitors Are Members of The Family?

A Baby Bear Hugs visitor overheard two boys talking about her at a community event. She knew them through the visits she had provided to their parents in their homes. One boy told the other boy, "You know she my mom's sister." The other boy looked surprised and replied back "Well she's my Grandma." The visitor giggled and was touched that the two young boys, who's mom's she had visited in the past, considered her to part of each of their families when in fact there is no relation between any of them. It's a good example of the true impact that we have on the lives of the families that we serve.

Nurturing Parenting is Life Changing.

A mother was participating in the Nurturing Parenting curriculum through home visits. Her husband was skeptical, as he figured "spanking and yelling worked when I was growing up". As a result of Nurturing Parenting the mom was reading to the children on a daily basis, she was giving them choices, and she herself was thinking about whether it was necessary to scream at the kids, was it really accomplishing the goal that she had in mind. After seeing her successes, the husband decided that he would like to take the class. They are now enrolled in the Nurturing Parenting class together.



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