



FACT SHEET Updated June 2020

Program Name: Regional Home Visitation Program dba Baby Bear Hugs

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Mission: Enhancing family strengths for happy and healthy children, families and communities.

Empowering Families! Baby Bear Hugs changes the lives of expecting parents and families with children 0 to 5 years old in Eastern Colorado by providing parenting education, resources, and support. It is our goal that all children will become productive, happy adults who give back to their communities and that they will have every opportunity available to them to fulfill their potential, develop assets that empower them to resist failure, and have strong supportive adults in their lives. To this end, Baby Bear Hugs will provide parenting education, support, and connection to community resources to all expectant parents and families with children 0 to 5 years old. Services are at no cost to the families.

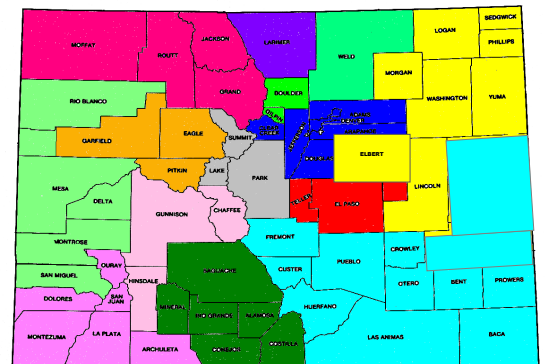
Goals:

- Provide support to empower parents to solve their own problems and help reduce parenting stress.
- Educate parents about child development, parenting issues, brain development, and a healthy life style including eating smart, being active, elimination of second hand smoke, and proper care of teeth and gums.
- Increase the parent's awareness and access to community resources, and awareness of the importance of early childhood education.
- Increase parent's awareness of providing a safe and nurturing environment for their children.

Activities and Services of the organization:

- Nurse Family Partnership (Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma)
- Programs of Bright By Three provided by Parenting Educators and volunteers.
 - Program A: Prenatal to 12 months providing information on talking (interaction) and bonding with the baby, brain development, interactive "games", community resources.
 - Program B: 12 to 24 months focusing on language development.
 - Program C: 24 to 36 months focusing on positive guidance and discipline.
- Ongoing visits using Partners for a Healthy Baby Curriculum provided by Parenting Educators.
- Nurturing Parenting Curriculum offered during Ongoing Visits.
- Nurturing Parenting Classes offered virtually.
- Healthy Living: Eating Smart – Being Active Curriculum offered during select Ongoing Visits.
- Cavity Free at Three – prevention care for healthy teeth and gums.
- Ages & Stages developmental and social-emotional screenings.

Who We Serve: All expecting parents and parents of infants and toddlers through 5 years-old in eastern Colorado in the counties shown in yellow to the right.



In FY 2018-2019: a total of 400 families received services.

Families Received

- 359 Program A, B, & C visits
- 253 Families participating in ongoing visits
- 131 Cavity Free at 3 visits presented
- 316 Ages & Stages Screenings.
- 62 Families participated in Nurse Family Partnership

Volunteers:

- 14 Volunteers
- 72 Advisory Committee members
- 10 Board of Director Members
- 1,851 Hours of donated time

Commitment of Leadership: The Board of Directors consists of 10 dedicated individuals who represent each county, a member at large, and a games manager. All Board of Director members are contributing members of the organization, donate their time to help with fundraisers, attend regular board meetings, and local county Baby Bear Hugs Advisory Committee meetings. They help with program promotion and spreading the word to families, as do Advisory Committee members. Each County has an Advisory Committee composed of representatives from community agencies, businesses, churches, schools, service groups, parents, and elected officials. The Advisory Committee is a working committee providing guidance, outreach, and support for the program in each county.

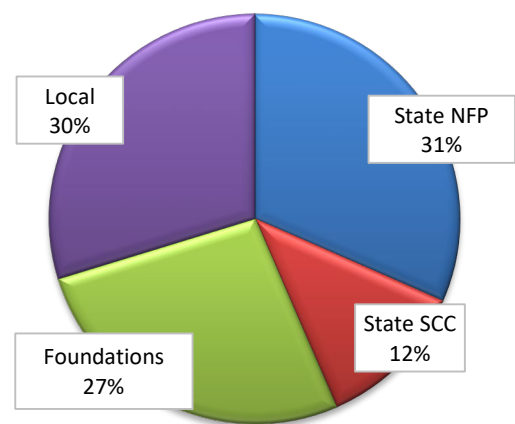
Commitment to best practices and measurable outcomes, tools used:

- Parenting Educators are delivering Partners for a Healthy Baby curriculum through the Ongoing program. This evidence based program has useful and appealing hand-out pages for the parents.
- Nurturing Parenting is delivered through Ongoing Home Visits and virtual classes. It is an evidence based program.
- To measure outcomes for the Nurturing Parenting Program, the Adult Adolescent Parent Inventory (AAPPI) pre and post survey is used. Results have shown clinically significant levels of change.
- The Parent Stress Index (PSI) pre and post survey is used to assess reduction of parenting stress in several programs. Results have shown statistically significant levels of change.
- A Community Resource Survey developed by the program is used to see if families are accessing resources, reducing isolation and enhancing their lives. This survey shows that they are.
- Client opinion surveys, community and agency surveys, and interviews of key agency personnel are utilized for overall program evaluation. Participants say they value the support and learning about developmental information.
- Ages & Stages, a developmental screening tool, is conducted with the parents as a way of teaching child development through observation; however, by scoring this instrument, developmental delays and referrals made to specialists when necessary.

Budget: For FY 2018-2019: \$965,175

Funding from FY 2018-2019:

Buell Foundation	Anschutz Family Foundation
Caring for Colorado Foundation	Campbell Foundation
A. V. Hunter Trust	Stretesky Foundation
El Pomar Foundation	Burt Foundation
Colorado Health Foundation	Bloedorn
Colo. State Dep. Of Early Childhood	Heginbotham
Leprino	Williams Family Foundation
Supportive Memberships	Mountain View Round Up Fund
Fund raising events	United Way of Morgan County



In-Kind: Office space for county offices is donated by various organizations and businesses. We have a formal collaborative relationship with Centennial Mental Health and work closely with public health, family centers, human services, and early childhood organizations sharing resources and referrals. Churches donate meeting space for board meetings, staff meetings, and parenting classes. Materials for trainings are often donated, and local businesses are very generous. Community members strongly support the program through supportive memberships and donations.

Highlights: Baby Bear Hugs is excited to provide a continuum of services to effectively provide parenting education and support to parents in different circumstances impacting the lives of 250 families every month! Staff continues to receive innovative training, and this year all staff participated in Brazelton's Touchpoints training. Since COVID-19 Baby Bear Hugs is delivering visits to families through telehealth, training new staff virtually, and conducting meetings through Zoom.