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At least one in ten young people may have  
serious emotional/behavioral challenges.

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## Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health



COLORADO CHAPTER

### A FAMILY ORGANIZATION

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The mission of the Federation  
is to promote mental health for  
all children, youth and families  
to realize our vision that communities  
will accept all young people  
and create opportunities  
for them to thrive.





## OUR HISTORY

The Colorado Federation is a statewide chapter of the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health. Originally, the Mental Health Organization of Colorado supported the Colorado Federation, but in July of 1995 it became its own nonprofit organization. As the Colorado Federation matures, it increases its visibility throughout the state. The Colorado Federation is family driven, the Board consists of over 50% family members, and is committed to constantly modifying, changing and creating new ways to better serve, support and empower families.



## OUR PHILOSOPHY

- Families are experts on their children.
- Families are equal partners with service providers in the development, implementation, and evaluation of a service plan for the family.
- Families have both "voice and choice" in the services they receive.
- Services must be affordable, accessible, available, and culturally appropriate.
- Services must be non-judgmental and focus on family strengths.
- Family support services, including advocacy and other non-traditional services, are effective tools in improving a family's quality of life.

## ABOUT OUR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES



Did you know that in Colorado...

- Suicide is the second leading cause of death for adolescents and young adults?
- Over 45% of our children with serious emotional disorders, or 30,000 kids are not receiving any kind of treatment?
- An estimated 6% of young children and 8-10% of adolescents have serious emotional and behavioral problems?
- A recent study also found that approximately 68,000, or 9% of, Colorado children under age 21 and under 300% of federal poverty line, had Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED). (POPULATION IN NEED, SPONSORED BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, JANUARY 2002)

At the Colorado Federation of Families we know that...

- Children and youth who receive the right services at the right time can thrive in their families, schools and communities.
- The cost of untreated mental illness is too high for all of us! We lose our children and youth to suffering, school suspensions and expulsions, juvenile detention, runaways, and even death. Families often suffer emotionally and financially, with increased bankruptcies and lost work productivity.
- Children and youth deserve to know that they are important, loved, and that we will do everything in our power as parents, fellow citizens, schools, mental health providers and Coloradoans to help them thrive and be mentally healthy.
- Everyone deserves the right to be healthy—especially the children, youth and families.

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