

Colorado Lutherans have a strong history of responding to human need. Since 1948 Lutheran Family Services of Colorado has been **your** agency to provide a ministry link between congregations and community.

Organizational History

Helping the most vulnerable has been LFS' **history**. Formed in 1948 as the Lutheran Service Society (LSS), the founding organization was dedicated to providing adoptive placement for unwanted children. As social trends and service delivery changed, LSS programs were adapted to meet new and increasing community needs for birth parent counseling and foster care. In the 1960's, LSS also began to provide services to the aging population, and in the 1970's, impacted by the Vietnam War, programs were added to provide international adoptions and services to refugees. The name change to Lutheran Family Services of Colorado occurred in 1990 to better portray the broader scope of services provided by the agency. In the late 90's and early 2000's LFS began formally responding to natural and human-caused disasters. In 1995 LFS added a unique teen pregnancy prevention program in Fort Collins that is provided to junior and senior high schools. Since 2002, LFS has added a project designed specifically for African American caregivers of older adults, a project of training clergy in aging issues, an infant adoption awareness training program for healthcare providers, and a receiving home project that provides a short-term, safe haven for children being removed from their homes on an emergency basis.

