

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. We believe that all people, from the newborn infant to the most elderly person, deserve to be valued in our community. Lutheran Family Services is committed to offering care and support to all vulnerable people, regardless of race, religion, gender or age, to help equip them to live full and whole lives.

Services Provided in the Last Year (FY 2005-2006)



- ◇ LFS has touched the lives of over 10,000 individuals in Colorado over the last year. Those people included troubled families, abused and neglected children and older adults seriously in need of assistance.
- ◇ 95% of all clients are low income and/or dependent upon public assistance. The only programs where fees are collected are private adoptions and some for care management services for seniors on a sliding scale.
- ◇ LFS Foster Care served more than 300 children through therapeutic and traditional foster homes. LFS is the third largest private foster care provider in the state.
- ◇ LFS counseled 200 individuals in healthy family dynamics and child abuse prevention.
- ◇ Care Management Solutions program has a current active caseload of 130 older adults or caregivers. We have provided training, forums and seminars to 15 churches throughout metro area. LFS also has an African American Caregiver Program which currently has over 66 active clients.
- ◇ The Ready or Not? Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program in Fort Collins provided classes to 1206 students in 22 junior and senior high schools in Larimer and Weld Counties.
- ◇ Adoption services for 15 children and 138 adoptive family members were provided. LFS has also become very active in international adoption with 17 families served last year.
- ◇ Pregnancy counseling services were offered for 81 individuals.
- ◇ As the largest resettlement agency in the state, our Refugee & Asylee Program served more than 900 individuals last year with hospitality, job and housing assistance, English language training and opportunities for self-sufficiency.
- ◇ In an unprecedented show of good will and collaboration, multiple organizations worked together with one goal in mind; to help the Katrina evacuees. Lutheran Family Services, Catholic Charities, Volunteers of America, Aurora Mental Health, Colorado Coalition of Faith, Red Cross and numerous other community organizations participated in forming a group called HAND (Hurricane Assistance Network of Denver) that has been meeting for the last year and continues to help evacuees as they struggle to put their lives back together. Additionally we work in Colorado Springs and the Western Slope regions.