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**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION AS A
BLUE RIBBON AFFILIATE**

Teller County Endorsed Site Demonstrates High-Quality Implementation of Evidence-Based Home Visiting

Divide, CO, October 24, 2019 – Community Partnership Family Resource Center (CP) has earned a prestigious endorsement from the Parents as Teachers National Center, Inc., (PATNC) as a Blue Ribbon Affiliate, making it one of the top-performing home visiting affiliates within the PATNC’s international network. The official designation was made on October 1, 2019.

Being named a Blue Ribbon Affiliate affirms that CP is a high-quality member of the home visiting field, implementing the evidence-based Parents as Teachers (PAT) model with fidelity. Families in the Teller County community are positively impacted by the services delivered by this program. The program includes home visits, group connections, child screening, and connections to community resources. It equips parents with knowledge and resources to prepare their children for a stronger start in life and greater success in school.

“To earn the Blue Ribbon Affiliate status, we underwent a rigorous self-study and review process from the National Center. The process confirms that we are meeting Parents As Teachers’ standards of fidelity and quality,” said Jodi Mijares, Executive Director of CP. “Blue Ribbon Affiliates are exemplary programs, delivering highest quality services to children and families.”

“Implementation with quality and fidelity is vital in home-visiting programs as it determines a program’s effectiveness in working with families and children and accomplishing its original goals and intended outcomes,” Cory Gorton, Program Manager of CP’s PAT program, said. “It also verifies that a program is being implemented as designed. PAT’s rigorous endorsement process demonstrates an affiliate’s accountability and credibility to the families, community, its funders, elected officials, and the partner organizations with which they work. Five years ago, our PAT program was struggling to meet fidelity, and today we have received the highest honor and were recognized as a model affiliate for the fourth year in a row. This is a huge accomplishment for our team and it couldn’t have been done without our amazing PAT Family Advocates, the support of the entire CP team, and the dedication of our families.”

About Community Partnership Family Resource Center

CP offers voluntary services and opportunities for Teller County residents to strengthen families by increasing stability and decreasing vulnerability with the goal of preventing child abuse and neglect. Since 1992, CP has focused on working with caregivers of young children through free services including; parenting education, child development, basic needs, family development, and healthy living programs. CP provides services in a variety of ways, locations, and regardless of income, gender, age, or household status to meet client demand. CP has been a PAT affiliate since 2009. For more information, visit our website at www.cpteller.org.

About Parents as Teachers

Parents as Teachers (PAT) builds strong communities, thriving families and children that are healthy, safe and ready to learn. The internationally-recognized evidence-based home visiting model is backed by 35 years of research-proven outcomes for children and families. PAT currently serves nearly 200,000 families in all 50 U.S. states, 115 tribal organizations, six other countries, and one U.S. territory. Parents As Teachers National Center, Inc., is headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. PAT affiliates operate in various settings, including health departments, hospitals and schools, faith-based and non-profit organizations. For more information, visit parentsasteachers.org or Twitter @NatlPAT.

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