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DAY RESOURCE PROGRAM IN GREELEY TAKES OFF!

(Greeley, Colorado – January 29, 2009) Turning Point’s Day Resource Program opened in Greeley less than four months ago and is already making a difference in the lives of Weld County youth. “This is the best thing that has ever happened to my son,” says parent Kim Feldman, “I love it. Everyone is so helpful. It’s a wonderful program- I only wish it had started sooner.”

Turning Point’s Day Resource Program was developed to meet an existing community need in Weld County for high risk youth in need of individualized education programs and specialized, therapeutic care. The program is designed both for youth who have never been in residential treatment and for those transitioning out of residential care. In addition to receiving 30 hours each week of Colorado Department of Education approved curriculum, each client in the day treatment program participates in traditional therapies (group, individual, and in-home family therapy,) and attends regularly held substance abuse treatment groups.

“We are enjoying Turning Point’s Day Resource Program because it’s helping clients who are on parole transition back to the community and school. The smaller classrooms



give them the attention they usually get in our program so they can adjust to living back at home and still get the support they need in school. It's a huge step to come back to the local public high school for our clients and (the Day Resource Program) helps with this step. The program also gets the families involved to help support the parolee while furthering their education,” says Karen Chinatti, MSW, Division Of Youth Corrections, NE Region Office.

As soon as a client enters the program, they are oriented to the services provided and a treatment plan is developed that includes goals to be pursued while in the program. The treatment plan includes individual and family therapy goals, educational goals, and transition planning goals. As the child progresses through the phases of the program and masters skills, they will begin focusing more and more on their transition plan. During the entire length of the client’s treatment, they are living at home and the work with the family is intensive.

“We want to reach out and help these kids before their situations require residential treatment or other more restrictive care. We want to help them to make better choices and smarter decisions before they become involved with local gangs, before they become heavy users of methamphetamine and other street drugs. The Day Resource Program allows us to work with kids who are at risk, but in need of a less intensive care environment,” says Lisa Broeder, Education Director at Turning Point.



Turning Point is licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services as a Day Treatment Facility and by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division to provide intensive substance abuse treatment.

About Turning Point

Turning Point served 412 youth and their families this past fiscal year. We are proud to be an agency Northern Colorado has depended upon since 1967. Our therapeutic services run the gamut from individual and family counseling sessions to round-the-clock care in one of three residential facilities. We offer state approved education programs, in home therapies, day treatment programs, substance abuse and mental health treatment, drug testing, and out-patient counseling services. Our agency continues to grow in an effort to respond to community need, and we now serve children as young as 4 in our Community Centered Services program.

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