



**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION
2020 ANNUAL REPORT
CHILDREN'S SPEECH AND READING CENTER**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Program	Number of children served	SRF contribution	Average Cost per Child
One-on-One Therapy (Individual)	51	\$91,170.50	\$1,787.66
Early Pre-Literacy (Group)	58	\$16,414	\$283.00
TOTAL	109	\$107,584.50	
Children Served From These Communities in 2020			
Fort Collins, Wellington, Loveland, Windsor, and Berthoud			

Children's Speech and Reading Center (CSRC) conducted a total of 85 speech-language, reading, and pre-literacy screens in-house and at several off-site locations in 2020. Fewer screens were completed due to COVID restrictions. The 51 children that were supported by SRF funding received a total of 1,600 individual one-on-one speech-language therapy sessions at an average SRF cost of ~\$57/session. An additional 58 children, four years of age, received pre-literacy group therapy sessions. CSRC provided a total of 320 pre-literacy group sessions (~\$51/session) to children in area preschools identified as delayed in pre-literacy skills development. The total family co-pay was \$28,048.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Children's Speech and Reading Center (CSRC) is Northern Colorado's only 501(c) (3) non-profit that provides free screenings to identify all speech-language and reading disorders, provides individual speech-language and reading therapy, and conducts pre-literacy programs for children 4 and 5 years old.

ACCOUNTABILITY

CSRC continues to track each child's progress toward short-term and long-term goals according to their Individual Care Plan in six-month intervals. For children struggling with articulation and phonology with both pre-treatment and 6-month evaluations, there was an improvement of 21.2% as determined by the average pre-score (65.7) when compared to the average post-score (79.61) using the GFTA-3. Children with disfluency challenges showed an improvement of 50.7% (18.07 pre-score versus 8.9 post-score) over six months.

The Pre-Literacy program lasted for 31 weeks, with the last nine weeks delivered by teletherapy to the four-year-olds in their homes. The Pre-Literacy program resulted in ~95% of the participants meeting or exceeding the developmental range for early reading success after the pre-literacy program as measured by the PALS-PreK. This program's increased success (~75% in previous years to ~95% this year) is attributed to a greater level of "parental engagement" since ~28% of the sessions were delivered through teletherapy with parental guidance at home.

LEADERSHIP

CSRC staff participates in many professional and community events that promote and educate the community concerning communication and literacy development. This year CSRC hosted a virtual program entitled "An Evening with Dr. Temple Grandin." CSRC reached out to all of Colorado's Rite Care Clinics to invite them and their families to attend this unique event with an autism spokesperson, scientist, and activist who herself is on the Autism Spectrum. Rite Care clinic staff, families and friends connected virtually along with ~150 others from throughout the USA and two foreign countries (Canada and England). CSRC highlighted the Scottish Rite Foundation of

Colorado and all the Rite Care Clinics throughout Colorado and how they are working together to support children with speech-language and communication challenges. This was followed by a Q&A with a wide variety of topics and discussions.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CSRC's Board of Directors, staff, and families are extremely grateful for the Scottish Rite Foundation's funding. This funding enables CSRC to treat childhood communication disorders and reading delays for children when family income is a barrier to necessary services. We will continue to strive to meet the Foundation's vision that all Colorado children will have access to speech-language and reading services as needed. On behalf of the children we serve, we want to thank the Scottish Rite Foundation and its Trustees for their on-going support.

Respectfully submitted,

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