

ChildSafe/CORE doc, April 2010

We are excited to announce a new collaboration between ChildSafe and the CORE (Community Organizing to Reach Empowerment) Center at 114 Bristlecone Dr. in north Fort Collins. The CORE Center (in partnership with Colorado State University School of Social Work, Poudre School District, and Poudre Valley Health Systems) primarily provides services to four Fort Collins neighborhoods: Poudre Valley Mobile Home Park; Coachlight Plaza; Hickory Village; and the Cherry Street Neighborhood (80521 area code). The CORE Center works with people from diverse backgrounds in developing skills to attain economic, social, and academic success. ChildSafe is in the process of refurbishing offices at the CORE Center where we will be able to offer our services to north Fort Collins families who may not otherwise be served.

In addition, the CSU School of Social Work was awarded a grant through the Dept. of Health and Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in October 2009. Out of that grant the PERC (Prevention, Empowerment, and Resiliency Collaborative) project was developed to provide culturally appropriate, evidence-based treatment for children, youth and families from four at-risk neighborhoods in north Fort Collins. The focus of treatment will be for those traumatized by chronic poverty, community violence, child maltreatment, and/or the immigration experience. Through this grant, ChildSafe was able to hire one part-time bi-lingual therapist, who will be housed at the CORE Center and will be part of a collaborative of treatment providers who will implement and evaluate two evidence-based intervention models- Trauma Adapted-Family Connections and Culturally Modified-Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. In addition, ChildSafe therapists have participated in training, free of charge, on the two treatment models presented by the University of Maryland and the Medical University of South Carolina. We are very excited to be part of this collaborative project with the SAVA Center, Larimer Center for Mental Health, the CORE Center, Larimer County Department of Human Services, Poudre School District, and Nuestro Barrio Neighborhood Council. We'll keep you posted as the project gets up and running and ChildSafe starts providing services to these underserved neighborhoods in Fort Collins.