



RCP

— BETTY K. MARLER CENTER —

2011 ANNUAL

PERFORMANCE REPORT

OPERATED FOR THE COLORADO DIVISION OF YOUTH CORRECTIONS

— MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR —

The Betty K. Marler Center is in its seventh year of successful operation and I am proud to have been at the helm for the entire time. Every year brings new projects and exciting adventures. We have continued to operate at full capacity with 41 young women, all referred to the program by the Colorado Division of Youth Corrections.

We had many visitors this past year who were looking to understand the concept of successful female responsive programming. Addressing the needs of adolescent female offenders is often complex. The majority of our young women struggle with mental health issues, substance abuse and trauma. We have taken a comprehensive, integrated approach within the program, while ensuring that we individualize each prescriptive treatment plan. These plans are individually tailored with measurable program elements and specific services to address her personal needs and reduce her risks.

We look forward to what the next year brings. Our team is dedicated to improving the lives of young women with whom we work. While we journey with them on the road to success, we are continually looking for ways to improve.

Laura Shipman-Hamblin LCSW, CACII



— 2011 HIGHLIGHTS —

- 6 GED recipients
- 6 Passageway Scholarship recipients
- 6 program participants earned CPR/First Aid Instructor Certification
- Soccer Program created
- 2 students ran a half-marathon
- 1 student ran a full marathon
- Successfully completed three 14er hikes with approximately 10 students on each venture
- Horticulture class built an aquaponics garden on-site
- Students participated in Prom Night



Community Engagement, Students, and Staff

— COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT —

Community Engagement is a priority tenet for students and staff at the Betty Marler Center. Students' treatment initially focuses on the individual, providing interventions to correct distorted thinking about self and interaction with others. The Evidence-Based Programming that students receive at the Betty Marler Center emphasizes collaboration and active participation, allowing them to experience change. As young ladies learn in their Aggression Replacement Training (ART) treatment groups how to empathize with others and how to create and sustain positive relationships, they also are building character and developing traits such as caring, cooperation, goal setting, responsibility, humanity and service. Students learn they can improve the quality of life within their community by giving their time and talents. Instead of focusing on manipulation of others for self-benefit, they realize and practice control they can have to benefit others.

In 2011, students volunteered with various organizations, including:

- Habitat for Humanity Women's Build Project
- Graffiti Clean-up Project
- Knitting Program Projects to benefit the Veteran's Retirement Home, The Family Tree and Denver's Children's Hospital
- Peace Jam to benefit Denver Children's Home
- Remembering 9/11 Fire Fighters
- Freedom Dogs Canine Assisted Therapy
- Girl Scouts of Colorado



— 2011 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS —

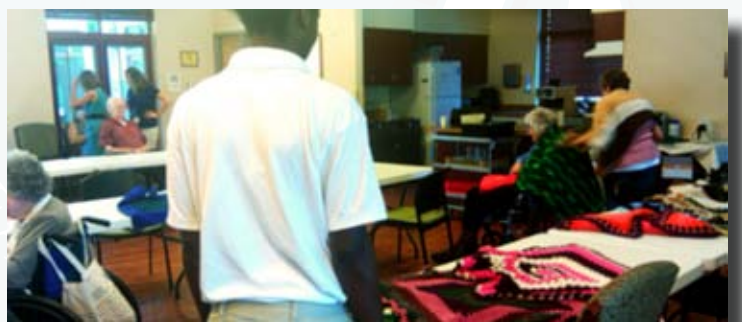
- 576 treatment hours
- 4,703 staff training hours
- 410 hours off-site activities
- 3,248 hours of student services
- Over 90% of students enrolled, employed or enlisted
- 1,590 hours of community service
- 1,227 family visits
- 28 tours



— OUR TEAM —

The staff members at the Betty K. Marler Center are critical ingredients in operating a quality cognitive-behavioral program within a normalized milieu. Managing by teamwork and focusing on a unified mission gives our students a chance to see adults modeling cooperation, respect, and effective communication skills. Developing respectful relationships and role modeling positive behaviors are key to effectively dealing with youth.

The operator of programming at Betty Marler, Rite of Passage, is a learning organization. Our staff are committed to being lifelong learners and they are constantly evolving, growing and becoming more effective at working with youth. At Betty Marler, we are supportive of staff and give them the tools to make this possible. We have and will continue to offer training by experts in the field.





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Thank you for everything you have done for my family and for my daughter. I look forward to moving forward.

I am going to miss visiting at Betty Marler and I'm going to miss "the girls". If there is ever anything we can do to help out with the girls or items we can donate, please let me know.

I believe my daughter was given the chance of her lifetime by being sentenced to Betty Marler and going through its rehabilitation program. I would love for us to be able to give back in some way to you and the staff at Betty Marler. Thank you for all of your hard work.

(From mother of one of the Betty Marler Student Athletes)



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