



REWIRING PARK COUNTY

ABOUT REWIRING

Rewiring is an audacious collaborative of counties working to transform child welfare. Through targeted programmatic and financial support, Rewiring will advance a system of child wellbeing that:

- Reduces the number of children and families entering the child welfare system by engaging early in ways that strengthen families;
- Improves the quality of child welfare services for children and families who need them; and
- Reshapes the flow of local, state, and ultimately national funding to ensure that the lessons of Rewiring are woven into future sustainable public funding streams that allows for replication across Colorado and nationally.

Rewiring & Park County

“Connection to healthy people is a buffer against stressors.”
- Dr. Bruce Perry, MD

OUTCOMES OVERVIEW AND TARGETED POPULATIONS



Because of its rural location, Park County will never have enough therapists, social workers, or home visitation programs to support all at-risk children and families. However, one of the county's many resources is the large number of people who are over the age of 65 - [22% of the population](#). Park County is rich in retired citizens who believe in the importance of being connected and giving back to their community. By tapping into the deep expertise of these community members to serve as mentors for pregnant mothers and their families, Park County is modeling how to change the system by wrapping new supports around young families.

By providing trained mentors to pregnant mothers and their families for the first 3 years of a child's life, Park County is ensuring they will have the support, connections, and resources they need to be healthy and safe.

- 1 Significant reduction in child welfare cases for children ages 0-5**
- 2 Improvements in maternal mental health**
- 3 Positive outcomes demonstrate cost savings, compelling funding to move earlier**



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PROOF POINTS (2019)

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MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER PER 1,500 RESIDENTS

17%

OF PREGNANT MOTHERS DID NOT RECEIVE EARLY PRENATAL CARE

128

BIRTHS

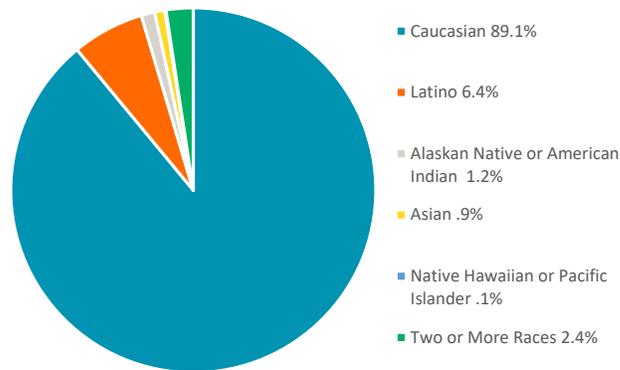
PARK FUNNEL

2019 PARK COUNTY SNAPSHOT OF MALTREATMENT



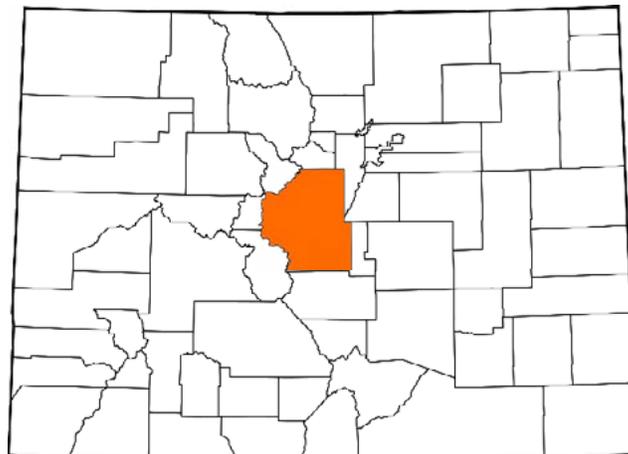
DEMOGRAPHIC INFO

- **Population:** 18,845
- **Population of children under the age of 5:** 634
- **Population of children under the age of 18:** 2,696
- **Population racial breakdown:**



OTHER INFORMATION

- The child welfare system has a \$558M budget in Colorado, with about 8,820 out-of-home foster placements in 2019.
- Park County, a rural county in central Colorado, covers an expansive geographic area in the Rocky Mountains. Through Rewiring, Park County is focused on supporting all members of their community to be better connected. By building social capital for all residents, Park County will create a healthier community for children, families, and people of all ages.
- More Park County public health information can be found in the 2018 Park County Community Health Assessment [here](#) or the 2019 Park County Health Rankings by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [here](#).



1Source: [Park County Community Health Assessment, 2018](#)

2Source: www.coloradokids.org/data/kids-count-archive/2020-kids-count

3Source: https://cohealthviz.dphe.state.co.us/HealthInformaticsPublic/views/COHIDLiveBirthsDashboard/LiveBirthStatistics?iframeSizedToWindow=true&embed=y&showAppBanner=false&display_count=no&showVizHome=no

4Source: www.census.gov/quickfacts/parkcountycolorado