



Tennyson Center for Children just opened a second residential cottage, adding 8 more beds to serve children with complex needs in a safe, nurturing environment.

MISSION

Improve the mental health and wellness of those impacted by trauma and other adverse experiences.

VISION

Everyone has the opportunity and support needed to learn, grow, and thrive.

VALUES

Joyful | Compassionate
Curious | Authentic
Dependable

Our Residential Program supports children ages 6-16 who qualify for the Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP). Licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) as a Residential Child Care Facility (RCCF), the program also meets Health First Colorado's Home and Community-Based Services standards.

The program supports children with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) and co-occurring mental health diagnoses whose needs cannot be met in less intensive settings. Tennyson's trauma-informed care includes individual and family therapy, group sessions, and expressive therapies like music and art. Children benefit from a structured, home-like environment while learning life skills, emotional regulation, and healthy relationship-building.

Our team uses evidence-based practices such as TCI, ARC, DBT, and CBT to build resilience and protective factors. Daily programming includes social-emotional learning, recreation, and independent living skill development. Children also participate in age-appropriate community outings, such as trips to parks, museums, and local events, which promote confidence, socialization, and real-world interactions.

The residential program provides a secure environment for children who need intensive therapeutic care and stability.

- **24/7 CARE AND SUPERVISION:** A structured and supportive setting to help children heal and grow.
- **THERAPEUTIC MILIEU:** A holistic approach integrating therapy, education, and recreational activities.
- **FAMILY REUNIFICATION:** Focused efforts to strengthen family connections and prepare for a transition home.
- **LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT:** Activities to build independence and confidence, preparing children for future success.

Tennyson opened in 1904 as an orphanage. Over the years, it has evolved to support children and families impacted by neglect, abuse, and trauma. We build stronger and healthier families by addressing various mental health and behavioral challenges through comprehensive services designed to transform the lives of those we serve.

Why Partner with Tennyson?

- Expertise in trauma-informed care, child development, IDD, and supporting neurotypical students who have experienced trauma.
- A dedicated team of professionals, including all teachers holding special education endorsements—a distinction not required for facility schools in Colorado.
- Comprehensive, individualized services tailored to meet the unique needs of children and families.
- Daily homemade hot breakfasts and lunches ensure every child feels cared for and nurtured.
- A trusted resource with over 120 years of helping Colorado's children and families overcome challenges and thrive.



SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

Tennyson provides specialized support for children with severe emotional and behavioral challenges.

DAY TREATMENT PROGRAM

Integrated therapeutic and academic services tailored for children needing a higher level of care, with access to in-home intensive therapy for added flexibility.

CRISIS INTERVENTION

Immediate, individualized care to stabilize situations and address urgent needs effectively.

TRAUMA-SPECIFIC THERAPY

Evidence-based methods focused on helping children thrive by healing the impacts of trauma.

COORDINATION WITH EXTERNAL PARTNERS

Seamless collaboration with medical, mental health, and other professionals to deliver whole-child care.

REFERRING TO TENNYSON CENTER

We welcome referrals from schools, healthcare providers, child welfare agencies, and other community organizations. By partnering with Tennyson, you can guarantee that the most vulnerable children and families in our community receive the care and services they need.

Contact us today to learn more about our services or to make a referral.



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Together, we can help children and families find hope and healing.

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