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Services Offered	Telehealth throughout Colorado.
	In-person small groups (nature/activity based)
	Individual therapy
	School-based therapy
Ages Served	3rd Grade- Adult
Insurances Accepted	Medicaid
	Aetna
	Cigna
Background	Originally from Alaska, my experience has ranged from working in child protection to working in Community Mental Health Centers. Most recently, I have been providing individual and group therapy for adolescents at R-5 high school, through the CDPHE sponsored IMatter program, and at Marillac Health. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor and a CO state certified School Counselor.
Objectives	 Enhance and expand the services provided by school mental health professionals Increase the potential for children to overcome social/ emotional barriers that may prevent them from attaining their educational goals Reduce access barriers for underserved populations
Target Audience	Students identified to be involved in high-risk situations such as self- harm, suicidal ideation, substance abuse, poor academic engagement, family disconnect, involved in foster care, etc.
What the School Provides	Private space where student's confidentiality can be maintained.

Program Specifics	
Program Scope	It is my aim to provide complimentary mental health services to school counselors by focusing on the clinical aspect of students behaviors, so that school staff can focus on the educational progress.
Program Costs	 Nothing to the school! If billed through Medicaid, students can receive unlimited, free mental-health therapy as long as there is a clinical need identified through on-going identified goals and updated treatment plans.
Is Parent Consent Needed?	 Technically, Colorado HB 19-1120 was signed into law and went into effect on May 16, 2019, lowering the age of consent for psychotherapy services from 15 years old to 12 years old. 1 C.R.S. § 27-65-103(2). However, it is advised that schools inform families of the option for their student to meet with a mental health counselor so the families can support their students at home with any therapeutic goals. Additionally, guardians will need to provide insurance information.
Therapeutic Models Used	Brief Solution-FocusedAnimal-AssistedCognitive Behavioral TherapyClient-CenteredMindfulnessPolyvagal Theory
Session Duration	55 Minutes