



PorchLight, A Family Justice Center

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Today We Will Cover:

- *PorchLight Mission & History*
- *Review PorchLight Services*
- *Family Justice Center Model*
- *Brief Virtual Tour & Center Highlights*

Our mission is to bring together essential services for victims, survivors and their children to create a positive pathway forward, and to foster health and public safety.



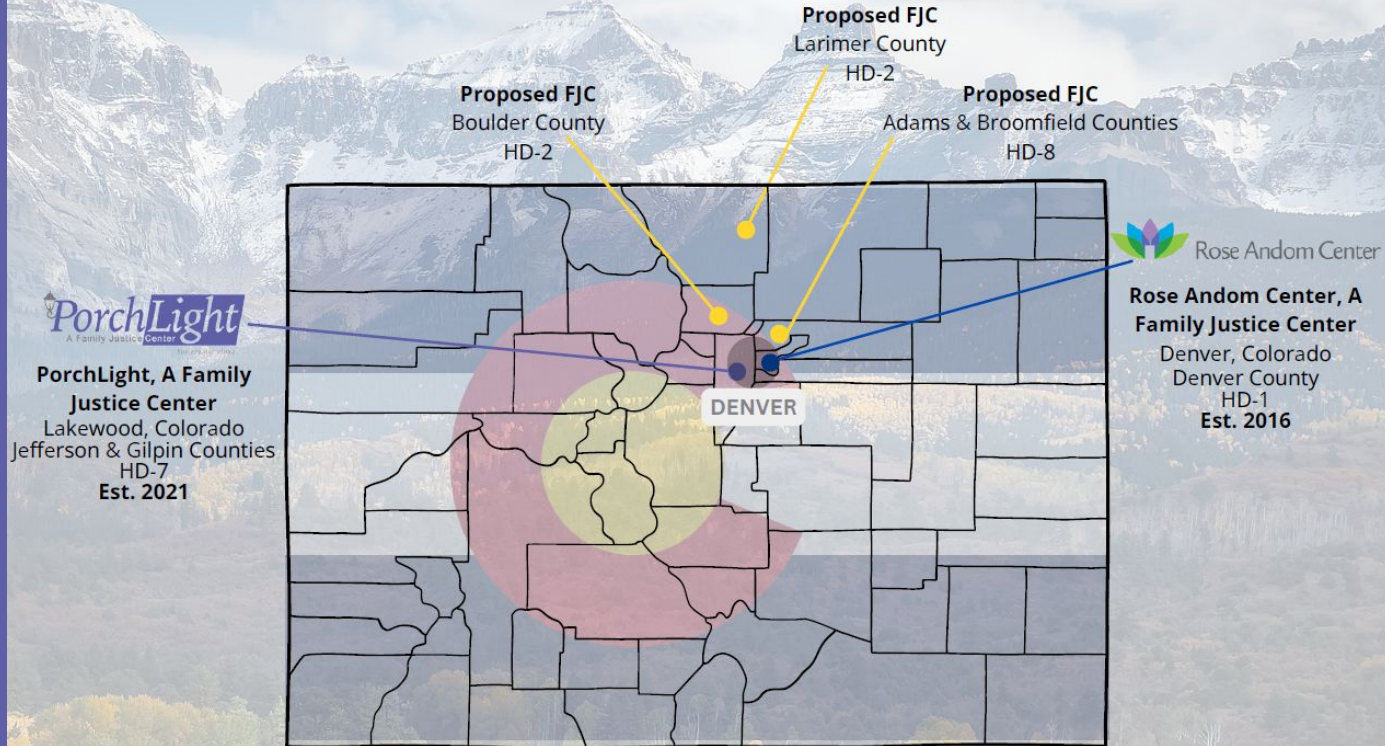
Providing resources for victims of:

- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Stalking
- Crimes Against Children
- Elder Abuse
- Abuse & Neglect of At-Risk Individuals
- Human Trafficking

Reducing Barriers:

- No case report needed
- Any survivor can be referred
 - No referral paperwork
 - No cost for services
- Bilingual Navigator and contract interpreter services
 - No age restrictions

COLORADO FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS



Currently Colorado has two affiliated Family Justice Centers (FJC) both located within the Denver Metro Area. There are three proposed FJC sites that are working on the creation of centers in their jurisdictions.

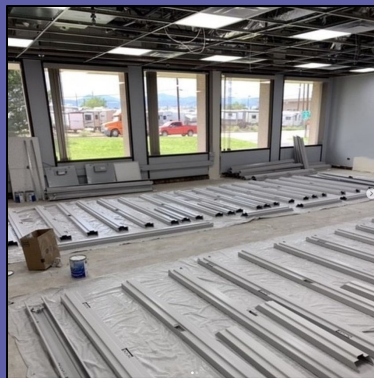
PorchLight History



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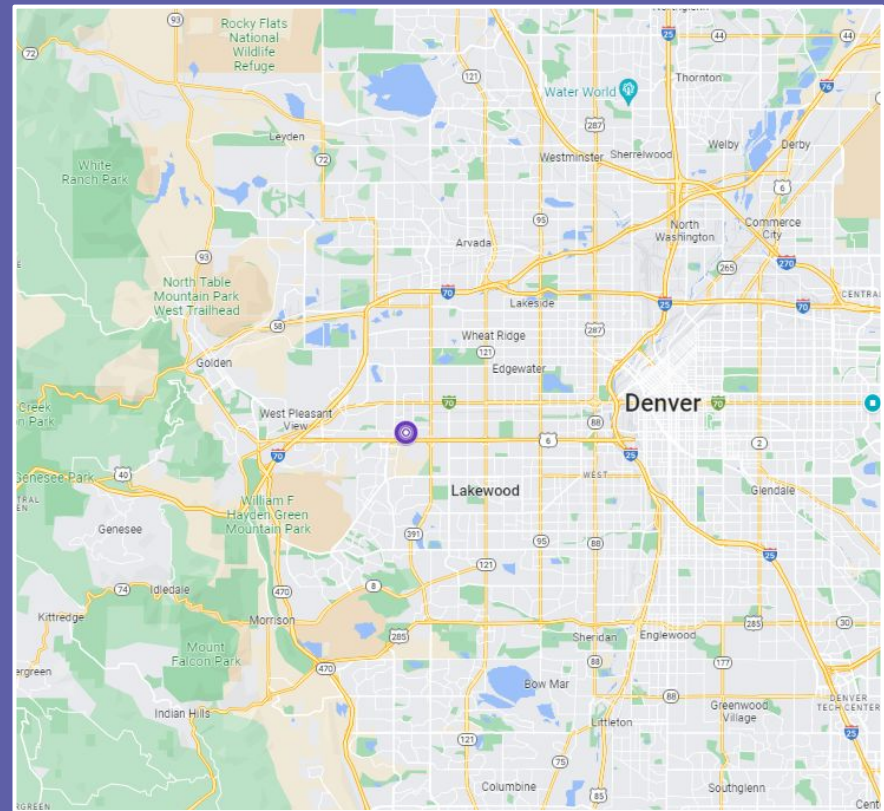
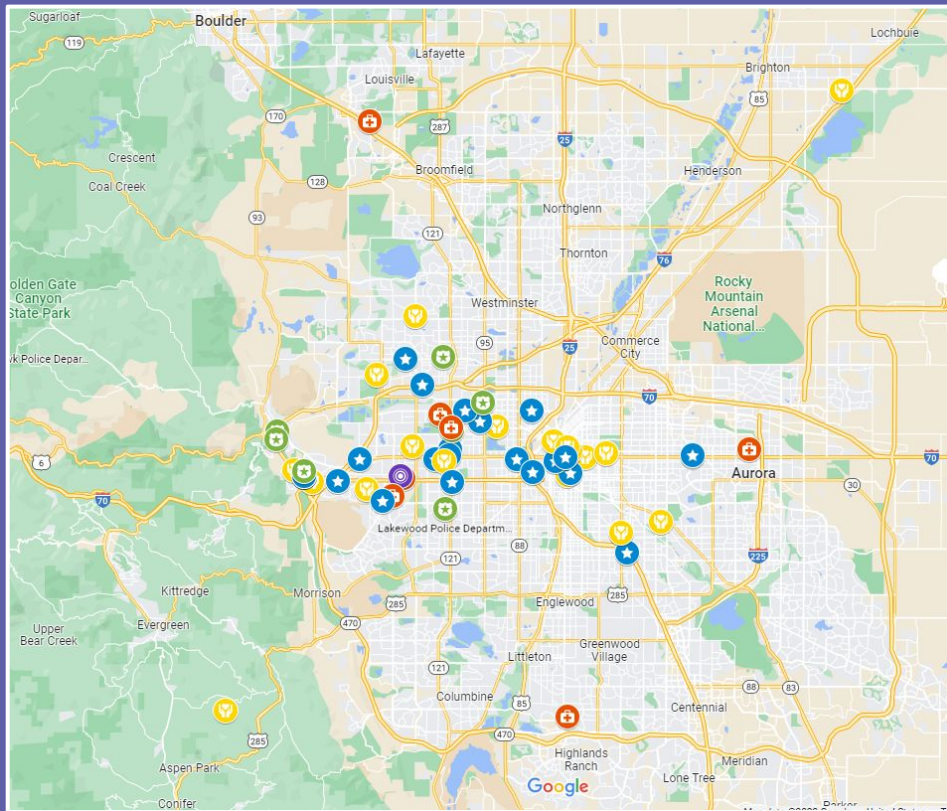


PorchLight opened our doors in February 2021



Our 16,000+ Square Foot Center was designed by our team and was formerly a car museum!

Bringing the Community Together



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The Family Justice Center Model



PorchLight On-Site Services Include:



1st JD District Attorney's Office
The Arc
The Blue Bench
Cultural Development & Wellness Center
Family Tree, Domestic Violence Services
Foothills Animal Shelter
Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Center
Jefferson Center for Mental Health
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
Jovie, Nannies & Sitters
Lakewood Police Department
St. Anthony's Forensic Nurse Exam Program
Ralston House
Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center
Seniors' Resource Center
Servicios de La Raza
Victim Outreach Inc.
Wings Foundation
Zero Tolerance for Domestic Abuse

PorchLight Navigation Program



BEFORE



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Community Services Board

Community Resources

In an emergency

Emergency mental health services

- C18 Mental Health Emergency Services and Mobile Crisis Unit – Call 703-573-5679, or come directly to the Merrifield Center (8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax)
fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/services/emergencies
- Children's Regional Crisis Response (CR2) – 24-hour rapid response for youth (17 and younger) facing a mental health and/or substance use crisis, 1-844-627-4747, cr2crisis.com

Emergency substance use disorder services

- Fairfax Detox Center – 703-502-7000, (4213 Walney Road, Chantilly), fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/services/detoxification
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Emergency developmental disabilities services

- "REACH" (Regional, Education, Assessment, Crisis Services, Habilitation) crisis stabilization and crisis prevention service for children, youth and adults with developmental disabilities: 855-897-8278, fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/region/reach

Basic needs (food, emergency financial assistance)

Fairfax County Human Services Coordinated Services Planning makes referrals to a wide variety of community organizations that provide short-term, emergency help with basic needs, many of whom are not included below, 703-222-0880, fairfaxcounty.gov/human-services-coordinated-services-planning

- Capital Area Food Bank Hunger Lifeline – emergency food assistance referral service, 202-644-9800, capitalareafoodbank.org
- Catholic Charities – hot dinner (Alexandria), food pantry, assistance with one-time financial emergencies, 703-841-2531, cca.net
- Cornerstones – help with food, shelter, affordable housing and child care, 571-323-9555, cornerstonesva.org
- ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others) – food and emergency financial assistance, access to donated clothing,

Hotlines

- Mental Health Emergency Services and Mobile Crisis Unit – 703-573-5679, fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/services/emergencies
- Fairfax Detox Center – 703-502-7000, (4213 Walney Road, Chantilly), fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/services/detoxification
- Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline – 703-360-7273, crisis support, options counseling, safety planning and referrals, fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/domestic-sexual-violence
- Suicide Prevention – 1-800-273-TALK, or text "connect" to 855-11, suicidepreventionlifeline.org
- Veterans Crisis Line – confidential support 24/7, 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, text 838-255, or chat online at www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention/veterans-crisis-line.asp

Police

- Call 911 in a life-threatening emergency
- Non-emergency number: 703 691-2131

- school and household supplies (intake appointment required), 703-569-9160, scho-inc.org
- Food for Others – 703-207-9173, foodforothers.org
- The Lamb Center – hot meals, hot showers, laundry facility, ID and document recovery, mail services, phone/computer access and much more, 703-691-9178, thelambcenter.org
- Lorton Community Action Center – food, clothing closet and emergency financial assistance, 703-339-5161, lortonaction.org
- St. Vincent de Paul Society – food and emergency financial assistance, 703-385-4030 and leave a message
- United Community – comprehensive social services in the Mount Vernon area, 703-768-7106, ucmagency.org

Basic needs programs available only to residents of certain areas

- Committee for Helping Others – emergency food aid and financial assistance, clothing and furniture,

GUEST

NAVIGATOR

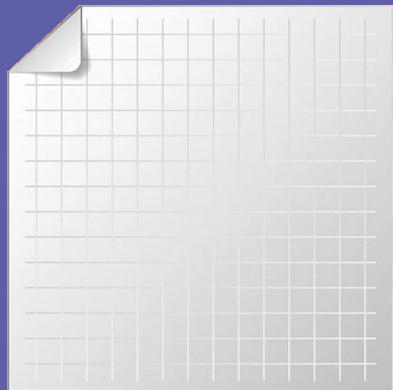
Resource Partners

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FJC's REDUCE DV HOMICIDES BY

50%



PorchLight in 2024

4193 Total Visits

3748 Phone Calls for Support

2843 Appointments

656 Walk-In Guests

694 Children in Childcare

1,280 Navigation Appointments

PorchLight & Students

- Handle with Care Program
- Child Therapy Options (12+)
- Protection Order Support w/ Parent
- Law Enforcement Reporting Options
- Ralston House Forensic Interviews
- Forensic Exams (13+)
- Blue Bench (13+)
- *We are mandatory reporters*



PorchLight Tour







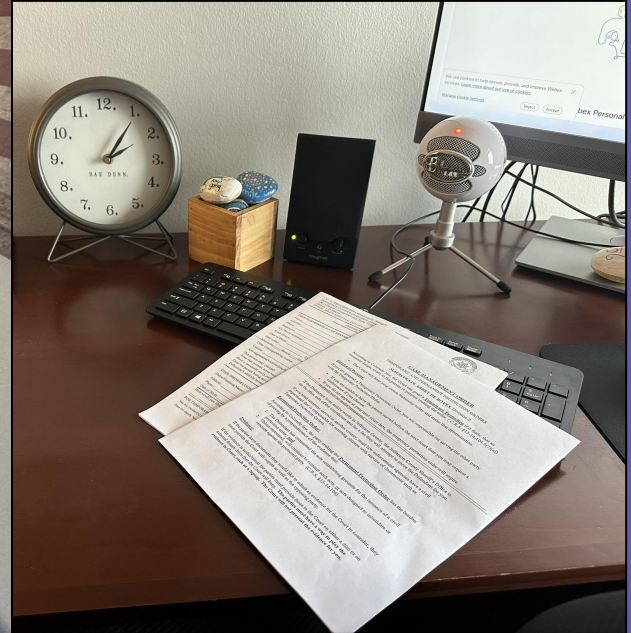






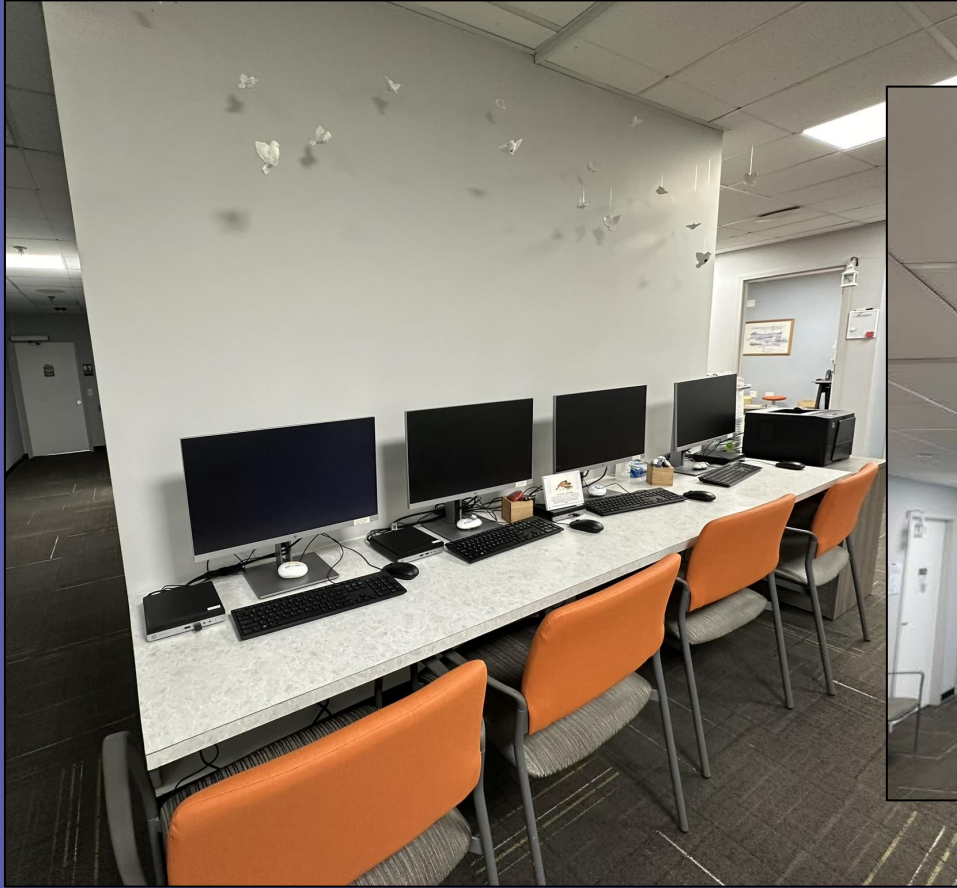


























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2022 IMPACT

86 GUESTS



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First Year Impact

assisted 32 humans and 56 animals

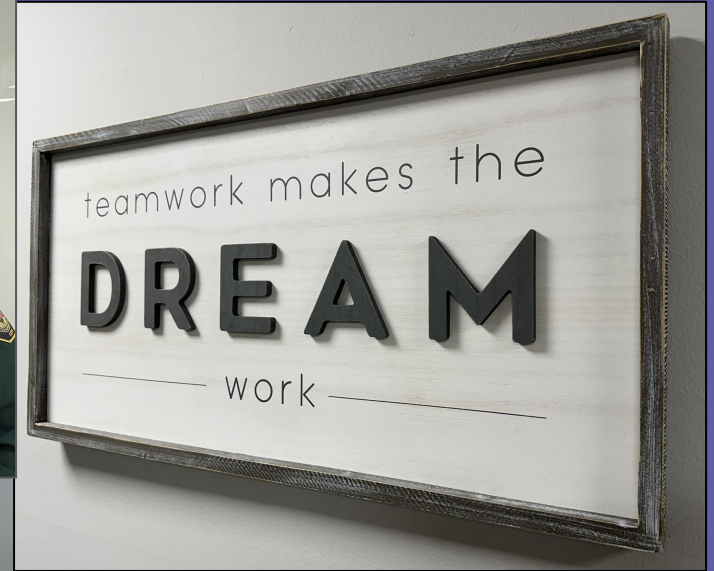
9 animals sheltered	250+ pounds of dry food
25 vaccinations	60+ cans of wet food
17 crates, carriers & toys	27 bags of treats

No Pets Relinquished!

Thank you everyone for supporting our efforts!







Hope and Healing

In 2024, PorchLight had **4,182** visits to the Center and provided navigation services to **1,280** Guests.

"This place saved my life and that of my children. Everything is big and overwhelming and these folks are nothing but helpful. I am HEALING and breaking the cycle all thanks to this place."

- PorchLight Guest, October 2024

"I can't thank you enough. Just a little spark of hope has made me want to keep living. I appreciate you all."

- PorchLight Guest, October 2024

"The assistance and support that I have received to date is unmeasurable. I would not be able to obtain these types of services within my budget and I am grateful for the connections created. I am on a journey with PL and will continue to use services as needed."

-PorchLight, Guest February 2024

"Everything I had been seeking to get help was offered to me. Thank you for being available to us who feel like they have no way out."

-PorchLight Guest, September 2023



How You Can Help



BE AN AMBASSADOR

Our number-one referral source since opening has been word of mouth. You can help us continue this trend by talking to your friends, family, and colleagues about PorchLight, and inviting them to tour.



DONATE

It takes a lot to keep the (many) lights on at PorchLight, and contributions of any size have a big impact. Shine even brighter by considering a recurring donation!



VOLUNTEER

Looking for a more hands-on way to help? Check out open volunteer opportunities on our website, and reach out to learn more.



KING SOOPERS REWARDS

Connect your King Soopers shoppers card to PorchLight for a quick, easy and free way to continually support survivors.



STAY IN TOUCH

Follow along on social media or via our seasonal newsletter "The Lightbulb" to stay in touch with the latest news and updates from PorchLight, including our upcoming events!

Questions & Discussion



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Thank You!

