COLORADO
Department of Education

Approved Facility Schools Directory

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Facility Schools Website

(https://www.cde.state.co.us/facilityschools)

Approved Facility Schools Overview

- Facility schools are residential, day treatment, and hospital programs approved by CDE to receive school finance funding, hire their own teachers, and provide educational services to the students placed with them by a public agency.
- Legislation in 2008 established the Facility School Unit at CDE, provided funding for developing a centralized student record system for facility schools, and established the Facility Schools Board.
- The Facility Schools Board is charged with adopting graduation requirements and is given authority to issue high school diplomas to students enrolled in facility schools. It is also charged with developing/adopting curriculum to be implemented by all facility schools and implementing an accountability system for facility schools.

Facility Schools Board

- Rebecca Carpenter, state placing agency representative
- Margo Valaika, county placing agency representative, DHS Human Services Operations Manager
- Mylynda Herrick, parent/former student representative
- Sonjia Hunt, facility school representative, Director of Special Education
- Megan Coggins, school district representative
- Steven Ramirez, co-chairman, facility school executive representative, and Chief Executive Officer of Shiloh Home, Inc.
- Vacant, school district representative

Austin Centers for Exceptional Students

10255 West 104th Drive, Westminster, CO 80021-3802 303-535-7434

School Code: 6230 **Website:** The Austin Centers (www.austincenters.com)

Director of Special Education: Gabriela Jimenez
Email: Gabriela.jimenez@theaces.net
Phone: 303-535-7434

Principal: Michaele Pansza
Email: **michaele.pansza@theaces.net**
Phone: 303-535-7434

Admissions: All referrals should be sent to Gabriela Jimenez & Michaele Pansza
Requirements: Students must have an IEP to be considered. If deemed a good fit, before the start date can be established, a completed intake packet is required.

Transportation: ACES has provided transportation to more than 60 school districts for students who attend the Austin Centers. Our transportation is provided on fleet passenger vans along with 2 trained staff members who have received specific training in behavior management.

Other information:
Placing agencies: School districts
Years of operation: 30 years (approved as a facility school in CO- August 2024)
Ages: 5-18
Grades: K-12
Average number of students: 55
Average length of stay: 1.5 years
Type of program: Specialized Day School
District of residence: Jeffco Public Schools

Specialized Program Focus:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Social/Emotional Disorders
- 1-3 Staff to client ratio
- Sensory Integration
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Life Skills
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Counseling
- Trauma-Informed Therapy

Bansbach Academy (Denver Children's Home)

1501 Albion St. Denver, CO 80220 303-399-4890

School Code: 6075 **Website:** Denver Children's Home (http://www.denverchildrenshome.org)

Director of Special Education: Jennifer Gutierrez
Email: jgutierrez@denverchildrenshome.org
Phone: 303-399-4890 x206
Fax: 303-399-9846

Principal: Brooke Houtchens
Email: bhoutchens@denverchildrenshome.org
Phone: 303-399-4890 x206

Education Coordinator: Julie Schiffmacher
Email: jschiffmacher@denverchildrenshome.org
Phone: 303-399-4890 x269

Admissions: Amelia Wojsz
Email: awojsz@denverchildrenshome.org
Phone: 303-399-4890 x238

Other information:
Placing agencies: DHS, mental health, school districts, private insurance, out-of-state
Years of operation: 144
Ages: 10-18
Grades: 4-12
Average number of students: 55
Average length of stay: 3 months to 1 year
Type of program: Residential (RCCF, PRTF), Day Treatment
District of residence: Denver Public Schools

Specialized Program Focus:

- Affective Education
- Behavioral Issues
- Emotional Issues
- Family and Individual Therapy
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Life Skills
- Occupational Therapy
- Offense-Specific Behaviors
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Trauma-Informed Therapy

Community Reach Center

11285 Highline Dr., Northglenn, CO 80233 303-853-3400

School Code: 6015 **Email for School:** l.manzik@communityreachcenter.org

Director of Special Education: Laura Manzik
Email: l.manzik@communityreachcenter.org
Phone: 303-853-3459
Fax: 303-428-7618

Admissions: Laura Manzik
Email: l.manzik@communityreachcenter.org
Phone: 303-853-3459

Other information:
Placing agencies: School districts, other public agencies
Years of operation: 37
Ages: 8-18
Grades: 3-12
Average number of students:20
Average length of stay: 1 school year
Type of program: Day Treatment
District of residence: Adams 12

Specialized Program Focus:

- Students must have an IEP
- Affective Education
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavioral Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Emotional Issues
- Family and Individual Therapy
- Gender Identity
- Independent Living Skills
- Life Skills
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Substance Abuse
- Survivors of Human Trafficking
- Trauma-Informed Therapy

Denver Health Medical Center

723 Delaware St. Pavilion M, Denver, CO 80204 303-602-3934

School Code: 6079 **Email for School:** Michelle.Chastain@dhha.org

Director of Special Education: Barb Taylor
Email: 7barbtaylor@gmail.com
Phone: 303-717-2370
Fax: 303-602-3921

Education Coordinator: Michelle Chastain
Email: Michelle.Chastain@dhha.org
Phone: 303-602-3934

Admissions: All admissions are done through the Denver Health Emergency Room and attending psychiatrists.
Requirements: The patient must be actively homicidal or suicidal

Other information:
Placing agencies: Mental Health Hold
Years of operation: 17+
Ages: 12-17
Grades: 6-12
Average number of students: 21
Average length of stay: 3-10 days
Type of program: Hospital
District of residence: Denver Public Schools

Specialized Program Focus:

- Short Term Crisis Intervention
- Mental Health holds identified by emergency room psychiatrist
- Withdrawal management

Elevation Ability Services

14415 E. Smoky Hill Rd. Aurora, CO 80015 720-524-7648

School Code: 6268 **Website: Elevation Ability Services (https://elevationcolo.com)**

Email for School: info@elevationcolo.com

Director of Special Education: Barb Taylor
Email: 7barbtaylor@gmail.com
Phone: 303-717-2370

Director of Education Services: Lara Leonard
Email: lleonard@elevationcolo.com
Phone: 720-524-7648

Specialized Day School Director: Keelee Burtch
Email: kburtch@elevationcolo.com
Phone: 720-524-7648

Admissions: Intake Team
Email: schoolintake@elevationcolo.com
Phone: 720-524-7648
Requirements: Completed intake form with student demographics

Other information:
Placing agencies: School districts
Years of operation: 7
Ages: 6-16
Grades: K-10
Average number of students: 14
Average length of stay: TBD based on the needs of the student
Type of program: Specialized Day School
District of residence: Cherry Creek Schools

Specialized Program Focus:

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavioral Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Independent Living Skills
- Intellectual disabilities
- Life skills/Community Based Instruction
- Nonverbal communication/AAC users
- Occupational and speech therapy
- Skills Based Treatment (SBT)

Handprints Academy

3333 S Wadsworth Blvd, STE D-100, Lakewood, CO 80227 720-962-4555 x105

School Code: 6232 Website: Handprints Academy (www.handprintstherapies.com)

Director of Special Education: Barb Taylor
Email: 7barbtaylor@gmail.com
Phone: 303-717-2370

Regional Director: Alexis Powers
Email: apowers@handprintsacademy.org
Phone: 720-669-0511

Admissions: Alexis Powers
Email: apowers@handprintsacademy.org
Phone: 720-669-0511

Requirements: Admissions criteria include observation(s) at school, facility visit by family, current classrooms' needs/staffing, and acceptance by the Intake Team. Students must have an IEP, an intake packet completed, immunizations, and a current physical.

Other information:
Placing Agencies: School Districts
Years of operation: Approved as a facility school in November 2025
Gender: Male and female
Ages: 5 – 11 years
Grades: K – 5th grade
Average # of students: 6 students
Average Length of Stay: 18-48 months
Type of program: Specialized Day School
District of Residence: Jefferson County School District

Specialized Program Focus:

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Intellectual Disability
- Affective Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavior Issues
- Nonverbal Communication/AAC users
- Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy

Havern Autism Program

4000 Wadsworth Blvd., Littleton, CO 80123 303-986-4587

School Code: 6250 **Website: Havern Autism Program (https://www.havernschool.org/hap)**

Director of Special Education: Barb Taylor
Email: 7barbtaylor@gmail.com
Phone: 303-717-2370

Education Coordinator: Robyn Ledebuhr
Email: rledebuhr@havernschool.org

Admissions: Robyn Ledebuhr
Email: rledebuhr@havernschool.org
Phone: 303-962-6690

Requirements:

- School District identifies a student who is looking for an out-of-district placement that fits the Havern Autism Program (HAP) profile.
- School District Out of District Coordinator reaches out to the Director of HAP @ rledebuhr@havernschool.org and provides the most recent IEP, Behavior Intervention Plan, and any other records that provide insight into appropriate placement.
- Director of HAP reviews documentation with members of the admissions team.
- Director of HAP follows up with OoD Coordinator to set up an observation of the student (ideally in a school setting or an environment similar to that setting)
- Following an observation, if the member of the admissions team who did the observation agrees that the student could be appropriately supported at HAP, the family/caregiver of the student is invited to tour and determine if they would like to pursue enrollment at HAP.
- If the parents/caregivers/school district are in agreement that HAP is a good fit for their family, the student is invited to come in for a shadow day (between 1-3 hours) for a final meeting before finalizing placement.
- Some referral steps might be omitted or modified due to the time of year. For example, no school in session to complete a shadow day.

Other information:
Placing agencies: School districts
Years of operation: Approved as a facility school in March 2025
Ages: 5-11
Grades: K-5
Average number of students: 12
Average length of stay: 2 years
Type of program: Specialized Day School
District of residence: Jefferson County

Specialized Program Focus:

- Autism Spectrum Disorders

J. Wilkins Opportunity School (Griffith Center)

17 Farragut Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80909 719-327-2012

School Code: 6091

Director of Special Education: Lori McClurg
Email: lori.mcclurg@griffithcenters.org
Phone: 719-327-2072

Education Coordinator: Devynn Evans
Email: devynn.evan@griffithcenters.org
Phone: 719-327-2008

Admissions: Ana DosSantos
Email: ana.dossantos@griffithcenters.org
Phone: 719-327-2028

Other information:
Placing agencies: DHS, DYS, school district, private insurance
Years of operation: 99
Ages: 10-21 residential; 10–21 day treatment
Grades: 6-12 residential; 6-12 day treatment
Average number of students: 16 in residential; 11 in day treatment
Average length of stay: 6-9 months
Type of program: Residential (QRTP), Day Treatment
District of residence: Colorado Springs 11

Specialized Program Focus:

- Behavioral Issues
- Criminogenic Issues
- Emotional Issues
- Family/Individual Therapy
- Offense Specific Behaviors
- Substance Abuse
- Transition Program

Joan Farley Academy (Third Way Center)

50 W. 5th Ave., Denver, CO 80204 303-282-8151

School Code: 6416 **Website:** Third Way Center (http://www.thirdwaycenter.org)

Director of Special Education: Amy Thomas
Email: athomas@thirdwaycenter.org
Phone: 303-282-8151
Fax: 720-587-3847

Education Coordinator: Jen Anderson
Email: janderson@thirdwaycenter.org
Phone: 303-282-8151

Admissions: Amber Lacy
Email: alacy@thirdwaycenter.org
Requirements: Admissions Information for Third Way Center

Other information:
Placing agencies: Department of Human Services, Department of Youth Services, mental health
Years of operation: 51
Ages: 13-20
Grades: 8-12
Average number of students: 41
Average length of stay: 6 months
Type of program: Residential (QRTP)
District of residence: Denver Public Schools

Specialized Program Focus

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Affective Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavioral Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Criminogenic Behaviors
- Emotional Issues
- Individual and Family Therapy
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Life Skills
- Offense Specific Behaviors
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Speech and Occupational Therapy
- Survivors of Human Trafficking
- Transition Program
- Trauma Informed Therapy

Joan Farley Academy Lowry (Third Way Center)

9100 E. Lowry Blvd., Denver, CO 80230 303-495-2115

School Code: 6215 **Website:** Third Way Center (http://www.thirdwaycenter.org)

Director of Special Education: Amy Thomas
Email: athomas@thirdwaycenter.org
Phone: 303-282-8151
Fax: 720-587-3847

Education Coordinator: Lisa Saliman
Email: lsaliman@thirdwaycenter.org
Phone: 303-495-2115

Admissions: Amber Lacy
Email: alacy@thirdwaycenter.org
Requirements: Admissions Information for Third Way Center

Other information:
Placing agencies: Department of Human Services, Department of Youth Services, mental health
Years of operation: 16
Ages: 13-20
Grades: 8-12
Average number of students: 32
Average length of stay: 4-6 months
Type of program: Residential (PRTF)
District of residence: Denver Public Schools

Specialized Program Focus

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Affective Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavioral Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Criminogenic Behaviors
- Emotional Issues
- Individual and Family Therapy
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Life Skills
- Offense Specific Behaviors
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Speech and Occupational Therapy
- Survivors of Human Trafficking
- Transition Program
- Trauma Informed Therapy

Joshua Early Childhood Center

5760 E. Otero Ave. Centennial, CO 80112 720-583-6849

School Code: 4476 **Website:** The Joshua School (http://www.joshuaschool.org)
Email for school: registrar@joshuaschool.org

Director of Special Education: Annie McClure
Email: amcclure@joshuaschool.org
Phone: 720-439-9737

Director of Schools: Samantha Davis
Email: sdavis@joshuaschool.org

Executive Director: Cindy Lystad
Email: clystad@joshuaschool.org

Admissions: Corrie Giles
Email: cgiles@johsuaschool.org
Phone: 303-758-7171

Requirements: completed Joshua School application, Health checkup less than a year old, Latest Immunization record, Release, and procedure for administering daytime medication signed by student's physician

Other information:
Placing agencies: Denver and surrounding school districts
Years of operation: Approved as a facility school on 8/10/23
Ages: 4-10
Grades: K-3
Average length of stay: Placed on a year-to-year basis
Type of program: Day Treatment
District of residence: Littleton Public School District

Specialized Program Focus

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Affective Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavioral Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Independent Living Skills
- Individual Therapy
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Life Skills
- Nonverbal Communication/AAC users
- Occupational and Speech Therapy

Joshua School - Boulder

7077 Harvest Rd., Boulder, CO 80301 303-974-7732

School Code: 6265 **Website:** The Joshua School (http://www.joshuaschool.org)
Email for school: registrar@joshuaschool.org

Director of Special Education: Annie McClure
Email: amcclure@joshuaschool.org
Phone: 402-740-8857

Director of Schools: Samantha Davis
Email: sdavis@joshuaschool.org

Admissions: Corrie Giles
Email: cgiles@johsuaschool.org
Phone: 303-758-7171

Requirements: completed Joshua School application, Health checkup less than a year old, Latest Immunization record, Release, and procedure for administering daytime medication signed by student's physician

Other information:
Placing agencies: Denver and surrounding school districts
Years of operation: 8
Ages: 6-21
Grades: 1-12
Average number of students: 20
Average length of stay: Placed on a year-to-year basis
Type of program: Day Treatment
District of residence: Boulder Valley Schools

Specialized Program Focus

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Affective Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavioral Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Independent Living Skills
- Individual Therapy
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Life Skills
- Nonverbal Communication/AAC users
- Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Transition Program

Joshua School - Englewood

2303 E. Dartmouth Ave., Englewood, CO 80113 303-758-7171

School Code: 6206 **Website:** The Joshua School (http://www.joshuaschool.org)
Email for school: registrar@joshuaschool.org

Director of Special Education: Annie McClure
Email: amcclure@joshuaschool.org
Phone: 402-740-8857

Director of Schools: Samantha Davis
Email: sdavis@joshuaschool.org

Admissions: Corrie Giles
Email: cgiles@johsuaschool.org
Phone: 303-758-7171

Requirements: completed Joshua School application, Health checkup less than a year old, Latest Immunization record, Release, and procedure for administering daytime medication signed by student's physician

Other information:
Placing agencies: Denver and surrounding school districts
Years of operation: 15
Ages: 6-21
Grades: 1-12
Average number of students: 45
Average length of stay: Placed on a year-to-year basis
Type of program: Day Treatment
District of residence: Cherry Creek School District

Specialized Program Focus

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Affective Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavioral Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Independent Living Skills
- Individual Therapy
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Life Skills
- Nonverbal Communication/AAC users
- Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Transition Program

Laradon

5100 Lincoln St., Denver, CO 80216 720-974-6816

School Code: 6092 **Website:** Laradon Hall (http://www.laradon.org)

Director of Special Education: Val Ameluxen
Email: val.ameluxen@laradon.org
Phone: 720-947-6870

Assistant Director: Jake Brogren
Email: john.brogren@laradon.org
Phone: 720-974-6858

Special Education Coordinator: Joseph Feeney
Email: joseph.feeney@laradon.org

Behavior Services Coordinator: Audrey Erger
Email: audrey.erger@laradon.org

Instructional Coordinator: Cat Sell
Email: catherine.sell@laradon.org

Transition Coordinator: Corin Ikoma-Chatroop
Email: corin-ikoma-chatroop@laradon.org

Admissions: Submit a student referral
Email: school.referrals@laradon.org
Phone: 720-974-6858

Requirements: Prior to setting a start date the following is needed: Current IEP, most recent re-evaluation, Physical completed within the last year, Medicaid Card, Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, completed consent packet, completed admission packet, Immunizations, Psychological assessment (if available), Physician's orders for any medication taken at school and/or current list of medication, Court orders (if applicable)

Other information:
Placing agencies: School districts
Years of operation: 78
Ages: 5-21
Grades: K-12
Average number of students: 60
Average length of stay: 2-5 years
Type of program: Residential (RCCF), Day Treatment
District of residence: Denver Public Schools

Specialized Program Focus:

- 18-21 Transition
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Challenging Behaviors
- Gender Affirming Care
- Independent Living Skills
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Mental Health Services
- Nonverbal communication/AAC users
- Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Serious Emotional Disability
- Trauma-Informed Care

Learning Zone (Real Life Colorado)

4000 Wadsworth Blvd. Suite 010, Littleton, CO 80123 303-588-8206

School Code: 6243 **Website:** Real Life Colorado (https://reallifecolorado.org/)

Director of Special Education: Barb Taylor
Email: 7barbtaylor@gmail.com
Phone: 303-717-2370

Education Coordinator: Michelle Pescovitz
Email: michelle@reallifecolorado.org

Admissions: Michelle Pescovitz
Email: michelle@reallifecolorado.org
Phone: (720) 507-8257

Requirements: student observation in the current education setting and then, a possible tour of the facility with family; copy of a current IEP clearly stating the need for an AAC device; secured funding

Other information:
Placing agencies: Department of Human Services, school districts
Years of operation: Approved as a facility school in June 2023
Ages: 5-15
Grades: K-8, preferential admissions of students K-6
Average number of students: 10
Average length of stay: at least one academic year
Type of program: Day Treatment
District of residence: Jefferson County

Specialized Program Focus:

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavioral Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Independent Living Skills
- Intellectual disabilities
- Life skills
- Nonverbal communication/AAC users
- Occupational and speech therapy

Monarch Academy

12201 S Parker Rd, Parker, CO 80134 (303) 805-9110

School Code: 6231 **Website:** Monarch Academy (https://www.monarch-hq.com/)

Director of Special Education: Barb Taylor
Email: 7barbtaylor@gmail.com
Phone: 303-318-1792

Executive Director: Brianna Cobos
Email: Brianna.Cobos@monarch-hq.com
Phone: (303) 805-9110

Admissions: Nicole Petrillo and Brianna Cobos (see above)
Email: nicole.petrillo@monarch-hq.com
Phone: (303) 805-9110

Requirements: Admissions criteria include observation(s) at school, facility visit by family, current classrooms' needs/staffing, and acceptance by the Intake Team. Students must have an IEP, an intake packet completed, immunizations, and a current physical.

Other information:
Gender: Male and female
Placing Agencies: School Districts
Years of operation: Approved as a facility school in August 2025
Ages: 5 – 21 years
Grades: K – 12th grade, Transition
Average # of students: 20 students
Average Length of Stay: 18-48 months
Type of program: Day Treatment Program
District of Residence: Douglas County School District

Specialized Program Focus:

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Affective Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavior Issues
- Independent Living Skills
- Life Skills
- Nonverbal Communication/AAC users
- Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Transition Programs

Morgridge Academy (National Jewish Hospital)

1400 Jackson St. Denver, CO 80206 303-398-1102

School Code: 6107 **Website:** Morgridge Academy (https://www.morgridgeacademy.org)
Email for School: isaacj@njhealth.org

Director of Special Education: Kathy Fisher
Email: denfisher22@gmail.com
Phone: 303-398-1102

Principal: Jennifer McCullough
Email: mcculloughj@njhealth.org
Phone: 303-398-1104

Admissions: Joey Isaac
Email: isaacj@njhealth.org
Phone: 303-398-1102

Requirements: Families should make an appointment with the admissions coordinator, fill out our online application (Including medical history and release of information), and provide the following: birth certificate, immunization record, insurance card, and social security card. A half-day shadow and assessment are recommended before the final admissions decision is made.

Other information:
Placing agencies: physical referral
Years of operation: 42 (school)
Ages: 5-14
Grades: K-8
Average number of students: 70
Average length of stay: 4 years
Type of program: Hospital
District of residence: Denver Public Schools

Specialized Program Focus:

- Chronic Illnesses

Mount Saint Vincent

4159 Lowell Blvd., Denver, CO 80211 303-458-7220

School Code: 6102 **Website:** Mount Saint Vincent (http://www.msvhome.org)
Email for school: Rachel.Gillen@imail.org

Director of Special Education: Barb Taylor
Email: 7barbtaylor@gmail.com
Phone: 303-318-1792

Education Manager: Rachel Gillen
Email: Rachel.Gillen@imail.org
Phone: 303-318-1744

Education Coordinator: Sophia Reid
Email: sophia.reid@imail.org
Phone: 303-458-7220 ext. 61791

Admissions: Sam Tomlin
Email: sam.tomlin@imail.org
Phone: 303-318-1801
Rachel Gillen
Email: Rachel.Gillen@imail.org or **Phone:** 303-318-1744
Requirements: Current IEP, latest reevaluation, copy of immunization record, well-check in the last 12 months and/or copy of any court orders

Other information:
Placing agencies: DHS, mental health, school districts, private insurance
Years of operation: 138
Ages: 5-13
Grades: K-8
Average number of students: 30
Average length of stay: 14 months
Type of program: Day Treatment
District of residence: Denver Public Schools

Specialized Program Focus:

- Affective Education
- Behavioral Issues
- Emotional Issues
- Family and Individual Therapy
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Trauma-Informed Therapy

Natural Supports Academy

13659 East 104th Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado 80022 303-954-0810

School Code: 6280 **Website:** Natural Supports Academy (http://www.naturalsupports.org)

Director of Special Education: Martha Muth, Interim
Email: info@naturalsupports.org
Phone: (303) 954-0810

Admissions/Director of Special Education, TEE: Chelsea Turco
Email: info@naturalsupports.org
Phone: (303) 954-0810

Requirements: Students must have active IEP and qualify for ESY. Direct observation of students from Natural Support admission team, completion of intake packet by guardian, up to date immunizations, and a current physical (within calendar year or completed within 3 months of admission).

Other Information:
Placing agencies: School districts
Years of operation: 2.5 (Approved as a facility school May 2026)
Ages: 5-21
Grades: K-12
Average number of students: 8
Average length of stay: 6 months – 3+ years
Type of program: Specialized Day School
District of residence: 27J

Specialized Program Focus:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (Levels 2-3)
- Developmental Delay, Intellectual Disability, Cognitive Impairment, & Multiple Disabilities
- Non-verbal, emergently verbal communicators, AAC users
- Students utilizing extended evidence outcomes and/or COALT standardized assessments
- Transition Program (Ages 16-21)
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Challenging Behavior
- Independent Living Skills
- Occupational Therapy & Music Therapy
- Intensive Support Needs (1:1 or 2:1 staffing ratio)

North Greeley Academy (Alternative Homes for Youth)

1110 M. St., Greeley, CO 80631 970-353-6010

School Code: 6022 Website: Alternative Homes for Youth (http://www.alternativehomesforyouth.org)

Director of Special Education: Tonya Wheeler
Email: tonya.wheeler@ahfy.org
Phone: 970-616-5884
Fax: 970-353-5636

Other information:
Gender: male only
Placing agencies: DHS, DYS
Years of operation: 43
Ages: 15-21
Grades: 9-12
Average number of students: 8
Average length of stay: 3-9 months
Type of program: Residential (QRTP)
District of residence: Weld County 6

Specialized Program Focus:

- Criminogenic Behaviors
- Emotional Issues
- Family/Individual Therapy
- Independent Living Skills
- Offense Specific Behaviors
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Substance Abuse
- Transition Program
- Trauma-Informed Therapy

Phoenix Academy (Southern Peaks)

700 Four Mile Parkway Canon City, CO 81212 719-276-7500

School Code: 6199 **Website: Southern Peaks** (http://southernpeaksrtc.org)

Email for School: amwilliams@abraxasys.org

Director of Special Education: Tammy Allen
Email: taallen@abraxasyfs.org
Phone: 719-276-7500
Fax: 719-276-7505

Education Coordinator: Jessica Montoya
Email: jemontoya@abraxasyfs.org
Phone: 719-276-7500

Admissions: Jessica Montoya
Email: jemontoya@abraxasyfs.org
Phone: 719-276-7500
Requirements: Completed referral packet

Other information:
Placing agencies: Regional Accountable Entities, Colorado Department of Human Services, private insurance, out-of-state agencies
Years of operation: 26
Ages: 10-18
Grades: 5-12
Average number of students: 45
Average length of stay: 4-6 months
Type of program: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF), Day Treatment, Acute and Subacute Services
District of residence: Canon City Schools

Specialized Program Focus:

- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) Services

PRN for Families

11949 W. Colfax Ave., Lakewood, CO 80215 Phone: 720-421-8433

School Code: 6602

Interim Director of Special Education: Loretta Southerland
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Phone: 720-421-8433

Program Administrator: Becky Manning MSW, LSW
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Phone: 720-251-9485

Other information:
Gender: Male and Female
Placing agencies: Public School Districts
Years of operation: Approved in April 2025
Ages: 10-18
Grades: 6-12
Average number of students: 12
Average length of stay: 12 months
Type of program: Day Treatment
District of residence: Jefferson County

Specialized Program Focus:

- Affective Education
- Behavioral Issues
- Emotional Issues
- Family and Individual Therapy
- Independent Living Skills
- Life Skills
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Speech Language Therapy
- Transition Program
- Trauma Informed Therapy

Rite of Passage Morrison Home

5924 US 285 Morrison, CO 80465 303-996-3849

School Code: 9361

Director of Special Education: Brittney Hoffman
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Phone: 303-697-0235
Fax: 775-392-2485

Education Coordinator: Brittney Hoffman
Email: Brittney.hoffman@rop.com
Phone: 303-697-0235

Other information:
Gender: male only
Placing agencies: Department of Human Services
Years of operation: 7
Ages: 10-21
Grades: 5-12
Average number of students: 8
Average length of stay: 9-12 months
Type of program: Residential and Day Treatment
District of residence: Jefferson County

Specialized Program Focus:

- Affective Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavioral Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Criminogenic Behaviors
- Emotional Issues
- Family and Individual Therapy
- Gender Identity
- Independent Living Skills
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Life Skills
- Offense-Specific Behaviors
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Speech Language Therapy
- Substance Abuse
- Transition Program
- Trauma Informed Therapy

Rocky Mountain Leadership School

8810 Highway 103, Idaho Springs, CO 80452 303-567-4968

School Code: 6228

Director of Special Education: Brittney Hoffman
Email: brittney.hoffman@rop.com
Phone: 303-567-4968
Fax: 775-392-2485

Education Coordinator: Brittney Hoffman
Email: brittney.hoffman@rop.com
Phone: 303-567-4968

Other information:
Gender: male only
Placing agencies: Department of Youth Corrections
Years of operation: 1
Ages: 16-20:
Grades: 9-12
Average number of students: 3
Average length of stay: 6 months
Type of program: Residential and Day Treatment
District of residence: Clear Creek County

Specialized Program Focus:

- Affective Education
- Behavioral Issues
- Criminogenic Behaviors
- Emotional Issues
- Family and Individual Therapy
- Independent Living Skills
- Life Skills
- Offense-Specific Behaviors
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Speech Language Therapy
- Substance Abuse
- Transition Program
- Trauma Informed Therapy

Roundup Fellowship School

2121 E. LaSalle St., Suite 100, Colorado Springs, CO 80909 719-666-7826

School Code: 6110 **Website:** Roundup Fellowship School (http://www.rup.org)
Email for school: kstults@rup.org or jdehn@rup.org

Director of Special Education: Kathy Stults
Email: kstults@rup.org
Phone: 719-210-6486
Fax: 719-934-9215

Education Coordinator: Kathy Stults
Email: kstults@rup.org
Phone: 719-210-6486

Assistant Director of Education: Brandie Woodall
Phone: 719-666-7826

Admissions: Kathy Stults
Email: kstults@rup.org
Phone: 719-666-7826
Requirements: current IEPs, completed enrollment packet, immunizations, current physical (annually)

Other information:
Placing agencies: School districts
Years of operation: 47
Ages: 5-21
Grades: K-12
Average number of students: 40
Average length of stay: 1 year
Type of program: Residential, Day Treatment
District of residence: Colorado Springs D11

Specialized Program Focus:

- Affective Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavioral Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Emotional Issues
- Family and Individual Therapy
- Gender Identity
- Independent Living Skills
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Life Skills
- Nonverbal Communication/AAC users
- Speech Language Therapy
- Transition Program

Serenity Education

3400 S. Fairplay Way Aurora, CO 80014 303-699-6373

School Code: 6210 **Website:** Serenity Education (https://www.smithagencyinc.org/)

Email for school: caseyd@smithagencyinc.org

Director of Special Education: Casey Daly
Email: caseyd@smithagencyinc.org
Phone: 303-699-6373

Assistant Director: Arielle Kimmel
Email: ariellek@smithagency.org
Phone: 303-699-6373

Education Coordinator: Christy Graham
Email: christyg@smithagencyinc.org
Phone: 303-699-6373

Admissions: Arielle Kimmel and Casey Daly
Email: ariellek@smithagencyinc.org and caseyd@smithagencyinc.org
Phone: 303-699-6373

Requirements: Student must have an IEP

Other information:
Placing agencies: School Districts
Years of operation: 24
Ages: 5-21
Grades: K-12, 18-21 transition services
Average number of students: 95-100
Average length of stay: 1-3 years
Type of program: Specialized Day School
District of residence: Aurora Public Schools

Specialized Program Focus:

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Affective Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavioral Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Emotional Issues
- Independent Living Skills
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Life Skills
- Nonverbal Communication/AAC users
- Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Transition Program

Shiloh House - Family Resource Pavilion

9700 E. Easter Lane Centennial, CO 80112 303-932-9599

School Code: 4951 **Website:** Shiloh House (http://www.shilohhouse.org)
Email for school: ktracy@shilohhouse.net

Director of Special Education: Kevin Tracy
Email: ktracy@shilohhouse.net
Phone: 303-932-9599
Fax: 303-973-1269

Director of Special Education: Lawrence Green
Email: lgreen@shilohhouse.net
Phone: 303-932-9599

Admissions: Elizabeth Meissner
Email: referrals@shilohhouse.net
Phone: 303-392-9599
Requirements: Current IEP, copy of immunization records, physical completed within the last year, health insurance card (if any), Social Security Card, Birth Certificate

Other information:
Placing agencies: DHS, probation, school districts, BHO
Years of operation: 31
Ages: 10-21
Grades: 5-12
Average number of students: 25
Average length of stay: Respite 10 days; day treatment 10 months
Type of program: Residential, Day Treatment
District of residence: Cherry Creek Schools

Specialized Program Focus:

- Affective Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavioral Issues
- Criminogenic Behaviors
- Emotional Issues
- Gender Identity
- Independent Living Skills
- Individual and Family Therapy
- Life Skills
- Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Short-Term Crisis Intervention
- Substance Abuse
- Survivors of Human Trafficking
- Trauma Informed Therapy

Shiloh House - Littleton

6400 Coal Mine Ave., Littleton, CO 80123 303-932-9599

School Code: 6408 **Website: Website:** Shiloh House (http://www.shilohhouse.org)
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Director of Special Education: Kevin Tracy
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Phone: 303-932-9599
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Director of Special Education: Lawrence Green
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Phone: 303-932-9599

Admissions: Elizabeth Meissner
Email: referrals@shilohhouse.net
Phone: 303-392-9599
Requirements: Current IEP, copy of immunization records, physical completed within the last year, health insurance card (if any), Social Security Card, Birth Certificate

Other information:
Placing agencies: DHS, probation, school districts, BHO
Years of operation: 31
Ages: 10-21
Grades: 5-12
Average number of students: 30
Average length of stay: 180 days
Type of program: Residential, Day Treatment
District of residence: Jefferson County

Specialized Program Focus:

- Affective Education
- Behavioral Issues
- Criminogenic Behaviors
- Emotional Issues
- Gender Identity
- Independent Living Skills
- Individual and Family Therapy
- Life Skills
- Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Substance Abuse
- Survivors of Human Trafficking
- Trauma Informed Therapy

Shiloh House-Longmont Campus

2700 E. Ken Pratt Blvd. Longmont, CO 80504 303-932-9599

School Code: 6211 **Website: Website:** Shiloh House (http://www.shilohhouse.org)
Email for school: ktracy@shilohhouse.net

Director of Special Education: Kevin Tracy
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Phone: 303-932-9599
Fax: 303-973-1269

Director of Special Education: Lawrence Green
Email: lgreen@shilohhouse.net
Phone: 303-932-9599

Admissions: Elizabeth Meissner
Email: referrals@shilohhouse.net
Phone: 303-392-9599
Requirements: Current IEP, copy of immunization records, physical completed within the last year, health insurance card (if any), Social Security Card, Birth Certificate

Other information:
Gender: Male only
Placing agencies: DHS, probation, school districts, BHO
Years of operation: 31
Ages: 11-21
Grades: 6-12
Average number of students: 16
Average length of stay: 180 days
Type of program: Residential, Day Treatment
District of residence: St. Vrain Valley Schools

Specialized Program Focus:

- Affective Education
- Behavioral Issues
- Criminogenic Behaviors
- Emotional Issues
- Gender Identity
- Independent Living Skills
- Individual and Family Therapy
- Life Skills
- Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Substance Abuse
- Survivors of Human Trafficking
- Trauma Informed Therapy

Shiloh House-Pueblo

1008 Minneque Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004 303-932-9599

School Code: 6270 **Website:** Shiloh House (http://www.shilohhouse.org)
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Director of Special Education: Kevin Tracy
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Phone: 303-932-9599
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Director of Special Education: Lawrence Green
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Phone: 303-932-9599

Admissions: Elizabeth Meissner
Email: referrals@shilohhouse.net
Phone: 303-392-9599
Requirements: Current IEP, copy of immunization records, physical completed within the last year, health insurance card (if any), Social Security Card, Birth Certificate

Other information:
Gender: Male and Female
Placing agencies: DHS, probation, school districts, BHO
Years of operation: New
Ages: 7-17
Grades: K-12
Average number of students:
Average length of stay:
Type of program: Day Treatment
District of residence: Pueblo City 60

Specialized Program Focus:

- Affective Education
- Behavioral Issues
- Criminogenic Behaviors
- Emotional Issues
- Gender Identity
- Independent Living Skills
- Individual and Family Therapy
- Life Skills
- Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Substance Abuse
- Survivors of Human Trafficking
- Trauma Informed Therapy

Skyline Academy (WellPower)

3401 Eudora St. Denver, CO 80207 303-300-6270

School Code: 6095 Website: Skyline Academy | WellPower (https://www.wellpower.org/skyline-academy)
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Director of Special Education: Deon Bruce, Ed. S.
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Education Coordinator: Bryanna Daly
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Phone: 303-300-6189

Admissions: Erica Edewaard
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Phone: 303-300-6270

Other information:
Placing agencies: Public school districts
Years of operation: 17
Ages: 6-15
Grades: 1-8
Average number of students: 15
Average length of stay: 12-24 months
Type of program: Day Treatment
District of residence: Denver Public Schools

Specialized Program Focus:

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Affective Education
- Behavioral Issues
- Emotional Reactivity
- Impulse Control Disorders
- Individual and Family Therapy
- Life Skills
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Speech and Occupational Therapy
- Trauma Informed Therapy
- Milieu Therapy
- Group Therapy
- Animal Assisted Therapy

Southgate School (Cedar Springs)

2135 Southgate Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80906

School Code: 6031 **Website:** Cedar Springs Behavior Health Center (http://www.cedarspringsbhs.com)

Director of Special Education: Deon Bruce, Ed. S.
Email: deon.bruce@uhsinc.com
Phone: 719-757-0920
Fax: 719-632-8720

Education Coordinator: Deon Bruce, Ed. S.
Email: deon.bruce@uhsinc.com
Phone: 719-757-0920

Admissions:
Email:
Phone: 719-633-4114
Requirements: copy of insurance card, proof of legal guardianship, copy of birth certificate, copy of immunization record, copy of latest physical exam, copy of any court orders, and a medical questionnaire

Other information:
Placing agencies: Private insurance, public agencies, parents
Years of operation: 27
Ages: 5-21
Grades: K-12
Gender: Female and Male
Average number of students: Acute 38
Average length of stay: 5-7 days acute
Type of program: Residential (RCCF, RTC, PRTF), Hospital
District of residence: Harrison 2

Specialized Program Focus:
- Short-term crisis intervention
- Mental Health
- Behavioral Issues
- Individual/Family Therapy

Spectra Centers, Inc.

7205 W. 120 Ave. Broomfield, CO 80020 303-665-6800

School Code: 6240 **Website:** Spectra Centers, Inc.(http://www.spectracenter.org)
Email for school: referral@spectracenters.org

Director of Special Education: Barb Taylor
Email: 7barbtaylor@gmail.com
Phone: 303-717-2370

Education Director: Lynnette Steinhoff
Email: Lynnette.Steinhoff@spectracenters.org
Phone: 303-665.6800

Admissions: Kevin McCarthy
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Phone: 303-665-6800
Requirements: Admissions criteria include observation(s) at school, facility visit by family and/or referring agent, current classrooms' needs/staffing, and acceptance by the Intake Team. Students must have an IEP, immunizations, and current physical.

Other information:
Placing agencies: Department of Human Services, school districts
Years of operation: 13
Ages: 5-21
Grades: K-12
Average number of students: 55
Average length of stay: 3+ years
Type of program: Day Treatment
District of residence: Boulder Valley School District

Specialized Program Focus:

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Affective Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavior Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Independent Living Skills
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Life Skills
- Nonverbal Communication/AAC users
- Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Transition Programs

TACT (Teaching Autism Community Trades) Carbondale

695 Buggy Circle, Carbondale, CO 81623 303-295-0163

School Code: 6229 **Website: Build With TACT (www.buildwithtact.org)**

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Phone: 303-295-0163

Director of Special Education: Chris Fraguada
Email: cfraguada@buildwithtact.org
Phone: 303-295-0163

Admissions Director: Matt Somsky
Email: msomsky@buildwithtact.org
Phone: 303-295-0163

Other Information:
Placing Agencies: School Districts; Roaring Forks, Aspen
Years of Operation: New
Ages: 18-21
Grades: High School, Post-Secondary
Average number of students: 24
Average length of stay: Up to 6 semesters
Type of Program: Specialized Day School
District of Residence: Roaring Fork and Aspen

Specialized Program Focus:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder/IDD and other IEP related services
- Skilled Trades & Academics / IEP support
    - General Maintenance
- 1-3 Staff to client ratio

TACT (Teaching Autism Community Trades) Englewood

2960 S. Umatilla St. Englewood, CO 80110 303-295-0163

School Code: 6257 **Website: Build With TACT (www.buildwithtact.org)**

CEO: Becky Mershon
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Phone: 303-295-0163

Director of Special Education: Chris Fraguada
Email: cfraguada@buildwithtact.org
Phone: 303-295-0163

Admissions Director: Matt Somsky
Email: msomsky@buildwithtact.org
Phone: 303-295-0163

Other Information:
Placing Agencies: School Districts, PASAs
Years of Operation: 8 years (approved as a facility school August 2024)
Ages: 18-21
Grades: High School, Post-Secondary
Average number of students: 25
Average length of stay: 3 semesters
Type of Program: Specialized Day School
District of Residence: Englewood School District

Specialized Program Focus:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Skilled Trades & Career Placement
    - Culinary
    - Auto Mechanics
    - Carpentry
    - Technology
    - Electrical
    - Welding
- 1-3 Staff to client ratio
- 83.3% placement rate into the workforce

Tennyson Center for Children

2950 Tennyson St., Denver, CO 80212 303-433-2541

School Code: 6063 **Website:** Tennyson Center(http://www.tennysoncenter.org)

Director of Special Education: Djuana Osby
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Phone: 720-855-3433
Fax: 303-433-9701

Admissions: Alyssa Deis
Email: Alyssa.deis@tennysoncenter.org
Phone: 720-855-3475
Requirements: most recent IEP, Tennyson referral form, immunization record, copy of most recent physical, completed intake packet, and any current court orders.

Other information:
Placing agencies: Department of Human Services, mental health, school districts
Years of operation: 101+
Ages: 5-21
Grades: K-12
Average number of students: 80-100
Average length of stay: 200 days
Type of program: Day Treatment, Residential
District of residence: Denver Public Schools

Specialized Program Focus:

- Affective Education
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavioral Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Emotional Issues
- Family and Individual Therapy
- Gender Identity
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Serious Emotional Disorders
- Trauma Informed Therapy

Willow Academy

3128 E Maplewood Ave., Littleton, CO 80121 303-565-2833

School Code: 6423 **Website: Willow Academy (https://www.thewillowacademy.org)**

Director of Special Education: Alex Bernardy
Email: alex.bernardy@thewillowacademy.org
Phone: 303-347-5152

Admissions:
Email: info@thewillowacademy.org
Phone: 303-565-2833

Other information:
Placing agencies: School Districts
Years of operation: <1 year
Ages: 5-21
Grades: K-12
Average number of students: 20
Average length of stay: 1+ years
Type of program: Specialized Day school
District of residence: Littleton Public Schools

Specialized Program Focus:

- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Applied Behavioral Analysis
- Behavioral Issues
- Cognitive Impairments
- Emotional Issues
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Life Skills
- Nonverbal Communication/AAC users