



COVID-19 pandemic: Focus Points' Response & Impact

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Dear Friends,

"I got my first delivery of meals last week and I got another one today. I have to thank you so very much. I don't know what I would do without you and your organization. And the food is absolutely delicious. Please pass on to your chefs that their hard work is not in vain. God bless you all, keep you safe and healthy for helping us." -Francis

These are messages that we are receiving daily at Focus Points.

Family Resource Centers have been designated an essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic. Below is brief summary of some key programs that we have improved in response to community need:

Denver Metro Emergency Food Network: Focus Points is founding partner of the Denver Metro Emergency Food Network (DMEFN), whose mission is to prepare and deliver free meals to children, families, individuals and homebound seniors. DMEFN has already delivered more than 75,000 meals within a 20-mile radius of Denver.

Family & Community Development: This program has the highest demand - taking calls for basic needs. Trends from the calls indicate that our community's most significant needs are:*

Housing: 60%

Utilities: 52%

Food Access: 32%

Transportation: 23%

Unemployment: 20%

**total exceeds 100% because participants can indicate multiple needs*

Diaper Distribution: FEMA is delivering a large order of diapers, formula and other items for childcare centers and families throughout Colorado. Family Resource Centers, such as Focus Points, in partnership with Early Childhood Councils, have been asked to distribute throughout the state. Focus Points will be distributing next week to Parents of Toddlers (PAT) participants in our community and to nearby child-care centers.

You can help us respond and serve our community's need by making a donation [here](#).

Thank you for supporting the important work we are doing to serve our community in GES and beyond. We greatly appreciate that you help us to continue to provide valuable services to the community, especially during this unprecedented and challenging time in history.

Please let me know if you have any questions about Focus Points and our work. Feel free to reach out to me directly at jules@focuspoints.org, I would love to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Jules Kelty
Executive Director

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