

# Approved Facility Schools Directory

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# 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
* Doug Hainley, county placing agency representative. Mental health and support services supervisor, Weld County Department of Human Services
* Mylynda Herrick, parent/former student representative
* Sonjia Hunt, facility school representative, Director of Special Education, Hilltop Balanced Rocky Community School
* Megan Coggins, school district representative
* Steven Ramirez, co-chairman, facility school executive representative, and Chief Executive Officer of Shiloh Home, Inc.
* Carolena Steen, co-chairman, school district representative, Assistant Superintendent, Cheyenne Mountain School District

## Austin Centers for Exceptional Students

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**Other information:**

**Placing agencies:** school districts

**Years of operation:** 30 years (approved as a facility school 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

## Bansbach Academy (Denver Children’s Home)

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

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**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

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**Admissions:** Laura Manzik

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**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
* Intellectual Disabilities
* 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

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**Director of Special Education:** Barb Taylor

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**Phone**: 303-717-2370

**Fax:** 303-602-3921

**Education Coordinator:**  Michelle Chastain

**Email:** [Michelle.Chastain@dhha.org](mailto: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

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**Phone**: 303-717-2370

**Director of Education Services:** Lara Leonard

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**Phone:** 720-524-7648

**Admissions:** Lara Leonard

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**Phone:** 720-524-7648

**Requirements:** Completed intake form with student demographics, immunization record, well-child check within the last 12 months

**Other information:**

**Placing agencies:** School districts

**Years of operation:** 4

**Ages:** 6-16

**Grades:** 1-10

**Average number of students**: 24

**Average length of stay:** TBD based on the needs of the student

**Type of program:** Day Treatment

**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
* Nonverbal communication/AAC users
* Occupational and speech therapy
* Transition Program

## Hilltop Balanced Rock Community School

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**Admissions:** Sonjia Hunt

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**Phone:** 970-244-0573. Cell 970-216-6134

**Other information:**

**Placing agencies:** DHS, school districts, private insurance

**Years of operation:** 28

**Ages:** 12-18

**Grades:** 6-12

**Average number of students**:12

**Average length of stay:** 6-8 months

**Type of program:** Day Treatment

**District of residence:** Mesa 51

**Specialized Program Focus:**

* Applied Behavior Analysis
* Affective Education
* Behavioral Issues
* Criminogenic Behaviors
* Emotional Issues
* Family and Individual Therapy
* Gender Identity
* Independent Living Skills
* Life Skills
* Offense-Specific Behaviors
* Serious Emotional Disorders
* Substance Abuse
* Transition Program
* Trauma-Informed Therapy

## J. Wilkins Opportunity School (Griffith Center)

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

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**Education Coordinator: Erin Swaim**

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**Phone:** 719-327-2008

**Admissions:** Lori McClurg/Erin Swaim

**Phone:** 719-327-2008

**Other information:**

**Placing agencies:** DHS, DYS, school district, private insurance

**Years of operation:** 94

**Ages:** 14-21 residential; 5–21 day treatment

**Grades:** 5-12 residential; K-12 day treatment

**Average number of students**: 30 in residential; 36 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

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**Phone:** 303-282-8151

**Fax:** 720-587-3847

**Education Coordinator:** Jen Anderson

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**Phone:** 303-282-8151

**Admissions:** Amber Lacy

**Email**: [alacy@thirdwaycenter.org](mailto:alacy@thirdwaycenter.org)

Requirements: [Admissions Information for Third Way Center](https://thirdwaycenter.org/admissions)

**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

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**Admissions:** Amber Lacy

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**Requirements:** [Admissions Information for Third Way Center](https://thirdwaycenter.org/admissions)

**Other information:**

**Placing agencies:** Department of Human Services, Department of Youth Services, mental health

**Years of operation:** 12

**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
* Gender Identity
* Independent Living Skills
* Intellectual Disabilities
* Life Skills
* Offense Specific Behaviors
* Serious Emotional Disorders
* Speech and Occupational Therapy
* Survivors of Human Trafficking
* Trauma Informed Therapy

## Joshua Early Childhood Center

5760 E. Otero Ave. Centennial, CO 80112

303-720-583-6849

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**Admissions:** Kelli Hill

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**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:** Douglas County 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

303-758-7171

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**Admissions:** Heather Thomas

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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**: 32

**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

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**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**: 43

**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

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**Special Education Coordinator: Joseph Feeney**

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**Admissions:** Jake Brogren

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**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:** 75

**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
* Behavioral Issues
* 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 Therapy

## Learning Zone (Real Life Colorado)

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

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[Real Life Colorado](https://reallifecolorado.org/) (<https://reallifecolorado.org/>)

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**Admissions:** Aidan Attreau

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**Phone:** [(720) 507-8257](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#m_8109705986582789717_)

**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:** 5-14

**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

## Mount Saint Vincent

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

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**Education Manager:** Rachel Gillen

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**Education Coordinator:** Sophia Reid

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**Phone:** 303-318-1758

**Admissions:** Sam Tomlin

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**Phone:** 303-318-1801

Rachel Gillen

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**Requirements:** Copy of insurance card, copy of social security card, copy of birth certificate, copy of immunization record, copy of latest physical exam, 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

## Morgridge Academy (National Jewish Hospital)

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

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**Principal:** Jennifer McCullough

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**Phone:** 303-398-1104

**Admissions:** Joey Isaac

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**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

## North Greeley Academy (Alternative Homes for Youth)

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

**Website:** [Alternative Homes for Youth](http://www.alternativehomesforyouth.org/)  (<http://www.alternativehomesforyouth.org>)

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**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

**Email for School:** [amwilliams@abraxasys.org](mailto:amwilliams@abraxasys.org)

**Website:** <http://southernpeaksrtc.org>

**Director of Special Education:** Tammy Allen

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**Fax:** 719-276-7505

**Education Coordinator**: John Casey

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**Admissions:** Amber Williams

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**Phone:** 719-318-4052

**Requirements:** Completed referral packet

**Other information:**

**Placing agencies:** Department of Human Services, Native American tribes, out-of-state agencies, private insurance

**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:** Residential (PRTF), Day Treatment. Acute mental health service

**District of residence:** Canon City Schools

**Specialized Program Focus:**

* Equine Therapy
* Life Skills
* GED Service
* Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) Services

## Poplar Way Academy (Highlands Behavioral Health)

8565 Poplar Way Littleton, CO 80130

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**Website**: [Highlands Behavioral Health](https://highlandsbhs.com/) (https://highlandsbhs.com)

**Director of Special Education:** Deon Roberts

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**Other information:**

**Placing agencies:** Private insurance, public agencies, parents

**Years of operation:** Approved as a facility school in 2022

**Ages:** 12-18

**Grades:** 7-12

**Average number of students**: 30

**Average length of stay:** 13-7 days

**Type of program:** Hospital

**District of residence:** Douglas County

**Specialized Program Focus:**

* Short term crisis intervention

## Rite of Passage Morrison Home

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**Other information:**

**Gender:** male only

**Placing agencies:** Department of Human Services

**Years of operation:** 6

**Ages:** 12-21:

**Grades:** 5-12

**Average number of students**: 6

**Average length of stay:** 6 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

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**Other information:**

**Gender:** male only

**Placing agencies:** Department of Youth Corrections

**Years of operation:** New

**Ages:** 16-20:

**Grades:** 9-12

**Average number of students**: 6

**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

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**Requirements:** current IEPs, completed enrollment packet,

immunizations, current physical (annually)

**Other information:**

**Placing agencies:** School districts

**Years of operation:** 47

**Ages:** 6-21

**Grades:** K-12

**Average number of students**: 30

**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

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Requirements: Student must have an IEP

**Other information:**

**Placing agencies:** Department of Human Services, School Districts

**Years of operation:** 24

**Ages:** 5-21

**Grades:** K-12, 18-21 transition services

**Average number of students**: 70

**Average length of stay:** 1-3 years

**Type of program:** Day Treatment

**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
* Trauma Informed Therapy

## Shiloh House-Family Resource Pavilion

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**Phone:** 303-3932-9599

**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 Campus

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**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**: 35

**Average length of stay:** 180 days

**Type of program:** Residential

**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

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**Phone:** 303-3932-9599

**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

## Skyline Academy (WellPower)

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**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:** 9 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

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**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

**Average number of students**: Residential 24; Acute 38

**Average length of stay:** 3 months residential; 5 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

## Sunlight Academy (Centennial Peaks Hospital)

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**Requirements**: 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:** Approved as a facility school in 2022

**Ages:** 12-21

**Grades:** 6-12

**Average number of students**: 22

**Average length of stay:** 3-7 days

**Type of program:** Hospital

**District of residence:** Boulder Valley School District

**Specialized Program Focus:**

* Short-term crisis intervention

## Spectra Centers, Inc.

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**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:** 11

**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)

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**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**: 85

**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

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**Requirements**: IEP, not on sex offender registry, Substance abuse not presenting issue, IQ not below 70 (except for ASPEN), Able to complete basic ADLs, not medically fragile, presenting issue is not rooted in conduct disorder, proactive aggression or violence, Social/Emotional deficits, attachments pattern disruptions, trauma history, complex trauma, disruptive behaviors, truancy, PTSD, mood disorders, mood instability

**Other information:**

**Placing agencies:** Department of Human Services, mental health, school districts

**Years of operation:** 101+

**Ages:** 5-18

**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