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SAFY of America expands services to families and children in Colorado

(DELPHOS, Ohio) – Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY) of America, a national leader in providing an integrated community-based system of care resulting in permanency, safety, and well-being for families and youth, is pleased to announce the official opening of its Northern Colorado division in Larimer and Weld counties. The organization will expand its home- and community-based family preservation and reunification programs and services to secure families and avoid disruption in the lives of children.

Gwen Koenig, LCSW, has been selected to lead the Colorado services and its treatment team. “This is an incredibly exciting time for SAFY as we are able to deliver high-quality family support and juvenile justice services in Colorado,” she says.

SAFY’s integrated system of care utilizes trauma-informed evidence-based treatment models to coordinate services in a family-focused manner. The system provides accessible, family-centered supports that endorse the rights of both families and children, and integrates the community as part of a solution which enhances the lives of those served and strengthens the child welfare system.

“Our system of care focuses on establishing strong families with supportive networks that improve communities,” says Scott Spangler, SAFY of America’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “Keeping children within their own family whenever possible and utilizing community resources is the foundation of our philosophy of care.”

SAFY is a private nonprofit organization whose programs and services, including family preservation and reunification, treatment foster care, behavioral health treatment, preparation for adulthood, and adoption created permanence for more than 12,384 families and children in 2013, and increased the capacity of neighborhoods and communities to create social support networks to meet the needs of families in times of crisis. SAFY is known for its clinical expertise, leadership, and ability to produce positive, sustainable changes in the lives of families and their children. Those persons wishing to learn more about SAFY or inquire about services may contact SAFY of Colorado at (970) 682-0715.

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