

Garfield County Human Services Grants

YEAR-TO-DATE

OUTCOMES REPORT

Date: **04/15/2026**

Reporting Agency: **River Bridge Regional Center**

Desired Goals and Outcomes:

- 1) RBRC will respond to 150 referrals for child abuse victims who live in and/or are referred to by Garfield County agencies.
 - a. Children disclosing abuse are not further victimized by the intervention systems designed to protect them when referred to.
 - b. All child abuse victims will have a life-long mental health and support benefit.
 - c. Each child served will be able to heal, continue education, and have a better quality of life.
- 2) MWSA will respond to 15 adolescent/adult sexual assault victims in Garfield County
 - a. Sexual assault victims will have access to education, consultation, coordination of a medical forensic exam.
 - b. The community of law enforcement and medical professionals will know how to best to respond to sexual assault victims.
- 3) RBRC will strengthen the Garfield County multidisciplinary team with 100% participation from partner agencies.
 - a. A strengthened and cohesive MDT will lead to coordinated investigations and consistent services provided to families. Outcomes will include improved communication and faster charging decisions.

What was accomplished to date in each of the following categories?

- 1) In 2025, a total of 156 child victims of abuse/neglect were referred to and served by RBRC. Of the total, 100 (64%) of primary victims resided in Garfield County. Of the total, 76 (59%) were Garfield County investigations.
- 2) In 2025, a total of 42 new cases were sent by law enforcement to the 9th Judicial District Attorney's office; 31 cases were accepted by the prosecution.
- 3) In 2025, MWSA received 48 calls from sexual assault victims, of which 32 patients (67%) were in Garfield County.
- 4) RBRC coordinated 12 case review meetings with our Garfield County MDT and provided 12 education/training sessions with our multidisciplinary team throughout 2025.

Major Activities (Outputs):

- 1) Forensic interviews were provided for all children referred to RBRC from County Department of Human Services and/or law enforcement. A total of 124 forensic interviews were conducted on site in 2025 for the four-county service area.
- 2) Family advocacy was provided to every family referred to RBRC. The advocacy program conducted a total of 589 sessions in 2025.
- 3) Mental Health services were offered to every family referred to RBRC. We recorded a total of 38 children having accepted treatment and 20 children completing treatment in 2025. (*We are not always informed of completion of treatment when making outside referrals.)
- 4) Medical consultations and/or exams are offered to every family referred to RBRC child advocacy center program. A total of 41 children/adolescents were provided with medical services on site in 2025.

- 5) Mountain West SANE Alliance (MWSA) program responded to a total of 48 calls and conducted a total of 27 adult medical exams in 2025.
- 6) RBRC holds community outreach and education events on an ongoing basis. In 2025, RBRC held 30 total events and reached nearly 1,000 community members and agency partners. Most of these events were held in Garfield County.

Significant Results (Outcomes):

- In the annual survey, 100% of our MDT “Strongly Agree” or “Somewhat Agree” that the “children’s advocacy center model fosters collaboration on the multidisciplinary team.”
- In initial and follow-up caregiver surveys, 96% stated they were given resources to support their child and respond to their needs in the days and weeks ahead, and 88% agreed that the services received from RBRC have been helpful to their child and themselves.
- In our recently developed Mental Health Services Survey, 100% of mental health survey caregiver respondents said that the counseling services have been helpful to their child, and 90% of the children have been doing “A lot better than before”.
- From our Youth Feedback Survey, which our child clients can provide after their forensic interview, a few comments include:
 - “They really care about what you say and they answer your questions.”
 - “It’s like a calming place and stuff so like I felt safe where I was and like with the interview thingy I felt like I didn’t have to lie and stuff.”
 - “The people were very nice and friendly. They helped me learn more about the center.”
 - “La forma en la me trataron porque fue agradable y muy bien y no dieron preguntas con Las cuales me couriers incomodo.” The way they treated me was pleasant and excellent; furthermore, they didn't ask any questions that made me feel uncomfortable.
- Education programs focused on presenting to our mandatory reporters reached nearly 120 community members. 100% of participants agreed they learned valuable information they can apply to their work and/or personal life. 100% of professionals attending a presentation said they would recommend the training to others in their profession or personal community.

Other Significant Outcomes or Successes (not previously identified):

In the fall of 2024, RBRC launched a Community Needs Assessment to evaluate child abuse prevention education in Garfield County. We engaged more than 30 representatives from local nonprofit organizations and agencies to identify strengths, gaps, and priorities, with an emphasis on collaboration and shared data collection. In January 2025, we distributed a community survey that garnered nearly 100 responses, providing valuable insight into local awareness of child abuse trends, responses to disclosures, and overall prevention needs.

The assessment was completed in October 2025 with the development of a comprehensive executive summary and analysis of survey findings. A key need identified was increased education around internet safety. In response, River Bridge is actively building partnerships with community organizations and schools to deliver targeted, evidence-based training that addresses these priorities and strengthens prevention efforts across the community.

If progress toward outcomes cannot be met, please explain:

River Bridge is pleased to report that we are making significant progress toward our outcomes, mission, and goals in supporting child victims of abuse and adult survivors of sexual assault within our community.