Welcome to the New Year!

2017 was an interesting year for DIFRC. In May, we announced new efforts to develop permanent supportive housing that would create an environment where all families living there would have equitable access to healthcare and family services offered on-site. In October, we held the first Phyllis Bigpond Day Celebration on a state holiday created in honor of our founding Executive Director. At the end of the year, we moved to a new location that will allow us to keep administrative costs low and use our money where it really counts—on services for our clients.

We also saw our city changing around us in challenging ways. Our families faced an overwhelming rise in cost of living and threats to necessary and vital services. Now, in 2018, our community must come together to face challenges that threaten the welfare of our families.

As the Denver metro area continues to shift and grow, it is more important than ever that we make sure there are services available to American Indian and Alaska Native families seeking to prevent and address child abuse and neglect. It is DIFRC’s aim to ensure that each family will continue to have access to services that meet all of their needs—physical, mental, social, and cultural.

If you wish to support us in our work this year, please join us as a donor or volunteer.

And, if you need us, know that DIFRC will always be there for you and your family.

Sincerely, DIFRC Board and Staff

Open the attachment or visit difrc.org/newsletters to read more!!
We have a new office!

*Come visit us at our new location.*

Last month, DIFRC moved to a more centrally-located space in the City Park neighborhood of Denver. You can now find us at:

**1633 Fillmore St. GL2a**

**Denver, CO 80206**

This is the former location of our partner agency, Denver Indian Health and Family Services. There is parking available behind our new building. Just walk in, take the elevator or stairs down one level, enter the suite at the end of the hall, and turn right!

Please be aware that we are sometimes out and about. Come see us during walk-in hours (Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 to 4) or call ahead to make sure we’ll be there!

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**A Call for Seven Stars Collaborative Participation**

This February marks the third year of our Seven Stars Collaborative. On the second Tuesday of every month, partner agencies from throughout the Denver metro area meet to talk about how we can serve our community.

Are you a partner agency of DIFRC? Please join us at our upcoming Seven Stars meetings on February 13th and March 13th at 9 am at the Community First Foundation.

We are always in search of new presenters and cross-trainers. If you are interested in presenting about your agency or talking about an issue that is important to you, please contact Rachel Bryan-Auker at:

rbryanauker@difrc.org or (720) 500-1010.
Katie Brown is back—in a new role!

If you’ve worked with DIFRC, you’ve probably met Katie. Starting in October of 2016 as DIFRC’s Resource and Referral Assistant, Katie helped clients find the resources they needed to support their families. Then Katie took over as Community Program Coordinator, running all of our community programs.

Now Katie has stepped up as Family Engagement Specialist. In 2018, Katie will work with families receiving Intensive Case Management to prevent abuse and neglect and to keep them out of the child welfare system.

“I’m grateful to have the opportunity to continue working with families in the community, and to be learning new skills that go along with intensive case management, said Katie.

Upcoming Programs

Learn more details at difrc.org/calendar or on our Facebook page

♫ Nurturing Parenting Program
The next session of NPP will start in the coming months! Keep an eye out for the next intake date.

♫ Culture Night
We are beginning to plan upcoming Culture Nights for 2018! Have a request for an activity? Want to help lead a future Culture Night? Let us know!

Contact Us
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A children’s group on December’s graduation day for NPP
Honoring the tradition of strong Indian Families.

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Too many mailings? New address?
Let us know at difrc.org/sign-up