

## Civilians for Veterans Fund Update

The Civilians for Veterans Fund (CVF) is thrilled to announce that we have just completed our second year of helping families and veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) to receive crucial, confidential mental health and substance abuse treatment in rural areas of Colorado, free of charge. The impact of war and serving abroad on soldiers and their families is great. Thanks to this dedicated collaborative effort of care providers, private funders, advocates and the Veterans Administration, those impacted are being connected to the support and tools necessary to readjust and reclaim their lives



## CVF by the Numbers

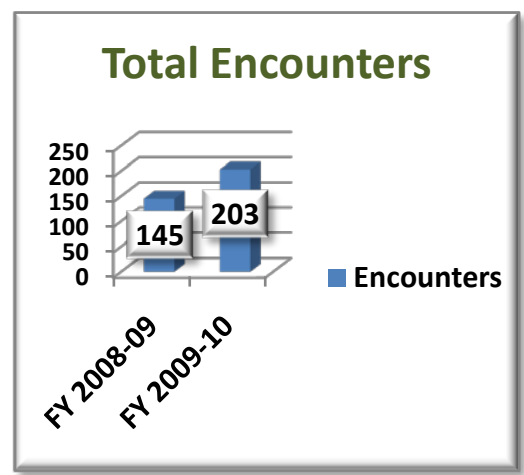
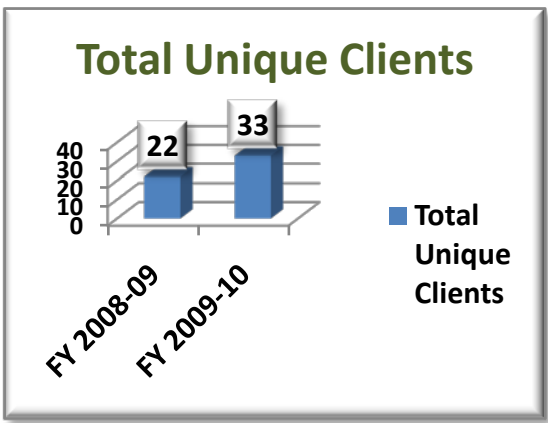
The partners that make up CVF ambitiously reached out to the rural communities involved in the first two years of the program. Community Mental Health Centers in midwestern Colorado, southeast Colorado, and the San Luis Valley embarked on strategic marketing and public relations campaigns to spread the word about the wonderful services available. These Centers received invaluable training from mental health professionals with the Veterans Integrated Service Network 19 (VISN 19) of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) to ensure that the quality of services provided is exceptional.

It is no easy feat to ensure that all military service members and their families are getting the mental and

emotional care they need and deserve. However, CVF remains committed helping make this a reality and, as a testament to our partners' efforts, we are excited to report significant growth in the number of people helped by the program.

While the results below may appear to be modest, it is important to remember that the Fund has targeted very rural areas of Colorado. Indeed, there are challenges to reaching out to the military community and getting folks in the doors to access treatment, but we are encouraged by the lessons we have learned and the growth we have seen.

This chart shows how many veterans and family members received services through the Fund. The numbers reflect a **33% increase year-to-year**. Also, we are very encouraged to observe that the **number of veterans served has grown 58% from year one to year two**.



Total Encounters represents the amount of all outpatient services provided to vets and their families, paid for by the Fund. This represents a near **30% increase** year-to-year.



### Moving Forward:

The collaborative nature of the Civilians for Veterans Fund is its greatest strength. To expand our impact, we continue to explore new strategies for outreach and marketing, while sharing and learning from one another's successes and challenges. We build on each other's clinical expertise and share new treatment resources to ensure we are providing the highest quality services for veterans and families. And by using our unique relationships and advocacy networks, we have built a financial base to move our work forward. These qualities will now help us move forward as we expand beyond our initial communities to include the rural catchment areas of three more Community Mental Health Centers in Colorado. Beginning in July 2010, CVF now funds services provided to OEF and OIF veterans and their families seeking services in Park and Teller Counties (Pikes Peak Mental Health), Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties (Jefferson Center for Mental Health), and all of the counties served by Centennial Mental Health Center.

The Civilians for Veterans Fund is dedicated to helping this population and will continue to evolve to realize this goal. To learn more about CVF, please visit our new webpage at [www.cbhc.org/cvf](http://www.cbhc.org/cvf). There you will find: a complete list of the communities providing services funded through CVF and how to access help; resources to learn more about veterans' mental health; information about how to support the Fund's work; and a Q&A section about CVF.

## Types of Services Provided by Participating Community Mental Health Centers

- 24-Hour Emergency Mental Health Services
- Crisis Intervention
- Suicide Prevention
- Assessment and Referrals
- Individual and Group Therapy
- Family Therapy
- Early Childhood MH Services
- Psychiatric Evaluations
- Medication Supervision and Management
- Vocational Services
- Support Groups
- Parenting Support Services
- Family Support Services
- Employment Advocacy
- Day Treatment for Children and Adolescents
- Peer Support Group

Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Services (CBHS), dba – Civilians for Veterans Fund (CVF), is a nonprofit, philanthropic subsidiary of the Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council. CBHS promotes and assures appropriate behavioral healthcare to the citizens of Colorado and is handling the administrative and program coordination for CVF. The Civilians for Veterans Fund accepts donations at [www.cbhc.org/cvf](http://www.cbhc.org/cvf) to support the necessary behavioral health needs of the veterans and family members in Colorado.

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