



Annual Update

July 2011

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To our Stakeholders and Supporters,


First and foremost, we must acknowledge with great appreciation the hardworking stakeholders, supporters and advocates who made vision of the Civilians for Veterans Fund (CVF) a reality. Together, we strive to provide mental health and substance use disorder treatment services to military veterans and their families; offering this support confidentially and at no cost to the families. These services are available through our original CVF providers: Midwestern Colorado Mental Health Center, San Luis Valley Mental Health Center, and Southeast Mental Health Services; and now are also available through an expanded network of providers that includes: AspenPointe Health Services, Centennial Mental Health Center, and Jefferson Center for Mental Health.

Thanks to these providers and our network of supporters, during the last 12 months nearly fifty families across rural Colorado received the life-changing, and even life-saving, mental health and substance use disorder treatment they needed. These crucial treatment services were delivered not only to military veterans, but to their spouses, sons, daughters, and even grandparents.

Individuals, families, and indeed entire communities feel the lasting impacts of war. The Civilians for Veterans Fund believes it is our country's collective responsibility to help each other heal and persevere. To this end, the CVF partners provide outreach, education and direct treatment and support services and we are pleased to see that for our third consecutive year we provided help to an increasing number of veterans and families. There is still a great deal of work to do and far more individuals to serve. However, we are encouraged by the growth we have seen – which translates to more families receiving the help they need and deserve.

Thanks again to all of our wonderful collaborators and generous supporters. Please read on for additional details about CVF's activities and numbers for the past year. We look forward to continuing our work and evolving to meet the unique needs of our troops and their families.

With our sincere gratitude,



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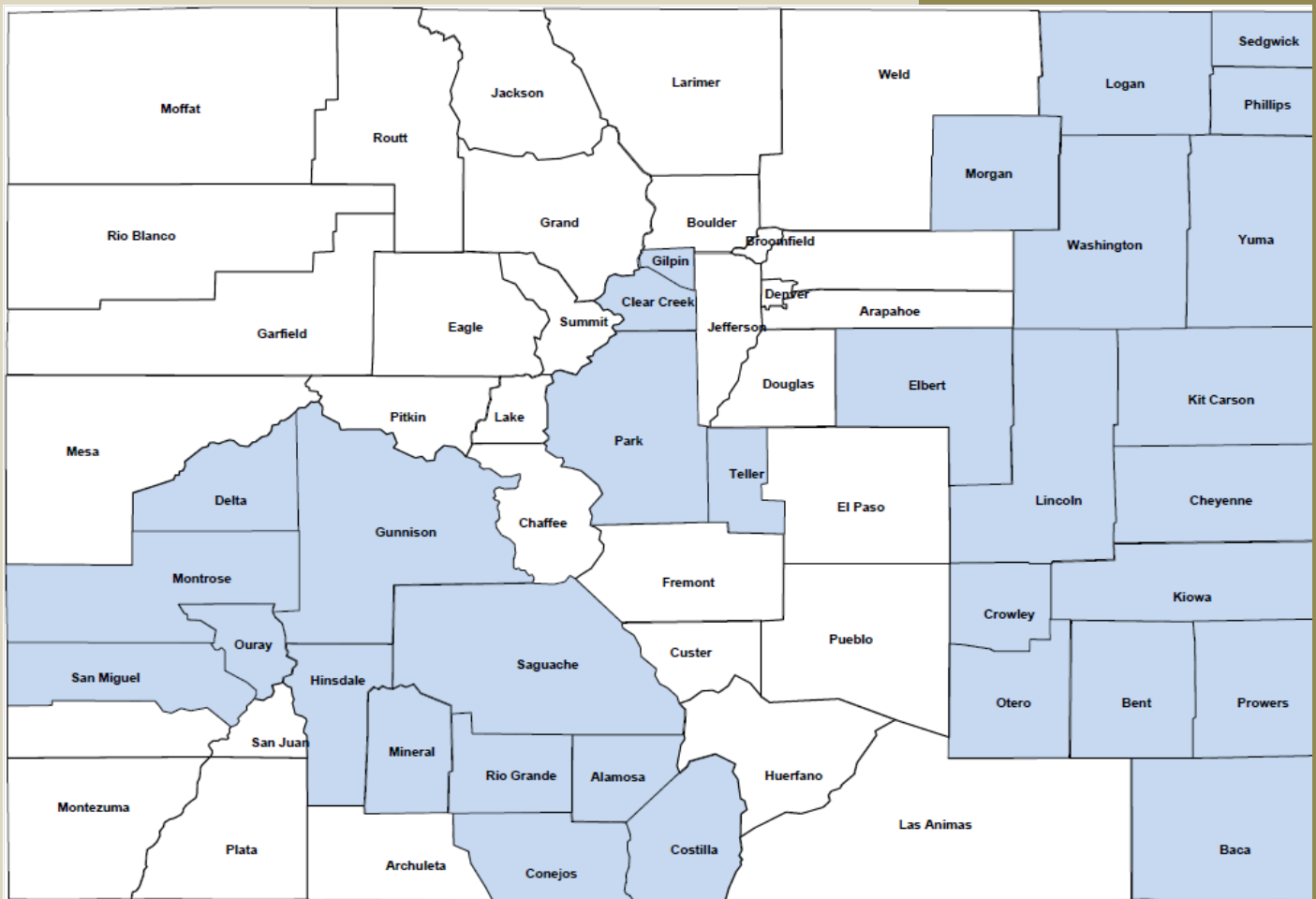
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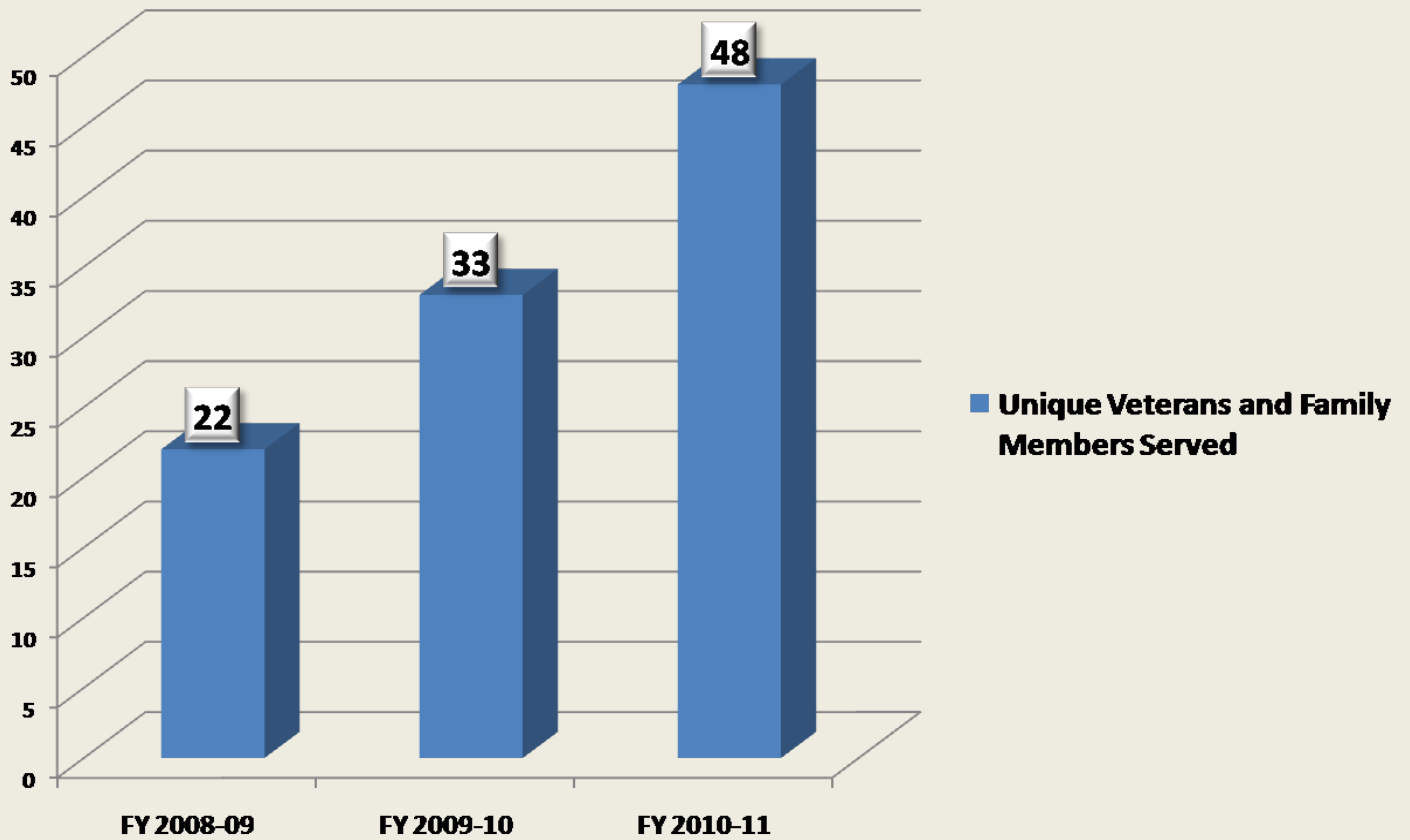
The Civilians for Veterans Fund expanded to three new Mental Health Centers in 2010 providing services in rural parts of Colorado: AspenPointe Health Services in Park and Teller Counties; Jefferson Center for Mental Health in Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties; and Centennial Mental Health Center serving 10 counties throughout the northeast corner of the state.

As was experienced at the three original CVF Mental Health Centers, growth has been slow at each of these new CVF partner sites. Outreach, marketing, and collaboration with the expansion communities will continue to be crucial to see growth in these areas. Additionally, fostering relationships with the local veterans' service and advocacy groups is an important goal identified.

New in 2011, CVF also made dollars available to provide services to military conflicts preceding OEF/OIF, which contributed some to the growth in demand for services seen over the past 6 months. The past year's increases are mainly attributed to a greater number of veterans across all conflicts seeking services in the Southeast and San Luis Valley regions of the state.

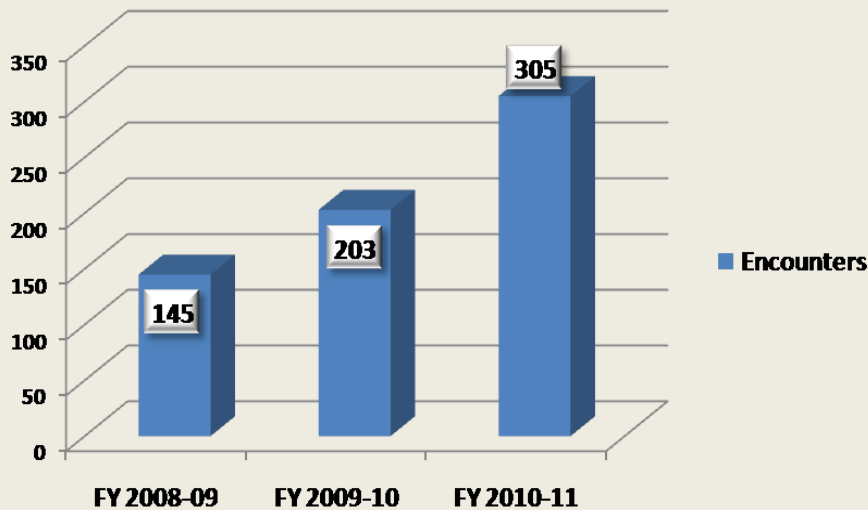


Unique Veterans and Family Members Served



The 48 individuals served in FY 2010-11 represent a **54% increase in people served** since the Fund's inception in 2008. This includes a 31% increase in people served over the past year compared to FY 2009-10. While CVF did expand to new provider sites in 2010, this growth was primarily driven by Southeast Mental Health Services and the San Luis Valley Mental Health Center

Total Services Provided



The chart to the left shows how many services were provided to veterans and their family members over the past three years. **33% more services were provided** this year compared to last year. This is a **52% increase compared to services provided in FY 2008-09**.