

Forest Heights Lodge

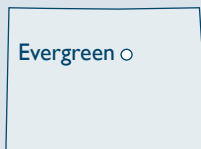
(Residential Treatment Center)

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Fax:	(303) 674-6805	Duration:	18 months to 2 years
Address:	P.O. Box 789 4761 Forest Hill Rd. Evergreen, CO 80439	Founded:	1954
Website:	www.forestheightslodge.org		



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Forest Heights Lodge is a residential treatment facility for children from age 5 through 14 upon admission. We have 24 boys in residence. Our primary purpose of Forest Heights Lodge is the restoration of children to maximally adaptive social, emotional and academic functioning. Undergirding this purpose is a commitment to the maintenance and strengthening of families and their relationship with their son.

The Lodge was founded in 1954. The philosophy focuses on close, supportive interpersonal relationships that are essential in the building of healthy emotional lives. We believe that children will risk change when they have the opportunity to build close, trusting relationships with our staff members, particularly our child care workers. To that end, therapeutic emphasis is directed toward a child's daily living experience of our therapeutic environment. It is within this therapeutic milieu that the child can learn and practice what he is learning and decide if changing is worth the risk.

Our approach for children is to revitalize their lives through the use of a supportive environment embedded with professional, trained and committed adults. The heart of our philosophy is to make residential treatment a gratifying life experience which enables a child to live successfully in the community with others. As a framed art above our fireplace mantle says it best: "Life is good, come join us!"

Treatment is a continuous process at Forest Heights with all staff members functioning as a team in the therapeutic milieu and process. The primary therapeutic interventions and life lessons are experienced in the meaningful, growthful events of every day living. The clinical team, comprised of a child psychiatrist, psychologist, and clinical social workers, work with the child care staff to translate the child's psychological and developmental needs into day-to-day interactions, as well as providing individual, group and family therapy.

Forest Heights Lodge incorporated as a private, non-profit facility and is governed by a Board of trustees. The Lodge has been accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Behavioral Healthcare Organizations for children and adolescents continuously since 1972 and is licensed and certified by the State of Colorado Department of Human Services and Department of Education.

Individual Counseling Available: Yes

Accreditation, Licensure: JCAHO, Colorado State Department of Social Services; Colorado Department of Education

Professional Affiliations: NATSAP-Full Member; AACRC (American Association of Residential Centers; Rocky Mountain Adoption Exchange