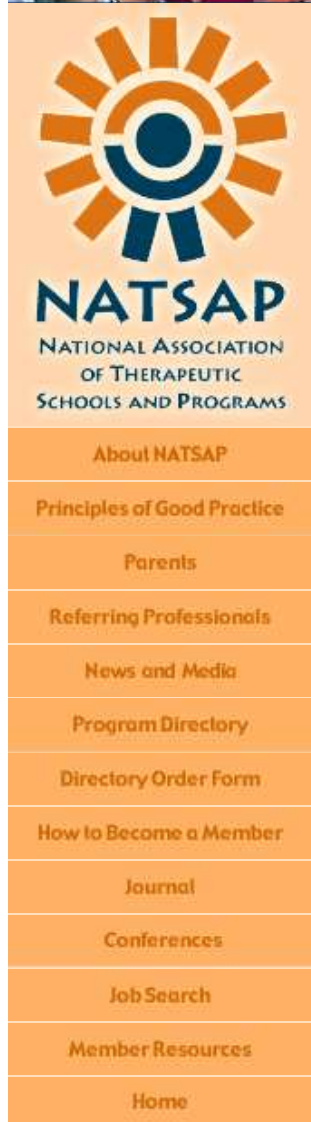




Monarch Center for Family Healing (formerly Trailhead Wilderness School)

(Outdoor Therapeutic Program)

Gender: Coed and Single gender groups
Ages: 10 - 18
Enrollment: 5 - 8 per group
Duration: 30 - 150 days
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The Monarch Center for Family Healing, formerly known as Trailhead Wilderness School, is a privately owned and operated wilderness program for youth between the ages of 10 – 18 years old. We are located in Georgetown, Colorado, which is approximately one hour west of Denver. Our wilderness courses operate in the Rocky Mountains during the summer months and in various locations including the Grand Canyon, Bandelier National Monument and Escalante National Monument in the winter.

Minimum length of stay is 30 days; maximum length of stay is 150 days; and the average length of stay is 60 days. Students are in the backcountry for two weeks and then participate in a week of family therapy in Georgetown, CO. Every third week, then, is "Family Week", in which families are invited – and encouraged – to come out to work in family sessions directly with their son/daughter. There is also time to visit and play with each other after the sessions are over. Our belief is that having the youth work directly in family therapy for as many as 30 hours every three weeks expedites the treatment process and more fully integrates and solidifies the changes that the youth is being asked to make. After Family Week is over, the students then go back into the field to process what was worked on in their family sessions, continue their individual work and then prepare for the next Family Week.

We rely on Gestalt and wilderness therapeutic philosophies, and offer extensive family based aftercare services.

Individual Psychotherapy Available: Yes
Accreditation, Licensure, Approval: State of Colorado, Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care
Professional Affiliations: NATSAP - Full Member; OBHIC; Association of Experiential Education

