

The Family Center

Greeley-Evans District 6

Greeley, CO



Greeley-Evans School District 6 serves a diverse population of about 23,000 students. The Directors of Cultural Excellence and Parent Engagement and the Director of English Language Development collaborated with each other and their team members to discuss the challenges and struggles that District 6 families experience and how the district could help. From that, the District 6 Family Center (DFC) was born. Along with providing information and resources in the school district and community, the DFC partners with many organizations to provide opportunities for families. The DFC mission is to welcome all families that come through the door, and it is home to four different programs centered around student and family support:

- *The Families in Transition Program* (McKinney-Vento), serving over 650 homeless children and youth
- *Migrant Education Program*, serving over 700 migrant students
- *Newcomers Program*, serving over 300 newcomer students
- *21st Century Grant*, with various parent programs & before- and after- school programs

Several partnerships have emerged for the DFC, which have benefited the local community:

- The DFC has partnered with the *Weld County Food Bank*, working together to provide students with weekend food during the school year through the Food Pack Program. Through this partnership, the DFC was also able to set up a food pantry that is available during business hours all year long for any family in need.
- The DFC set up a boutique through a partnership with *A Precious Child* so that items (e.g., household goods, clothing, hygiene products, & diapers) are available for families.
- A partnership with *The Immigrant and Refugee Center* has allowed the DFC to provide parent classes (i.e., English, GED, and Citizenship). This helps the DFC to build relationships with parents who participate. Child Care is provided during the classes.
- *Cooking Matters* is a valuable partnership that allows the DFC to host cooking classes for parents during the day so they can gain some knowledge about nutritious foods and cost-effective ways to cook. Child Care is provided during the classes.
- The DFC has also been able to partner with the *Department of Human Services* to have a Community Outreach member at the DFC two days a week to help families apply for benefits or to answer questions.

The main purpose of the District 6 Family Center is to have a “one-stop shop” for families and to establish a strong relationship between the district, its students’ parents, and Greeley-Evans partners. As the DFC continues to grow, it takes pride in bringing parents together and building a wider bridge to connect them to the community.