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safe passage
Helping abused children begin to heal



Take a Tour

Safe Passage regularly tours business and community leaders, donors, and elected officials through Colorado's only co-located CAC.

Interested in a tour? Email Janette Sauseda, jsauseda@safepassagecac.org.

Co-location Hits Four-Year Mark

After more than 25 years of bringing hope and healing to children and families in El Paso and Teller counties, in November 2021, Safe Passage Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) opened Colorado's first and only co-located CAC at 2335 Robinson Street in Old Colorado City, a project years in the making.

Although it is a best practice in the field, only 20 percent of CACs across the U.S. can claim the co-location designation.

What is co-location, and why does it matter?

This collaborative model, including Safe Passage, Colorado Springs Police Department Crimes Against Children Unit, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, El Paso County Department of Human Services, UCHealth, and Kidpower Colorado, brings together, in one physical location, key partner agencies to collectively conduct child abuse investigations and provide abuse prevention services.

By working together under one roof, partner agencies save time and money, and most importantly, create a systems response to an outcry of abuse that best serves the child. Now, children visit a child-centered facility that supports their physical and mental health, as well as a path to justice.

Safe Passage is a point of pride for those of us who celebrate the safety of children and families. Happy 4th anniversary to the community that made it happen!

For more information on our work, visit our [2024 annual report](#).

ANNUAL CLAY SHOOT WORK OF MANY

Safe Passage's annual clay shooting fundraiser is slated for Fri., Nov. 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Pikes Peak Gun Club. The course consists of 12 stations, each with a varying degree of difficulty. Cash awards are given for Top Female Shooter, Top Male Shooter, and Top Team. Proceeds benefit Safe Passage.

Planning and staging an event is a significant amount of work. We are so grateful for the clay shoot committee volunteers who have organized the 2025 Clay Shoot event, including David Edmondson, Tripper Gott, Clay Turner, Lance Lazoff, Rob Guinta, and Jae Sanders.

Thank you to our presenting sponsor, US Bank, and our supporting sponsors, including Scheels, Alpine Construction, and See Turner.

[Scan the QR code to register.](#)



STEPPING UP FOR SAFE PASSAGE

In 1984, The Gazette established the Empty Stocking Fund, an initiative that provides funding to 20 local health and human service agencies in El Paso and Teller Counties on the front lines of helping people in crisis and assisting others in attaining self-sufficiency. Over the past 40 years, the Fund has raised more than \$27 million.

Safe Passage CAC is a proud Empty Stocking Fund beneficiary. After being named to a select group of participating nonprofits in 2022, the program has generated more than \$120,000 since then for Safe Passage.

Through the support of the Empty Stocking Fund, Safe Passage can continue to safely and compassionately coordinate the responses of partners in the law enforcement, medical, mental health, social services, and legal fields to best serve child victims of abuse and their families.

The 2025-26 campaign will be held Thanksgiving Day through January 24, 2026.

Please consider supporting today at: EmptyStockingFundCO.org or Text costocking to 50155

DE-STRESS THE HOLIDAYS

For many of us, the holidays are an exciting and joyful time, full of food, presents, family traditions, and spending time with loved ones. But for many families, the holidays can be particularly challenging, evoking anxiety, feelings of despair, disappointment, and grief.

School breaks mean children with an unstable home life are concerned about safety, food insecurity, financial obstacles, and possibly abuse or violence.

Families, friends, and educators need to be alert to the signs of stress during this season, which may include trouble sleeping, loss of appetite, head and stomach aches, and anti-social behavior.

Take the stress out of the holidays by setting realistic expectations with your family, planning ahead, getting lots of sleep, exercise, and fresh air.

There are plenty of free events around town that give kids something to look forward to while parents or guardians honor a tight budget including story hour at the library, hiking, sledding or playing a board game.

Visit PeakRadar.com for more ideas.



Giving is the gift

Is your office or organization interested in hosting a Safe Passage Toy Drive this holiday season? Email Emily Bowker for more info, ebowker@safepassagecac.org.

