

# A Word From the Executive Director



Dear Friends and Family of Third Way Center,

***Happy February!***

***This is Black History Awareness Month.***

***“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”. Martin Luther King, Jr.***

History is so important. It helps us to understand. History can keep us from making the same mistakes, but only if we pay attention. With the kids placed at Third Way Center, it is the same. Making sense of senselessness is sometimes what it feels like. It is a struggle to get everyone to understand how important history is when changes are necessary. If ignored, it just repeats itself. The uglier, the more uncomfortable, the more important the truth of the matter is. Our staff need to plead, beg, and convince others of the importance of this. If it makes us uncomfortable, how could it help anyone else? However, the truth, no matter how painful, is what allows us to see what we need to heal; to find justice. Justice makes healing possible.

It is hard to know where our residential treatment world is headed. Between now and July 1st, our state of Colorado is transitioning Child Welfare funding to the RAEs (Regional Accountability Entities) for management. Simply put, our Medicaid money will be managed by ‘for-profit’ insurance companies. The reality, as we all know, comes down to money, like everything else. In addition, we have a new administration, and who knows what that means. I think the unknown is what makes it the hardest. Hold on to your hats!

As Maya Angelou said, ***“Without courage we can not practice any other virtue with consistency. We can’t be kind, true, merciful, generous or honest”.***

We do need these virtues more than ever during this time of divisiveness, mystery,

and unrest. So, let's all be brave, be open, and seek the truth- no matter the discomfort.

With appreciation and gratitude,

Renee