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History of Elevating Connections

- ❖ Camp is just the beginning
- ❖ What we offer:
 - ❖ Camp To Belong Colorado
 - ❖ Connecting Events
 - ❖ Education & Advocacy
 - ❖ Consulting & Support

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Meaningful Sibling Contact...

- ❖ Any contact OUTSIDE parenting time
- ❖ Parenting time is about the parents, not the siblings
- ❖ The dynamic of the sibling relationship is different with mom and dad

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Why does the sibling relationship matter?

- ❖ Lifelong relationship
- ❖ First relationship
- ❖ Learn how to problem solve
- ❖ Safety, security
- ❖ Sense of belonging
- ❖ Connection
- ❖ Reduces truancy
- ❖ Reduces juvenile delinquency
- ❖ Increases success of permanency
- ❖ Improves overall well-being
- ❖ **Decreases placement changes**

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Camp To Belong Colorado



- ▶ Provides a five-night, six-day summer camp for siblings separated in foster care and other out of home placements.
- ▶ Siblings are given the opportunity to participate in traditional summer camp activities such as hiking, swimming, campfires, ropes course, horseback riding and so much more.
- ▶ In addition, there are activities specifically for siblings including a birthday party and scrapbooking so brothers and sisters have pictures to take with them. Siblings are together all day and same gender siblings are in the same cabin.

The sibling relationship is lifelong and needs to be nurtured and supported. Camp To Belong Colorado allows brothers and sisters to strengthen their relationship and build lasting memories.

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Camp Details

- ❖ There is no cost to care providers and partial sibling groups are welcome to attend if all siblings are not able to join us.
- ❖ August 2-7, 2020 at Camp Shady Brook in Deckers, Colorado.
- ❖ Ages 8-18-we have some wiggle room
- ❖ E-mail Stacey for registration information-registration will begin in mid-April



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Connecting Events

- ▶ Connecting Events allow our youth in foster care with and without siblings to connect with their siblings, our volunteers, and their community to form permanent lasting bonds as they grow into adulthood. Events include, but are not limited to sporting events, trips to the museum, zoo, mountains, and community service projects.



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How to refer youth

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Here to help

- ◆ Refer youth
- ◆ Answer questions
- ◆ Be a resource
- ◆ Help you problem solve

I AM HERE FOR YOU!

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Questions



