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Sen. Brandon Shaffer visits with Judy Toran Cousin, executive director of Blue Sky Bridge on Sept. 2:

Sen. Shaffer meets with staff of Blue Sky Bridge

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BOULDER — Colorado Senate President Brandon Shaffer met with staff members of Blue Sky Bridge on Sept. 2. On his first visit to a child advocacy center, Shaffer got an overview of the history of CACs, Blue Sky Bridge and the future of CACs, specifically in Colorado.

While touring the facility, he discussed with staff the future of funding for programs that combat child abuse, such as what Blue Sky Bridge offers. A recent

surcharge bill (SB 232) that he supported allowed additional fees to be collected from convicted child abusers and funneled back to non-profit organizations, including Blue Sky Bridge.

Sen. Shaffer serves Senate District 17, which includes Lafayette, Louisville and the Boulder County portions of Erie and Longmont, as well as the unincorporated Boulder County areas surrounding those communities, largely the same area that Blue Sky Bridge serves.

Blue Sky Bridge provides

forensic interviews, crisis intervention, counseling and referrals to abused children and their non-offending family members. Since we opened our doors in 1995, Blue Sky Bridge has helped more than 7,500 children and their families cope with the pain of child abuse. We create an environment where healing can begin.

Blue Sky Bridge is based in Boulder and provides services to all Boulder County jurisdictions. For more information call 303-444-1388 or visit www.blueskybridge.org.