



Colorado Department  
of Human Services  
people who help people

# FACT SHEET

Attachment D



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## About CDHS

The Department of Human Services is the second largest State department. The department is aligned to focus on providing services and supports to keep Colorado's most vulnerable citizens safe and healthy.

- Office of Long Term Care - Coordinates policy and service delivery for people who are aging and have developmental disabilities. Program areas include:
  - Aging and Adult Services
  - Services and Regional Centers for people with Developmental Disabilities
  - Four State Veteran's Nursing Homes
  - Disability Determination Services
- Office of Children Youth and Families – Coordinates policy and delivers services to ensure children live in safe, healthy, and stable environments, and provides for the supervision and delivery of services to youth adjudicated to detention or jail by the District Court System. Program areas include:
  - Child Welfare including Foster Care and Adoption
  - Youth Corrections
  - Domestic Violence
- Office of Economic Security – Provides employment assistance; supplemental income, including child support, food, nutrition, and energy assistance. Program areas include:
  - Colorado Works
  - SNAP Food and Nutrition Benefits (formerly food stamps)
  - Food Distribution for Public School programs
  - Refugee Services
  - Child Support Services
  - LEAP (Energy Assistance)
  - Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Office of Early Childhood – Coordinates and strengthens the early childhood systems. Program areas include:
  - Early Care and Learning
  - Community and Family Support Programs
- Office of Behavioral Health – Coordinates policy and delivery of behavioral health, mental health and substance abuse treatment services for non-Medicaid eligible citizens of Colorado. Program areas include:
  - Community Behavioral Health Centers
  - Two Mental Health Institutes

## FY 2013-14 Budget Priorities

### **Strengthening Colorado's Mental Health System:** \$18.5 million request, including

- \$2 million to expand hospital capacity by developing a 20-bed jailed-based restoration program in the Denver area.
- \$4.8 million to enhance community care by developing community residential services for those transitioning from institutional care; expanding case management and wrap-around services for seriously mentally ill people in the community; developing two 15-bed Residential Facilities for short-term transition from mental health hospitals to the community; and to target housing subsidies to add 107 housing vouchers for individuals with serious mental illness.
- \$10 million to enhance Colorado's crisis response system by establish a single statewide mental health crisis hotline.
- \$1.4 million to build a trauma-informed culture of care by developing peer support specialist positions in the state's mental health hospitals; providing de-escalation rooms at each of the state's mental health hospitals; and developing a consolidated mental health/substance abuse data system.
- \$480,000 to develop, design, implement and maintain an Integrated Behavioral Health Services Data Collection System to consolidate the State's mental health and substance use disorder data.

**Reduce the Developmentally Disabled Wait List:** \$13 million new Medicaid Funds in FY 2013-14, and \$25.6 million in FY 2014-15 and beyond to address high demand and access to services for people with developmental disabilities. Provides 809 new Home and Community-based Services, Medicaid waiver enrollments and associated Targeted Case Management.

**Early Intervention and Case Management Services:** \$1.8 million continuing funds to provide Early Intervention (EI) Services and associated Case Management for infants and toddlers with significant developmental delays or disabilities. This request will help to meet the existing needs of infants, toddlers and their families.

**Funding County Administration for SNAP** \$6.8 million to cover the administrative costs at the county level associated with a projected increase in the SNAP caseload following implementation of Health Care Reform.

**Increasing Provider Rates:** \$15.5 million for a 1.5% rate increase for contracted community provider services including county departments of social services, child care providers, service providers for people with developmental disabilities, and youth corrections providers.

**Providing for Utility Costs:** \$1.3 million for FY2013-14 to fully meet projected utility costs resulting from increasing commodity prices.

**Supporting Seniors:** \$3.8 million in continuing funds to provide services for elderly adults in need.

### **Modernizing Data and IT Systems to Improve Outcomes:**

- \$250,000 for a new Adult Protection data system.
- \$130,000 to add an incident reporting module to the Colorado Child Care Licensing System.