



Project Plan

I. Background and Rationale

Colorado Behavioral Health Organizations are responsible for the provider network for individuals that have behavioral health issues. In order for children and adolescents to access these services, a comprehensive list of providers is necessary that clearly displays contact information and areas of specialty of clinicians.

Children in foster care have an unmet need for behavioral health services. By identifying clinicians who accept foster care children, we can provide comprehensive and integrated care to this vulnerable population.

II. Goals and Objectives

A. Goals

1. To produce a comprehensive list of clinicians that provide behavioral health services to children and adolescents.
2. To produce a comprehensive list of clinicians specializing in treating foster care children.
3. To improve care coordination for children, adolescents, and the foster care population in the ACC program who have behavioral health issues.

B. Objectives

1. To identify contact information of clinicians who provide behavioral health services that accept children and adolescents.
2. To identify contact information of clinicians who provide behavioral health services to children and adolescents that are in foster care.
3. To document the clinicians area of specialty.
4. To identify treating clinicians that accept multiple payers.

III. Methods

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing will collaborate with the behavioral health organizations on collecting necessary data. HCPF employees will arrange phone calls with clinicians to collect information outlined in the objectives.

IV. Outputs, Outcomes

A. Outputs

A Comprehensive list of clinicians, who provide behavioral health services to children and adolescents as well as the foster care population. The list will be drafted into user friendly document that will display the contact information of the clinician, their area of specialty, and the type of insurance that they accept.

B. Outcomes

- Support Child Welfare caseworkers in identifying appropriate resources for child welfare.
- Support continuation of care for children.
- Improved access to behavioral health services for children, adolescents and the foster care population.
- Improved care coordination for clients who are enrolled in the ACC program.
- Improved mental health outcomes for children, adolescents and the foster care population.