



Colorado Department  
of Public Health  
and Environment

The Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP) is a resource for families, health care providers and communities. The program focuses on care coordination and developing more efficient and accessible systems of service for families with children with special health needs.

HCP serves children and youth from birth to age 21 that have, or are at risk for, physical, behavioral or emotional conditions. HCP promotes a medical home team approach to assure coordinated and comprehensive care for children with special needs.

## Our Vision

All Colorado children with special health care needs will be valued, integrated and thriving.

## Our Mission

To ensure that children with special health care needs have the opportunity to grow, learn and develop to their highest individual potential.

## HCP – “Together We’ll Find the Way”

Local HCP public health nurses and team members coordinate care for families, often in collaboration with state and community partners.

- **Family support services** –
  - PEAK Parent Center
  - Family Voices Colorado
  - Colorado Respite Coalition
- **Health care providers** –
  - Primary and specialty care, dental care and mental health services
- **Other state agencies** –
  - Colorado Department of Education (CDE) – school nurses, special education teams, transition teams
  - Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) – Early Intervention Colorado (EI)
  - Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
  - Division for Developmental Disabilities – Statewide Community Centered Boards (CCB)
  - Colorado Department of Labor and Employment – Workforce Centers
- **Public and private insurers** –
  - Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+), Medicaid (EPSDT), Social Security Income (SSI)

## Eligibility

- HCP Care Coordination is available for all children and youth with special health care needs and their families regardless of income.

## HCP Services – “Connecting Kids with Care”

Public health nurses or social workers, along with other health care team members, provide care coordination to families. Other HCP staff may include a family coordinator, dietitian, audiologist, speech-language clinician, and occupational or physical therapist.

### HCP Care Coordinators assist families:

- identify a primary care provider
- identify members of their health care team
- identify sources of payment for needed health care services
- understand eligibility requirements for program assistance and community resources
- access pediatric specialty care
- access HCP Specialty Clinics in rural areas of Colorado (Neurology, Cardiology, Orthopedics, Rehab)
- access HCP Diagnostic & Evaluation Clinics (pediatric developmental and diagnostic services)
- facilitate a medical home team approach – to assure coordinated medical services and access to community resources and family supports

### HCP Care Coordinator’s knowledge and skill includes:

- identifying and accessing community services beyond the health care arena
- assisting with follow-up for newborn metabolic and hearing screening
- promoting the use of developmental screening tools
- identifying and referring for vision and developmental screening resources
- connecting families with support groups and family leadership opportunities
- collaborating to develop systems that are easy for families to use
- providing culturally responsive services

## For More Information

[www.hcpcolorado.org](http://www.hcpcolorado.org) (select Local Offices + county to find the Regional Office nearest to you)

**1 800 886- 7689** or **303 692-2370** (State HCP Office – normal business hours)

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with links to Regional HCP offices throughout Colorado

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