



Developmental Disabilities Resource Center

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CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

Resource Coordination Services for Children and Families
Family Support Services Program (FSSP)
Children's Medicaid Waiver Programs
Intake and Eligibility for Children
Early Intervention Services

Children and Family Services staff support the belief that families are the greatest resource available to individuals who have a developmental disability and that families must be supported in their role as primary caregivers.

RESOURCE COORDINATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Resource Coordination includes intake, information and referral, developmental disability determination and eligibility for services. Resource Coordinators are available to answer questions and to provide consultation and support regarding services, other community resource options and future planning. Resource Coordinators also assist individuals and families who are enrolled in a program with the development of their Service/Support Plan and help to coordinate and monitor services chosen by the individual and family.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR INFANTS, TODDLERS and THEIR FAMILIES

Early intervention provides services to children birth through two years of age, who have developmental delays and disabilities. Services are designed to help improve the child's ability to develop and learn, and to help the family learn ways to support and promote their child's development within the family's typical activities and community life. Service Coordinators connect families with needed services, such as speech language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, social emotional services, assistive technology, and nutrition services. In Colorado, the overall system of early intervention is known as Early Intervention Colorado.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM (FSSP)

The Family Support Services Program (FSSP) supports families who have a family member with a developmental disability or delay living in their home. FSSP strives to reduce the added stress on families that occurs as a result of supporting a family member who has a developmental disability. FSSP offers both money and Service Coordination. Funding is not income based and is tax-exempt. Families must be determined most-in-need for Family Support funds based on five parameters: overall care needs, behavior, family composition, access to support networks and access to other resources. FSSP funds can be used for respite care, medical and dental expenses, therapies, home or vehicle modifications to increase accessibility, adaptive equipment, and other disability related services and supports.

CHILDREN'S MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAMS (C-HCBS and CES)

The Children's Home and Community Based Services Waiver (C-HCBS) and the Children's Extensive Support Waiver (CES) are Medicaid Waiver Programs for children with significant functional limitations in at least two of the following areas: toileting, bathing, dressing, eating, mobility, and transferring, and/or require a high level of supervision due to significant cognitive or behavioral concerns. Each of the Waiver programs has additional program specific eligibility criteria.

Home and Community Based Services Waiver (CHCBS) Medicaid benefits for children birth to 18 years old who would otherwise be ineligible for Medicaid due to excess parental income and/or resources. Children must meet functional long-term care criteria and the targeting criteria of skilled nursing facility or hospital level of care. Families may apply for the CHCBS program through their local Community Centered Board (e.g., DDRC), County Human Services office, or any other CHCBS Case Management Agency.

Children's Extensive Support Waiver (CES) Medicaid benefits and additional services for children birth to 18 years old with extensive medical or behavioral needs requiring direct human intervention at least every 2 hours during the day, and every 3 hours during the night. CES services include assistive technology, movement therapies, community connection services, home accessibility adaptations, homemaker services, parent education, personal care, professional services, respite, specialized medical equipment and supplies, vehicle modifications, and vision services. Interested families need to apply through their local Community Centered Board (e.g., DDRC).

DDRC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Do you have concerns about your son or daughter's behavior? Would you like a consultation, strategies or help developing a behavior plan? The Behavioral Health Team, funded by Jefferson County mill levy funds, provides assessment, support and treatment to individuals eligible for DDRC services- who are residents of Jefferson County- at no cost to families. The team includes two Behavior Analysts, a Behavioral Health Nurse, and a Psychiatrist. Services may include consultation, behavior assessment and intervention, and care coordination. Psychiatric assessment and treatment may be available for individuals 14 years and older. For an application- contact your Resource Coordinator or call 303-233-3363.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM (FSSP)

Services and Supports available through FSSP

Respite Care: The temporary care of a person with a developmental disability in order to offer relief to the person's family or caregiver, to allow the family to deal with emergency situations, or to engage in personal, social activities.

Professional Services: Therapy, counseling, nursing care, behavioral intervention, consultation or other services provided by an appropriately qualified person or agency, and items/activities recommended as part of therapy.

Medical/Dental/Vision: Services necessary to attain or maintain physical health not covered by health insurance or another program. **Excluded:** OTC medications and vitamins

Transportation: Expenses to specialty medical appointments, therapies, or other disability related appointments not covered by other sources. (Travel costs, lodging, and food expense).

Other Individual Expenses: Consultant/Advocate assistance to access services outside the CCB (i.e.; public benefits, guardianship, and IEP meetings). Recreational needs when the cost of the recreation is above and beyond the typical cost.

Assistive Technology: Equipment necessary due to the person's disability in order to communicate, move through or manipulate their environment (e.g., hearing aids, glasses, wheelchair, communication device).

Environmental Engineering: Necessary home or vehicle modification due to person's disability (i.e.; lifts, ramps, or other adaptations to address health and safety, increase independence and accessibility), or repair or replacement of items damaged by the eligible family member due to aggressive behavior; not normal wear and tear.

Parent and Sibling Support: Necessary support to assist family to manage additional stress due to providing care for the family member with a developmental disability (e.g., sitter services for siblings while taking eligible child to therapy or medical appointments, counseling, conferences). **Excluded:** Cost of recreation for family.

For additional information about services available to children and adults with Intellectual or other Developmental Disabilities visit our website www.ddrcco.com or

Early Intervention Colorado www.eicolorado.org

Family Support Services Program

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/family-support-services-program-fssp>

Colorado Dept. of Health Care Policy and Financing Long Term Care programs/Medicaid Waiver programs

<https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/long-term-services-and-supports-training>

Medicaid Buy-In Program

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/medicaid-buy-program-children-disabilities>

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