

# Children's Waivers 101

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# What will be Covered?

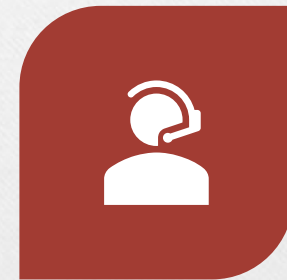
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HCBS WAIVER  
OVERVIEW



NON-WAIVER  
BENEFITS &  
SERVICES



CHILDREN'S  
WAIVERS

# Home & Community Based Waiver Overview

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## CHILDREN'S WAIVERS

# What is a Home and Community Based (HCBS) Waiver?

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## Allows states to:

- Provide institutional level of care to Medicaid recipients who prefer to live in their home or community rather than an institution
- Waive certain income/eligibility criteria
- Provide specific services to target groups
- Provide individuals more choice and independence
- Can have waiting lists or enrollment caps



# Waiver Requirements

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**Financial  
Criteria**



**Federal/Social  
Security  
Disability  
Criteria**



**Level of Care  
Criteria**



**Targeting  
Criteria**

# Financial & Federal Disability Eligibility



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## County Human/Social Services Office

- Applicants must meet both Medicaid Disability and Federal Disability requirements
  - **Application for Health Coverage** (used to determine eligibility for Long Term Care (LTC) Medicaid)
  - **Medicaid Disability Application** (used to determine if person meets Federal Disability requirements)

# Level of Care



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## Case Management Agency

- Applicants must have Institutional Level of Care Needs
  - Hospital, Nursing Facility, or Intermediate Care Facility for IDD
- Determined using Functional Assessment (100.2)
  - At enrollment and annually for continued enrollment

# Targeting Criteria



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## Case Management Agency

- Each waiver has different eligibility criteria
- Applicants may meet criteria for more than one waiver, but can only be enrolled in one waiver



# Targeting Criteria Children's Waivers- Colorado

## Developmental Delay or Disability Not Required

### **Children's Home and Community Based Services Waiver (CHCBS)**

- 17 years of age and younger
- Medically fragile children at risk of nursing facility or hospital placement

### **Children with Life Limiting Illness Waiver (CLLI)**

- 18 years of age and younger
- Receiving hospital level of care
- Physician-certified diagnosis of a Life Limiting Illness

# Targeting Criteria Children's Waivers- Colorado

## Developmental Delay or Disability Required

### **Children's Extensive Support Waiver (CES)**

- 17 years of age and younger
- Developmental Delay/Disability
- Live in family home
- Complex Medical or Behavioral Condition requiring constant line of sight supervision

### **Children's Habilitation Residential Program Waiver (CHRP)**

- 20 years of age or younger
- Developmental Delay/Disability
- Intensive Medical or Behavioral concerns placing child at risk, or in need, of out of home placement

# Developmental Delay

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- **Birth to age 5**
  - 25% delay or greater in 1 or more of five domains of development compared with chronological age
  - Established condition determined by a qualified health professional that has a high probability of resulting in significant delays

# Developmental Delay

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- **Birth to age 3**
  - Child who lives with a parent who has been determined to have an Intellectual and Developmental Disability

# Developmental Disability Determination

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## CCB Case Management Agency

- Manifested before the person reaches twenty-two (22) years of age;
- Is attributable to an intellectual disability or related conditions which include cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or other neurological conditions, when such conditions result in **either**
  - impairment of general intellectual functioning
  - adaptive behavior similar to a person with an Intellectual and Developmental Disability



# Developmental Disability Determination

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## Impairment of “general intellectual functioning”

person has been determined to have a Full Scale intellectual quotient that is two or more standard deviations below the mean (70 or less assuming a scale with a mean of 100 and a standard deviation of 15).

- Score shall be determined using a norm referenced standardized test of intellectual functioning....



# Developmental Disability Determination

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"Adaptive behavior similar to that of a person with mental retardation"

person has an overall adaptive behavior Composite or equivalent score that is two or more standard deviations below the mean.

- Measurements shall be determined using a norm referenced, standardized assessment of adaptive behaviors



# Developmental Disability Determination

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**Adaptive Behavior Assessment typically include assessment of:**

- Communication/Language skills (receptive, expressive, and written)
- Daily Living skills (Personal Care, Decision making, etc)
- Socialization skills (Interpersonal skills, coping skills, etc)
- Motor skills (gross and fine)
- Maladaptive Behaviors





# **Non-Waiver Benefits and Services**

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**Medicaid Recipients and  
Individuals with Developmental  
Delay or Disability**

# Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)



- Expanded home health benefit for Medicaid recipients aged 0-20
- Intermittent support (can be both skilled and unskilled care)
- Private Duty Nursing
- Physical, Occupational, and Speech/Language Therapy
- Behavioral and Pediatric Personal Care Services

<https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/benefits-services/?tab=member-handbook>

# Long Term Home Health

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- Medicaid benefit for treatment of an illness, injury or disability, which may include mental disorders.
- The only alternative to Home Health is hospitalization or emergency room visit
- Provided in person's residence
- Intermittent skilled care support (e.g. personal care, nursing oversight, therapy, etc)
- Private Duty Nursing



## Family Support Services Program

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- Funding for disability related needs
- Reduce added stress on families
- Reduce, delay or prevent out-of-home placement

# Family Support Services Program

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- Respite Care
- Professional Services
- Medical, Dental, Vision
- Transportation
- Assistive Technology
- Environmental Engineering
- Parent and Sibling Support
- Other Individual Expenses



# Eligibility for FSSP

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- Families are *eligible* for FSSP if they have a family member with a developmental delay or disability living in the family home regardless of age

# Prioritization for FSSP Funds

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- Families are *prioritized* for FSSP funding based on 5 parameters based on a MIN Assessment
  - Child's Disability/Overall Care Needs
  - Child's Behavior
  - Family Composition and Stability
  - Access to Support Networks
  - Access to Resources



# Jeffco CFS Fund

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- Mill levy funds
- For families living in Jefferson County who have unmet disability needs regardless of MIN score/rating
- Address needs not fully covered by other programs (Waivers, EI)
- Additional funds for those who meet MIN criteria



# DDRC Behavioral Health Team

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- Behavioral assessment, consultation, intervention, and care coordination
- Psychiatric assessment and treatment may be available for individuals age 14+
- Jefferson County Mill Levy funded
  - No cost to JeffCo residents not enrolled in Medicaid or a Waiver
- For an application- contact your Resource Coordinator

# Children's Waiver Comparison

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# Children's Waivers Colorado

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| <b>Community Centered Board</b>                                    | <b>Single Entry Point</b>  |
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| <b>Children's Extensive Support Waiver (CES)</b>                   | <b>Children with Life Limiting Illness Waiver (CLLI)</b>           |
| <b>Children's Home and Community Based Services Waiver (CHCBS)</b> | <b>Children's Home and Community Based Services Waiver (CHCBS)</b> |
| <b>Children's Habilitation Residential Program Waiver (CHRP)</b>   |  |

# Children's Waiver Services Comparison

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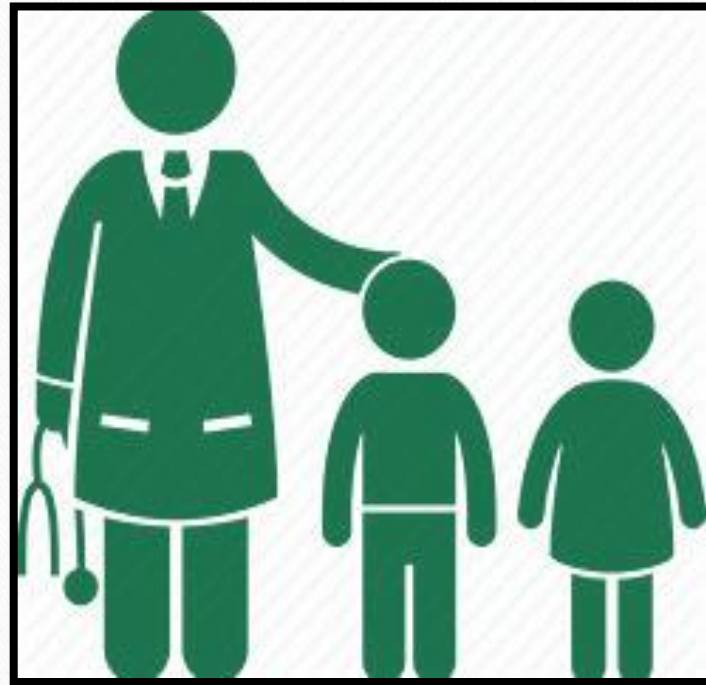
## Children with Life Limiting Illnesses Waiver (CLLI)

- Counseling/Bereavement Services
- Expressive Therapy
- Massage Therapy
- Palliative/Supportive Care
- Respite Care Services

# Children's Waiver Services Comparison

| CES   | CHCBS  | CHRP  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adaptive Therapeutic Recreational Equipment and Fees</li><li>• Assistive Technology</li><li>• Community Connector</li><li>• Home Accessibility Adaptations</li><li>• Home Maker</li><li>• Parent Education</li><li>• Professional Services</li><li>• Respite Services</li><li>• Specialized Medical Equipment</li><li>• Vehicle Adaptations</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case Management</li><li>• In-Home Support Services</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Connection</li><li>• Habilitation (Residential)</li><li>• Hippotherapy</li><li>• Intensive Support Services</li><li>• Massage</li><li>• Movement Therapy</li><li>• Respite Services</li><li>• Transition Support Services</li></ul> |

# Children's Home and Community Based Services Waiver (CHCBS)



<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/childrens-home-and-community-based-services-waiver-chcbs>

## Children's Home and Community Based Services Waiver (CHCBS)

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### Target Criteria

- Developmental Delay or Disability Not Required
- 17 years of age and younger
- Medically fragile children at risk of nursing facility or hospital placement

❖ Currently no waiting list

# Children's Home and Community Based Waiver (CHCBS)



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## ➤ Case Management Services

## ➤ In-Home Support Services

- Personal Care (unskilled), Homemaker (unskilled), and Health Maintenance (skilled care)
- Allows you to direct and manage attendants providing Personal care, Homemaker, and Health Maintenance services
- Waives Nurse Practitioner Act
- Family member can be paid provider



# Children's Extensive Support Waiver (CES)

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/childrens-extensive-support-waiver-ces>



# Children's Extensive Support Waiver (CES)



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## Target Criteria

- 17 years of age and younger
  - Developmental Delay/Disability
  - Live in family home
  - Complex Medical or Behavioral Condition requiring constant line of sight supervision
    - Requires intervention a minimum of every two hours, including nighttime
- ❖ Currently no Waiting List



## Children's Extensive Support Waiver Services

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- Adaptive Therapeutic Rec Equipment & Fees
- Assistive Technology
- Community Connector
- Home Accessibility Adaptations
- Home Maker
- Parent Education
- Professional Services
- Respite Services
- Specialized Medical Equipment
- Vehicle Adaptations

# Children's Extensive Support (CES)

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## Community Connector

- Helps child participate in typical childhood activities that build relationships and natural supports with others in the community where the child lives

## Home Accessibility Adaptation

- Modifications within the Home that are necessary to ensure health, welfare and safety of child, and enable them to function with greater independence
- Must be related to participant's medical condition
- \$10,000 Maximum over 5-year waiver period

# Children's Extensive Support (CES)

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## Home Maker

- Allowed when the child's disability creates a higher volume of household tasks or requires that household tasks are performed with greater frequency.

## Professional Services

- Movement Therapy (Music & Dance)
- Hippotherapy
- Massage Therapy

# Children's Extensive Support (CES)



## Respite

- Provided in child's home, community, or respite provider's home
- Group or individual (1:1 respite)
- Both hourly and daily respite is available
- Restrictions on when respite can be provided for children under age 11
- Can be used for siblings when supervision is needed caretaker can take child in waiver services to a state plan or HCBS-waiver service

**Children's  
Habilitative  
Residential  
Program Waiver  
(CHRP)**



<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/childrens-habilitation-residential-program-waiver-chrp>



## Children's Habilitation Residential Program Waiver (CHRP)

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### Target Criteria

- 20 years of age or younger
- Developmental Delay/Disability
- Intensive Medical or Behavioral concerns placing child at risk, or in need, of out of home placement

❖ Currently no waiting list





## **Children's Habilitative Residential Program Waiver (CHRP)**

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- **Community Connection**
- **Habilitation (Residential)**
- **Hippotherapy**
- **Intensive Support  
Services**
- **Massage**
- **Movement Therapy**
- **Respite Services**
- **Transition Support  
Services**

# Children's Habilitative Residential Program Waiver (CHRP)

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## Supported Community Connections

- One-on-one supports to deliver instruction for documented severe behavior problems exhibited by child in the community

## Respite

- Available in the family home, community, Foster Care Home, group home, or Residential Child Care Facility

# Children's Habilitative Residential Program Waiver (CHRP)

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## Professional Services

- Massage Therapy
- Hippotherapy
- Movement Therapy  
(music or dance)

# Children's Habilitative Residential Program Waiver (CHRP)

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## Intensive In-Home Supports

- Aligns strategies, interventions, and supports for the child and their family to prevent out of home placement
- Utilized to maintain stabilization, prevent crisis situations and/or de-escalation of crisis situation
- Includes Wraparound Facilitator & In-Home Supports

# Children's Habilitative Residential Program Waiver (CHRP)

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## Transition Support Services

- Aligns strategies, interventions, and supports for the child and their family when a child transitions to family home from out of home placement
- Includes Wraparound Facilitator & In-Home Supports

# Children's Habilitative Residential Program Waiver (CHRP)

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## Wraparound Services

Plan that incorporates supports, services, strategies and goals from other service/treatment plan in place to support the child and family

# Children's Habilitative Residential Program Waiver (CHRP)

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## Habilitation

- 24-hour supervision and support
- Independent Living Training
- Self-Advocacy training
- Community access supports
- Follow-up supports for counseling, behavioral, and other therapeutic interventions

# Children's Habilitative Residential Program Waiver (CHRP)

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## Habilitation

- Provided in:
  - Foster Care Home
  - Residential Child Care Facility
  - Group Home
- Can be accessed on a temporary, intermittent, or long-term basis



# Questions

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