

FAST FACTS: RESOURCES

FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHILDREN
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Family Voices Colorado

*What we do to help
families who have
children with
special needs:*

- Statewide Information & Referral
- Navigation Through the Various Systems for Parents and Professionals
- Advocacy & Support
- Training & Education
- Family Leadership Development
- Parent & Family Engagement
- Legislative Advocacy
- System & Policy Change
- Home-Based Services
- Data Collection
- Health Benefits Counseling & Advocacy

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Colorado Resource Directory
www.coloradoresourcedirectory.net

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Frequently Used Resources

Child Find / Early Intervention Colorado: 1-888-777-4041

www.eicolorado.org

Colorado has a Child Find system for appropriately identifying infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities, and timelines for making referrals to local early intervention programs at no cost to parents.

Community-Centered Boards (CCBs): www.ccbpartners.org or

www.cdhs.state.co.us/ddd/CCB_Main.htm

Colorado has 20 CCB organizations serving children and adults with developmental disabilities across the state. These organizations determine eligibility for community-based services and provide case management services. CCBs also assist individuals with Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) such as Medicaid Waivers. Waiver programs provide additional Medicaid benefits to individuals with special needs.

Colorado Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF): 303-866-2993

www.chcpf.state.co.us

Provides access to cost-effective, quality health care services. The Department administers the Medicaid and Child Health Plan Plus programs as well as a variety of other programs for Colorado's low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.

Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP): 303-692-2370

www.hcpcolorado.org

HCP focuses on care coordination, developing improved systems of care and providing specialty and diagnostic clinics throughout the state of Colorado.

Healthy Communities Outreach (formerly EPSDT): 1-800-221-3943

www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/HCPF/HCPF/1218622604254

Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) is a voluntary health care program within Medicaid for children from birth to age 20. EPSDT is designed to detect and treat health problems early in children. They also offer case management services to help families navigate the Medicaid system and the community systems.

The ARC of Colorado: 1-800-333-7690

www.thearcofco.org

The ARC builds better lives for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families by improving connections to schools, work and the community. Can provide an advocate to assist families through the IEP process.

Parent to Parent of Colorado: 1-877-472-7201

www.p2p-co.org

P2P will match parents one on one with each other for support. They connect families of children and adults with special needs by either phone, computer or in person.

PEAK: Colorado's Parent Training and Info Center (PTI): 1-800-284-0251

www.peakparent.org

Provides information about all types of disabilities, training on a variety of topics and technical assistance on your child's IEP.

Denver Metro Community Parent Resource Center (CPRC): 303-365-2772

www.denvermetroprc.org

CPRC empowers low-income, culturally diverse families to be advocates for their children with disabilities to achieve success in their schools and communities.

JFK Partners: 303-742-5266

www.jfkpartners.org

JFK promotes the independence, inclusion, contribution, health and well-being of people with special needs, through consumer, community, and university partnerships.

Easter Seals Colorado: 303-233-1666

<http://co.easterseals.com>

Easter Seals is dedicated to supporting people with disabilities and their families as they live, learn, work and play in their communities.

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Programs currently funded through FVCO...

- Information, Referral and Training for Families and Professionals
- **Provider Resource Helpline**
1-877-731-6017
- Family to Family Health Information Network
- Family Navigation at The Children's Hospital
- Medical Home Initiative

Helpful knowledge... know about your **Single Entry Point (SEP) Agency:**

Go to HCPF to find the case management agency that will help your family with long term care needs: including personal care, medical transportation, home access modifications, and respite care.

www.familyvoicesco.org

El Grupo VIDA: 303-904-6073

www.elgrupovida.org

Provides information, referrals, and support for Spanish speaking parents.

Ombudsman (Medicaid): 1-877-435-7123 email: help123@maximus.com

Ombudsman help solve problems with your health care issues (both physical and mental health). They also help with health care rights and with grievances and appeals.

The Legal Center for People with Disabilities: 1-800-288-1376

www.thelegalcenter.org

They specialize in civil rights and discrimination issues. They protect the human legal rights of people with mental and physical disabilities throughout Colorado.

Assistive Technology Partners: 303-315-1284

www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschoo/Programs/atp/Pages/AssistiveTechnologyPartners.aspx

ATP assists persons with cognitive, sensory, and/or physical disabilities reach their highest potential at home, school, work and play through the addition of appropriate assistive technologies to their lives.

Colorado Respite Coalition (CRC): 303-619-1437

www.coloradorespitecoalition.org

CRC is community partners who explore, connect, and support community organizations and individuals interested in creating a variety of respite programs.

Disability Specific Orgnaizations

The Anchor Center for Blind Children: 303-377-9732

www.anchorcenter.org

Autism Society of Colorado: 1-866-733-0794

www.autismcolorado.org

Brain Injury Association of Colorado: 1-800-955-2443

www.biaincolorado.org

CP of Colorado: 303-691-9339

www.cpcolorado.org

Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind: 719-578-2100

www.csdb.org

EMPOWER COLORADO: 1-866-213-4631

www.empowercolorado.com

EMPOWER offers support, education, advocacy and resources to families with children and youth who have social, emotional or mental health challenges.

Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado: 1-888-378-9779

www.epilepsycolorado.org

The Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health ~ Colorado Chapter: 1-888-569-7500 or www.coloradofederation.org

Learning Disability Association of Colorado: 303-894-0992

www.ldacolorado.com

Mile High Down Syndrome Association: 303-797-1699

www.mhdsa.org

NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) Colorado: 1-888-566-6264

www.namicolorado.org

National Organization for Rare Disorders: 1-800-999-6673

www.rarediseases.org

Unique (Rare Chromosome Disorder Support Group)

www.rarechromo.org

Helpful Hints on Social Security / Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

- Go to www.ssa.gov and go to the "SSI" tab and then "Frequently Asked Questions" and find the answers to most of your questions.
- If you know you will qualify for SSI based on disability but your family income may be too high...contact your local SSA Office and ask for the "Denial Letter" and that will be your first step in applying for a Medicaid Waiver in Colorado.