

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): <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/community-centered-boards>

Colorado has 20 CCB organizations serving children and adults with developmental disabilities. They determine eligibility for community-based services and provide case management services. CCB's also assist individuals with gaining access to Medicaid Waivers. Waiver programs provide additional Medicaid benefits to individuals with special needs.

Colorado Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF): -800-221-3943

<https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/contact-hcpf>

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 offers support for families with children with special needs and focuses on care coordination and providing specialty clinics throughout the state of Colorado. HCP services are available to children with special needs, regardless of insurance status or family income.

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

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/healthy-communities>

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.

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.

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.

Colorado Alliance for Health Equity and Practice (CAHEP): 303-954-0058

www.cahep.org

CAHEP is a non-profit organization improving the health of refugee and immigrant populations for more than 15 ethnicities by providing prevention, health education, wellness activities, Early detection, and self-management of disease.

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.

El Grupo VIDA: 303-904-6073

www.elgrupovida.org

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

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- Navigation
- Support
- Information
- Advocacy

Programs currently funded through FVC

- Information, Referral and Training for Families and Professionals
- Family to Family Health Information Network
- 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

Disability Law: 800-288-1376 or 303-722-0300

<http://www.disabilitylawco.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/medicalschooll/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.

Educational Resources

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.

Thrive Center (303) 632-6840 www.thrivectr.org

The Thrive Center informs and empowers all families, particularly low-income, culturally and linguistically diverse families as advocate for their children with disabilities, ages birth to 26 to achieve meaningful participations in their schools and communities.

Disability Specific Organizations

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

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

www.csdb.org

EMPOWER COLORADO: 1-866-213-4631

www.empowercolorado.com

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.