

TRANSITION RESOURCES

FAMILY VOICES COLORADO

FAST FACTS

Frequently Used Resources

National Resources:

- ◆ **Family Voices—KASA**
www.familyvoices.org
- ◆ **Health Care Transitions**
<http://hctransitions.ichp.edu/>
- ◆ **National Health Care Transition Center**
www.gottransition.org
- ◆ **The Family Center on Technology and Disability**
www.fctd.info/
- ◆ **National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability**
www.ncwd-youth.info/
- ◆ **Family Village**
www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/sp/trans.html
- ◆ **Specialized Care for Transition Resources**
<http://internet.dsc.uic.edu/dscroot/parents.transition.asp>
- ◆ **Healthy and Ready to Work National Center**
www.hrtw.org

Kids, Education, Jobs and Independence

Go to: www.forkeji.org for more information about KEJI

“Independence in adult life takes preparation.”

Family Voices Colorado

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FAX: 303-733-3344
www.familyvoicesco.org

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.

Single Entry Point Agencies (SEP): www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/HCPF/HCPF/1251644523709

SEP provide case management, care planning and make referrals to other resources for clients with the following qualifying needs: Elderly, Blind, Disabled, Mental Health, Persons living with AIDS, Brain Injury, Spinal Cord Injury, Children w/ a life-limiting illness, Children w/ a Physical Disability.

Regional Care Collaborative Organization (RCCO): www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/HCPF/HCPF/1251599759791

The RCCO connects Medicaid clients to Medicaid providers and assist with coordination of care. RCCO's help Medicaid clients find community and social services in their area and get the right care when they are returning home from the hospital or a nursing facility. A RCCO helps with other care transitions too, like moving from children's health services to adult health services.

The Arc of Colorado: 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.

Colorado Disability Benefits Support Program (DBS): 888-396-9838 or 720-234-5907

DBS assists individuals with disabilities, including those with chronic conditions/illnesses, to acquire income, health insurance and other basic needs to stabilize their lives, health and living situations. They assist individuals age 17 and older to apply for SSA benefits.

The Guardianship Alliance of Colorado: 303-228-5382

www.guardianshipallianceofcolorado.org

Provides resources for information, assistance and coordination concerning guardianship, conservatorship and related matters for adults.

Colorado Respite Coalition (CRC): 303-619-1437 www.coloradospitecoalition.org

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

Colorado Department of Vocational Rehabilitation: www.dvrcolorado.com

Assists eligible individuals with disabilities to become productive members of the Colorado work force.

Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (CCDC): 303-839-1775 www.ccdconline.org

CCDC is unique and a powerful voice advocating for basic civil and human rights for people with all types of disabilities.

College in Colorado: www.collegeincolorado.org

Assisting students of all abilities with High School Planning, College Planning, Financial Aid Planning, and Career Planning.

Medicaid Buy-In Program for Adults: www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&childpagename=HCPF%2FHCPFLayout&cid=1251588382255&pagename=HCPFWrapper

A buy-in program for working adults with disabilities ages 16-64 that was developed as a result of the Colorado Health Care Affordability Act.

Go to <http://folife.org> to order a copy of the "File of Life," so in case of an emergency, first responders will have the data they need to begin immediate treatment

Other State Resources:

- ◆ **CO Dept. of Education**
www.cde.state.co.us
- ◆ **Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP)**
303-692-2370
www.hpcolorado.org
- ◆ **CO Dept. of Public Health & Environment**
www.cdphe.state.co.us/ps/hcp/transitioncare.html
- ◆ **CO Division of Mental Health**
www.cdhs.state.co.us/dmh
- ◆ **Colorado Workforce Centers:**
www.colorado.gov.cdle/WFC

Tri-County Health Department
Serving Arapahoe, Adams, and Douglas Counties
303-783-7123

Guide to Transition (Transition Wheel)

A new tool developed by Family Voices Colorado that identifies key tasks and goals for five life domains during the transition from adolescence to adulthood, from age 10 to 26. Visit familyvoicesco.org/transitions/ to learn more.

www.familyvoicesco.org

With Family Voices Colorado, you are not alone.

Legal Center for People with Disabilities: 800-288-1376 www.thelegalcenter.org
They specialize in civil rights and discrimination issues. They protect the human and legal rights of people with mental and physical disabilities throughout Colorado.

Ombudsman (Medicaid): 877-435-7123 email: help123@maximus.com
The Ombudsman can help solve problems with your Medicaid Managed Care issues (both physical and mental health). They also help with health care rights, grievances, and appeals.

El Grupo VIDA: 303-904-6073 or www.elgrupovida.org
Provides information, referrals, and support for Spanish-speaking parents and families.

Healthy Communities Outreach (formerly EPSDT): 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 Medicaid and the community systems.

JFK Partners: 303-742-5266 or 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 or <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.

Assistive Technology Partners: 303-315-1284
www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschoo/Programs/atp/Pages/AssistiveTechnologyPartners.aspx
ATP helps 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.

Metro Crisis Services: 888-885-1222 or www.metrocrisisservices.org
Offering a free, confidential, 24/7 telephone hotline for mental health or substance abuse crisis help, information, and referrals.

Guardianship - assist with the personal affairs and make decisions on behalf of an adult who is incapacitated.

Conservatorship - manage finances and property for an adult who is incapacitated and whose assets may be wasted unless management is provided.

Medical Durable Power of Attorney - It is a document which gives authority to another person to make medical and personal decisions.

General Durable Power of Attorney - gives another authority to manage the adult's finances, property and transact business on their behalf.

Find Legal Forms for Guardianship in Colorado at:
<http://www.courts.state.co.us/Forms/Index.cfm>



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 do not qualify for SSI keep a copy of the denial letter and that will be important when applying for one of the Medicaid Waivers Programs.