



Fast Facts

Transition Resources

Frequently Used Resources

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.

The Arc of Colorado: www.thearcofco.org 800-333-7690

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.coloradorespitecoalition.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 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.

Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (CCDC): 303-839-1775 www.ccdonline.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: <https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/medicaid-buy-program-working-adults-disabilities>

The Health First Colorado Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities lets adults with a disability who qualify to "buy-into" Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program). If you work and earn too much to qualify for Health First Colorado you may qualify. If you qualify, you pay a monthly premium. Your monthly premium is based on your gross monthly earned and unearned income after any applicable disregards.

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.dscc.uic.edu/dsccroot/parents.transition.asp>

Healthy and Ready to Work National Center

www.hrtw.org

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.hcpcolorado.org

CO Dept. of Public Health & Environment

www.cdphs.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 asks and goals for five life domains during the transition from adolescence to adulthood, from age 10 to 26.

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.

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.

Options for Families

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.

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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