

COLORADO FY 04; Funding 03

| NETWORKS | FUNDED PROGRAMS | EMPHASIS ON NEW AREAS OF SERVICE and RESPITE/CRISIS CARE |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The statewide network is comprised of four statewide programs that support child abuse and neglect prevention activities and family support services in local communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado Children’s Trust Fund (at the Dept. of Public Health and Environment) • Family Resource Centers program (at the Dept. of Public Health and Environment) • Promoting Safe and Stable Families (at the Dept. of Human Services) • Colorado Lifespan Respite Coalition ▪ The purpose of the partnership is to provide direction and leadership at the state level and work in collaboration with local communities to strengthen their capacities in developing and maintaining and expanding child abuse prevention. ▪ The Family Resource Center Association met four times over the year to hear presentations and discuss programming and funding issues. In evaluations, Association members overwhelmingly reported the meetings to be helpful to their work. ▪ The network’s reach expanded in that more family resource centers were eligible to receive training and technical assistance, and the state improved efforts to coordinate across different state agencies and programs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CBCAP funds 22 family resource centers and the Colorado Children’s Trust Fund. ▪ Family centers are required by law to provide case management and other basic services. Centers provide many additional services that are needed in their communities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatherhood education • Support groups • Public awareness campaigns • Before and after school programs for children and youth • English as a Second Language classes • Respite and emergency child care • Family advocacy • Kinship support • Holiday gift programs • Referrals • Car seat rental and checkpoints • Notary public services • Parents as Teachers • Food distribution • Clothing exchange programs • Immunizations • Aerobics • Play groups • Vision and hearing screenings • Dental health programs • Summer enrichment camps • Mentoring programs • Rent and utility assistance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As a result of local assessments of need, many family centers have started new services for families, such as literacy development, supervised visitation, child safety classes, and assisting families with making a budget. ▪ Family centers served 5% more individuals in FFY04 than the previous year. ▪ The lead agency maintained a relationship with the Colorado Lifespan Respite Coalition despite lack of funding. The Coalition continues to seek other venues by which the initiative may be supported. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth activities • Education on topics such as alcohol/drug abuse, bully prevention, dating violence prevention, and domestic violence • Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Services enrollment • Juvenile probation services • Computer and job readiness training | |
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| DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED | EVALUATION AND QUANTITATIVE SERVICE INFORMATION | INNOVATIVE FUNDING MECHANISMS |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 22 members of the Family Resource Center Association served approximately 27,978 individuals. Ethnic breakdowns of those served are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caucasian: 48% • Latino: 38% • African American: 7% • Native American: 5% • Asian: 1% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Several family resource centers utilize parent satisfaction surveys, and centers generally report a high level of parent satisfaction. Parents report that services have helped them in the areas for which they were referred. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At the state level, two federal streams are combined to support family resource centers. Those funds are disbursed through the Family Resource Center Association (FRCA), which also coordinates training and technical assistance for the centers. ▪ Family centers are the new recipients from a State income tax check-off program where taxpayers can give part of their tax rebate to the centers. ▪ Family centers have been encouraged and assisted in beginning entrepreneurial ventures to generate unrestricted funding to support base operations. Three centers have thrift stores, one center manages a housing development, and several centers host special events to fundraise. The Family Resource Center Association helps raise private funds for local centers in addition to hosting an annual 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Association. ▪ The state's other grantee, the Children's Trust |

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| | | Fund, pools CBCAP dollars with the Trust Fund's public funds. |
| PEER REVIEW | PARENT LEADERSHIP | LINKAGES WITH OTHER SYSTEMS (CHILD WELFARE, PSSF, ETC.) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At quarterly meetings, family resource center representatives discuss topics of common concern, such as program evaluation, best practices, grant management, etc. Meeting participants discuss how their center has solved each issue, and other centers carry on their lessons. ▪ A few centers participate in formal peer review processes as requirements of other funders. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Families were involved in the selection process for family resource centers that would receive funding. ▪ Families are also involved in every aspect of services provided by individual programs, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving in formal and informal advisory roles • Serving as home visitors, parent educators, child care providers, case managers, and parent mentors • Participating in focus groups • Serving on community advisory boards and governing boards • Providing feedback to family resource centers about how the centers can best meet their needs • Completing surveys about community needs and customer satisfaction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The statewide network includes the Family Resource Centers program (funded by CBCAP) as well as the Promoting Safe and Stable Families program. ▪ The state improved coordination between agencies that have a vested interest in children and families, including the Health Care Program for Children with Disabilities and the Injury Prevention and Women's Health Sections of the Dept. of Public Health and Environment. ▪ The lead agency has worked closely with the Dept. of Human Services Child Welfare Division to assess the state's Child and Family Service Review. This assessment led to an improvement in the accuracy of the report for Colorado and a greater understanding of the challenges of protecting children in the state. |

OTHER ELEMENTS:

- **Training:** The state provides a comprehensive training curriculum for family resource centers. In addition, centers received training on marketing and financial management at quarterly meetings.
- **Public awareness:** The Children's Trust Fund worked with the Kempe Children's Foundation on a social marketing campaign to increase awareness on child abuse issues. The campaign included focus group research, message testing, and the filming and airing of a television spot. The TV spots made over 7.8 million "impressions" (the number of times the ad was shown multiplied by the number of individuals watching at that time). The Kempe Foundation established a new website to measure how many people statewide were impressed enough to act, and 10,000 new users visited the website about three times each.
- **Administration Priorities:** The Family Resource Center Association worked closely with the Depts. Of Human Services and Public Health & Environment to establish a Strengthening Marriages program in family centers.

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| State Allowable Claims: | \$6,274,076 |
| Population-Based Allocations: | \$ 308,068 |
| Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations: | \$ 214,851 |
| Final State Allocations: | \$ 522,919 |

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