



Colorado Department of Human Services

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Department Summary

The Colorado Department of Human Services has a staff of more than 5,500 FTE employees statewide, the second largest in state government. It has a network of thousands of community providers serving people in all 64 Colorado counties. It oversees thousands of programs administered largely by counties, and in some instances, directly by the state, including the state's juvenile corrections system, state and veteran's nursing homes, institutions for the mentally ill and facilities for people with developmental disabilities.

The Department is a complex organization with a variety of statutory responsibilities. It has a FY 2008-09 appropriated operating budget of \$2,134,929,534. In addition to managing state-funded programs, the Department administers and provides oversight for a variety of federally-funded programs.

Overall, the Department strives to help vulnerable children and adults lead safe, secure, and independent lives. The Department seeks to keep families strong, thus promoting their long-term well-being and building a stronger Colorado. Four core units administer and provide services as follows:

Children, Youth and Families serves children through child welfare and protective services, child care facility licensing and regulation and youth corrections. Training is provided for counties in foster care and adoptive parent recruitment and retention. Funding is provided to counties to provide protective services to children in their homes and in out-of-home placements; for early childhood development programs; and for child care.

Veterans and Disability Services, directly and indirectly, addresses the needs of vulnerable adult clients who need in-home and institutional care, protective services, vocational training, counseling and other services designed to help them lead, as much as possible, full and independent lives. Five nursing homes provide direct long-term care to state residents and to veterans and their spouses. Assisted living care services also are provided to veterans and their spouses.

Self Sufficiency and Independence programs are designed to increase the financial independence of those in need of assistance. This is achieved through administration of federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant funding, child support enforcement activities designed to increase the amount of support paid by non-custodial parents, food distribution and assistance programs, the Low Income Energy Program and employment services.

Behavioral Health and Housing provides services for people who are mentally ill. This is done through county and local community mental health services and through two state mental health treatment institutes. The office also funds alcohol and drug abuse and domestic violence services, provides federal rental assistance and services to people with traumatic brain injury.

The offices of Employment and Regulatory Affairs, Budget and Operations and Financial Services form the backbone that enables the Department to function effectively and efficiently.



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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Key Department Information

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) administers directly or oversees the provision of a broad array of services to meet the needs of families and individuals of all ages through more than 5,500 employees and thousands of community-based service providers. The Department oversees the State's 64 county departments of social/human services, the State's public mental health and substance abuse treatment system, Colorado's system of community services for people with developmental disabilities, and community based services to older Coloradans. The Department directly operates the State's juvenile corrections system, all state and veterans' nursing homes, state institutions for persons with mental illness or developmental disabilities, and vocational rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities.

FY 2009-10 Appropriation	
Total Request:	\$2,180,194,458
Percent of Statewide Total:	11.5%
General Fund Request:	\$670,638,807
Percent of Statewide General Fund:	9.0%
Total Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTE):	5,581.8

FY 2009-10 Appropriation By Program Area



