



**COLORADO CENTER**  
on LAW & POLICY



**COLORADO FISCAL**  
POLICY INSTITUTE

## **ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

### **Background**

Colorado Center on Law and Policy [CCLP] and its project, the Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute [COFPI], has a decade of experience as one of Colorado's leading education and advocacy organizations and as the unrestricted legal services program in Colorado. These combined roles make CCLP unique.

COFPI began as an all-volunteer project and is now a permanent project of the Colorado Center on Law and Policy. It focuses its efforts on tax and budget issues that impact all Coloradans particularly lower income Coloradans.

Over the last ten years, CCLP/COFPI has become a leader in the advocacy community and in working with key stakeholders. Through its work on health care, welfare reform / self-sufficiency, fiscal policy and other critical issues, the Agency has gained a strong reputation for providing real solutions to problems experienced by lower income Coloradans. We gained this reputation by providing credible, timely and understandable research and analysis, education, advocacy, and litigation services to lower income Coloradans. Our audiences include policymakers, opinion-makers including the media, non-profit organizations, service providers, state and local governments, business, and interested others.

Currently CCLP/COFPI is playing and will continue to play a leading role in the effort to resolve some of Colorado's biggest and most important challenges - health care reform and fiscal reform.

### **Mission**

CCLP / COFPI is dedicated to promoting justice and economic security for all Coloradans, particularly lower income Coloradans.

### **Goals**

CCLP / COFPI focuses on achieving the following goals in order to further its mission; fostering economic self-sufficiency for all Coloradans; increasing access to affordable, quality healthcare; and promoting responsible and equitable fiscal policies.

### **How We Accomplish Our Goals**

We accomplish our goals through research and analysis, education, advocacy and litigation. We do this in a variety of ways and in a variety of forums. Examples are set out below;

- Educating communities affected by public policy decisions
- Educating policy makers about the issues we address
- Researching, analyzing, and producing credible reports on issues that impact lower-income Coloradans

- Drafting proposed legislation and regulations as well as testifying before the State Legislature and State administrative agencies
- Educating stakeholders around the state about the issues we address including the *Colorado Self-Sufficiency Standard* and its interactive on-line calculator, VisionKEI, health care, and tax and budget issues
- Litigating and assisting Pro Bono Attorneys in legal proceedings when significant policy or legal issues are involved
- Serving as a legal resource to advocacy groups involved in welfare reform and efforts to increase access to healthcare
- Serving both as a policy and legal resource and catalyst on health care and fiscal reform issues
- Working in coalitions in order to accomplish our mission and goals

**Staff Information is provided below. We encourage you to utilize our expert staff as a resource.**

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We encourage you to review our website and to use the information available at [www.cclponline.org](http://www.cclponline.org).

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