

## C.R.S. 26-18-101

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TITLE 26. HUMAN SERVICES CODE  
ARTICLE 18. FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM

## C.R.S. 26-18-101 (2013)

## 26-18-101. Legislative declaration

(1) The general assembly hereby declares that Colorado needs healthy and cohesive families at all income levels in order for the state to be economically viable. A number of families in communities throughout Colorado temporarily may not have access to the basic necessities of life or to resources or services designed to promote individual development and family growth.

(2) The general assembly further declares that many of Colorado's vulnerable families, individuals, children, and youth do not necessarily live in at-risk neighborhoods. Such persons may not have appropriate resources or sufficient income for adequate housing, health care, or child care because the primary wage earners are unemployed, underemployed, or work at jobs that pay minimum wage or less. Further, many such persons not only live in poverty, but also experience divorce, domestic violence, or are single parents. Children and youth who are raised in vulnerable families experience an increased risk of being abused, being illiterate, being undereducated, dropping out of school, becoming teen parents, abusing drugs, and engaging in at-risk behaviors, including but not limited to criminal activities. Such children and youth are often influenced by and are likely to repeat behaviors that began with their parents.

(3) Therefore, the general assembly finds that it is appropriate to establish a program to provide family resource centers in communities to serve as a single point of entry for providing comprehensive, intensive, integrated, and collaborative state and community-based services to vulnerable families, individuals, children, and youth.

**HISTORY:** Source: L. 93: Entire article added, p. 1900, § 1, effective July 1.L. 97: (3) amended, p. 1115, § 1, effective May 28.L. 2001: Entire section amended, p. 246, § 1, effective March 29.L. 2009: (3) amended, (SB 09-055), ch. 48, p. 172, § 1, effective March 20.

## C.R.S. 26-18-102

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## C.R.S. 26-18-102 (2013)

## 26-18-102. Definitions

As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "At-risk neighborhood" means an urban or rural neighborhood or community in which there are incidences of poverty, unemployment and underemployment, substance abuse, crime, school dropouts, illiteracy, teen pregnancies and teen parents, domestic violence, or other conditions that put families at risk.

(2) "Case management" means the process whereby a family advocate for the family resource center assesses a family's need for services in accordance with section 26-18-104 (2).

(3) "Community applicant" means any local entity interested and willing to commit private and public resources to establish a family resource center and which applies for a family resource center grant pursuant to section 26-18-105. "Community applicant" includes, but is not limited to, any state or local governmental agency or governing body, a local private nonprofit agency, a local board of education on a cost-shared basis, a local recreational center, or a local child care agency.

(3.5) Repealed.

(4) "Family resource center" means a unified single point of entry where vulnerable families, individuals, children, and youth in communities or within at-risk neighborhoods or participants in Colorado works, pursuant to part 7 of article 2 of this title, can obtain information, assessment of needs, and referral to delivery of family services described in section 26-18-104 (2) and for which a grant is awarded to a community applicant in accordance with section 26-18-105.

(4.5) "Family support and parent education" means a program or service that promotes a family's positive and meaningful engagement in its children's lives by providing an experiential and supportive adult learning environment through which a primary caregiver can learn how to create a safe, stable, and supportive family unit.

(5) "Local advisory council" means the body that oversees the operation of the family resource center and which is described in section 26-18-105 (1) (b).


(6) Repealed.

(7) "State department" means the department of human services created in section 26-1-105.

**HISTORY:** Source: L. 93: Entire article added, p. 1901, § 1, effective July 1.L. 2000: (6) repealed, p. 583, § 2, effective May 18.L. 2001: Entire section amended, p. 247, § 2, effective March 29.L. 2004: (3.5) amended, p. 114, § 4, effective August 4.L. 2009: (4.5) added, (SB

09-055), ch. 48, p. 172, § 2, effective March 20.L. 2013: (3.5) repealed and (7) added, (HB 13-1117), ch. 169, p. 584, § 9, effective July 1.

Cross references: For the legislative declaration in the 2013 act repealing subsection (3.5) and adding subsection (7), see section 1 of chapter 169, Session Laws of Colorado 2013.

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C.R.S. 26-18-103 (2013)

26-18-103. State council created - powers and duties - report. (Repealed)

**HISTORY:** Source: L. 93: Entire article added, p. 1902, § 1, effective July 1.L. 94: (1)(a), (2), and (4) amended, pp. 2613, 2635, § § 17, 71, effective July 1.L. 97: (1)(b), (4), (6), and (7) amended, p. 1115, § 2, effective May 28.L. 2000: Entire section repealed, p. 583, § 3, effective May 18.

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C.R.S. 26-18-104 (2013)

26-18-104. Program created

(1) (a) There is established in the prevention services division in the department of public health and environment a family resource center program. The purposes of the program are to provide grants to community applicants for the creation of family resource centers or to provide grants to family resource centers for the continued operation of the centers through which services for vulnerable families, individuals, children, and youth who live in communities or in at-risk neighborhoods are accessible and coordinated through a single point of entry.

(a.5) On July 1, 2013, the family resource center program is transferred to the department of human services. All program grants in existence as of July 1, 2013, shall continue to be valid through June 30, 2015, and may be continued after said date.

(b) The state department shall operate the family resource center program in accordance with the provisions of this article. In addition, the state department may establish any other procedures necessary to implement the program, including establishing the procedure for submitting grant applications by community applicants seeking to establish a family resource center or by a family resource center applying for a grant for continued operation of a family resource center.

(c) (I) The family resource center program may receive direct appropriations from the state general fund.

(II) Any moneys received by family resource centers pursuant to the temporary assistance for needy families block grant or from the family issues cash fund created in section 26-5.3-106 shall be from funds directly disbursed by a county at the discretion of the county.

(III) The state department may accept and expend any grants from any public or private source for the purpose of making grants to community applicants for the establishment or continued operation of family resource centers and for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the family resource center program. This article does not prohibit a family resource center from accepting and expending funds received through an authorized contract, grants, or donations from public or private sources.

(2) (a) Services provided by a family resource center shall be coordinated and services should reflect the needs of the community and the resources available to support such programs and services. Services may be delivered directly to a family at the center by center staff or by providers who contract with or have provider agreements with the center. Any family resource center that provides direct services shall comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations regarding the delivery of such services, unless required waivers or exemptions have been granted by the appropriate governing body.

(b) Each family resource center shall provide case management by a family advocate who

screens and assesses a family's needs and strengths. The family advocate shall then assist the family with setting its own goals and, together with the family, develop a written plan to pursue the family's goals in working toward a greater level of self-reliance or in attaining self-sufficiency. The plan shall provide for the following:

(I) A negotiated agreement that includes reciprocal responsibilities of the individual or family members and the personnel of each human service agency providing services to the family;

(II) A commitment of resources as available and necessary to meet the family's plan;

(III) The delivery of applicable services to the individual or family, if feasible, or referral to an appropriate service provider;

(IV) The coordination of services;

(V) The monitoring of the progress of the family toward greater self-reliance or self-sufficiency and an evaluation of services provided; and

(VI) Assistance to the individual or family in applying for the children's basic health plan, medical assistance benefits, or other benefits.

(c) In addition to services required by paragraph (b) of this subsection (2), the family resource center may provide for the direct delivery of or referral to a provider of the following six services:

(I) Early childhood care and education, including programs that contribute to school readiness;

(II) Family support and parent education;

(III) Well child check-ups and basic health services;

(IV) Early intervention for identifying infants, toddlers, and preschoolers who are developmentally disabled in order to provide necessary services to such children;

(V) Before and after school care;

(VI) Programs for children and youth.

(d) A family resource center may also provide services, including, but not limited to, the following:

(I) Additional educational programs, such as mentoring programs for students in elementary, junior, and senior high schools; adult education and family literacy programs; and educational programs that link families with local schools and alternative educational programs, including links with boards of cooperative services;

(II) Job skills training and self-sufficiency programs for adults and youth;

(III) Social, health, mental health, and child welfare services and housing, homeless, food and nutrition, domestic violence support, recreation, and substance abuse services;

(IV) Outreach, education, and support programs, including programs aimed at preventing teen pregnancies and school dropouts and programs providing parent support and advocacy;


(V) Transportation services to obtain other services provided pursuant to this subsection (2).

(e) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2000, p. 583, § 4, effective May 18, 2000.)

**HISTORY:** Source: L. 93: Entire article added, p. 1903, § 1, effective July 1.L. 97: (1) amended, p. 1116, § 3, effective May 28.L. 2000: (1) and (2)(e) amended, p. 583, § 4, effective May 18.L. 2001: Entire section amended, p. 247, § 3, effective March 29.L. 2004: (1) (a) amended, p. 114, § 5, effective August 4.L. 2007: (1)(c) amended, p. 1478, § 1, effective August 3.L. 2009: (1)(c)(II), IP(2)(b), (2)(b)(VI), (2)(c)(I), (2)(c)(II), and (2)(d)(I) amended, (SB 09-055), ch. 48, p. 172, § 3, effective March 20.L. 2012: (1)(c)(II) amended, (HB 12-1341), ch. 155, p. 555, § 5, effective April 1, 2013.L. 2013: (1)(a), (1)(b), and (1)(c)(III) amended and (1)(a.5) added, (HB 13-1117), ch. 169, p. 584, § 10, effective July 1; (1)(b) amended, (HB 13-1239), ch. 307, p. 1630, § 6, effective July 1.

Editor's note: Amendments to subsection (1)(b) by HB 13-1117 and HB 13-1239 were harmonized.

Cross references: For the legislative declaration in the 2013 act amending subsections (1)(a), (1)(b), and (1)(c)(III) and adding subsection (1)(a.5), see section 1 of chapter 169, Session Laws of Colorado 2013. For the legislative declaration in the 2013 act amending subsection (1)(b), see section 1 of chapter 307, Session Laws of Colorado 2013.

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C.R.S. 26-18-105 (2013)

26-18-105. Selection of centers - grants

(1) The state department may award a grant for the purpose of establishing a family resource center based on a plan submitted to the state department by the applicant or for the continued operation of a family resource center. The plan shall meet specific criteria which the state department is hereby authorized to set, but the criteria shall include at least the following provisions:

(a) That members of the community will participate in the development and implementation of the family resource center;

(b) That the center shall be governed by a local advisory council comprised of community representatives such as:

(I) Families living in the community;

(II) Local public or private service provider agencies;

(III) Local job skills training programs, if any;

(IV) Local governing bodies;

(V) Local businesses serving families in the community; and

(VI) Local professionals serving families in the community;

(c) That the advisory council shall establish rules concerning the operation of the family resource center, including provisions for staffing;

(d) That services provided by the family resource center shall be coordinated and tailored to the specific needs of individuals and families who live in the community;

(e) That the family resource center will:

(I) Promote and support, not supplant, successful individual and family functioning and increase the recognition of the importance of successful individuals and families in the community;

(II) Contribute to the strength of family ties;

(III) Establish programs that focus on the needs of family members, such as preschool programs, family preservation programs, and teenage pregnancy prevention programs, and assist the individual or family in moving toward greater self-sufficiency;



(IV) Recognize the diversity of families within the community;

(V) Support family stability and unity;

(VI) Treat families as partners in providing services;

(VII) Encourage intergovernmental cooperation and a community-based alliance between government and the private sector. Such cooperation may include but not be limited to the pooling of public and private funds available to state agencies upon appropriation or transfer by the general assembly.

(VIII) Provide programs that reduce institutional barriers related to categorical funding and eligibility requirements;

(IX) Make information regarding available resources and services readily accessible to individuals and families;

(X) Coordinate efforts of public and private entities to connect families to services and supports that encourage the development of early childhood and other family support systems; and

(f) That the family resource center shall coordinate the provision of services and shall pool the resources of providers of services to aid in funding and operating the center.

(2) Repealed.

(3) If the state department determines, from any report submitted by a local advisory council or any other source, that the operation of a family resource center is not in compliance with this article or any rule adopted pursuant to the provisions of this article, the state department may impose sanctions, including termination of the grant.

**HISTORY:** Source: L. 93: Entire article added, p. 1905, § 1, effective July 1. L. 2000: IP(1), (2), and (3) amended, p. 584, § 5, effective May 18. L. 2001: Entire section amended, p. 250, § 4, effective March 29. L. 2009: (1)(e)(IX) amended and (1)(e)(X) added, (SB 09-055), ch. 48, p. 173, § 4, effective March 20. L. 2013: IP(1), (2), and (3) amended, (HB 13-1117), ch. 169, p. 585, § 11, effective July 1; (2) repealed, (HB 13-1239), ch. 307, p. 1631, § 9, effective July 1.

Cross references: For the legislative declaration in the 2013 act amending the introductory portion to subsection (1) and subsections (2) and (3), see section 1 of chapter 169, Session Laws of Colorado 2013. For the legislative declaration in the 2013 act repealing subsection (2), see section 1 of chapter 307, Session Laws of Colorado 2013.

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26-18-106. Repeal of article. (Repealed)

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