



Support for Coloradans with Substance Use Disorders

2015 Marijuana Tax Revenue Budget Requests

Invest in Existing Programs

Access to Recovery Program

Provide funding to continue the [Colorado Access to Recovery \(ATR\) Program](#). This program provides community support so that individuals who leave substance abuse treatment programs can continue their recovery in their community, including avoiding the misuse of marijuana. This initiative has been in place for seven (7) years in Colorado and was funded through a SAMHSA grant which recently ended. **It would take minimal effort to continue these valuable services if the resources were replaced by funding from the Marijuana Cash Fund.** Six month follow-up with 80% of the 6,420 individuals receiving services from Colorado ATR demonstrates statistically significant improvement in:

- Clients maintaining their sobriety after treatment
- Finding and maintaining employment
- Stable living situations
- Decreases in arrests and substance abuse related health or behavioral problems

Colorado Collaborative Management Program

Provide funding to support and expand the Colorado [Collaborative Management Program \(CMP\)](#). This program is the voluntary development of multi-agency services provided to children and families by county departments of human/social services and other mandatory agencies including local judicial districts, probation; the local health department, the local school districts(s), each community mental health center (CMHC), and each behavioral health organization (BHO). **CMPs help to develop a more uniform system of management** that includes the input, expertise and active participation of parent or family advocacy organizations to:

- Reduce duplication and eliminate fragmentation of services provided
- Increase the quality, appropriateness and effectiveness of services provided
- Encourage cost-sharing among service provider
- Lead to better outcomes and cost reduction for services provided to children and families in the child welfare system

The Colorado Office of Behavioral Health Community Prevention Programs

Provide additional funding to the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) Community Prevention Programs, within Colorado's Department of Human Services (CDHS), to fund marijuana, prescription drug, and alcohol prevention for youth ages 12 through 20. This funding would provide local communities with grants to implement evidence-based prevention programs for underage marijuana, alcohol, and prescription drug misuse. **These funds should be accessible to all organizations capable of delivering prevention and early intervention services.**

Continue Support for:

School-Based Prevention and Early Intervention Services

These funds were appropriated to provide targeted prevention and early intervention services to youth who are at risk to develop substance use disorders (SUDs), including disorders related to marijuana use. HCPF rolled these funds into existing BHO contracts. The BHOs will work with local school districts to craft interventions tailored to the needs of individual communities that serve at-risk youth regardless of payor source. **The BHOs already provide SUD prevention and early intervention services to Medicaid members. This program simply extends that work to help more Coloradans.** This program will be implemented by HCPF in tandem with the School Health Professionals Grant Program, designed to support and expand access to existing community resources. Funding for both programs was appropriated by SB14-215.

SUD Treatment Services for Adolescents and Pregnant Women

These funds are intended to provide SUD services for priority populations – in this case, youth and pregnant women. The funds will be added to the existing Managed Service Organization (MSO) contracts. The MSOs manage the provision of SUD services in Colorado. They contract with networks of providers to ensure services are available. These funds were appropriated by SB14-215.

Jail-Based Behavioral Health Services

These funds were allocated to OBH to expand the provision of jail-based behavioral health services (JBBS) in underserved counties and to enhance the provision of services to offenders transitioning from jail to the community to ensure continuity of care. **JBBS programs are located in the jails across Colorado to screen for and provide care to inmates with an SUD or a co-occurring mental health disorder.**

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