Resources to Acquire Testing

As of August 1, 2013, the state of Colorado released revised guidelines for Developmental Disability Determination. Specific information regarding these guidelines may be found at the Division for Developmental Disabilities website: http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-VetDis/CBON/1251587094752.

Individuals or families wishing to request a disability determination may present testing acquired through schools, hospitals or other agencies. In the event that a person does not have testing through an agency, we have contacted some individuals in Northwest Colorado who are willing to assist families to acquire the testing required as part of the disability determination. Horizons has compiled this list as a resource of professionals with the credentials to do the necessary testing to determine eligibility. Please note that none of these individuals works for Horizons and your relationship with them would be completely separate from your relationship with Horizons.

The Disability Determination Process requires a Cognitive Assessment such as a Weschler that would determine a cognitive delay or an adaptive assessment such as a Vineland that would be necessary to show an adaptive delay. If an assessor would like to conduct an assessment other than a Wechsler or Vineland, please consult Horizons prior to the assessment being conducted to ensure it meets the guidelines established by the state of Colorado.

The following professionals have agreed to administer these assessments at a cost to the family of $250–350.00. Once you have the results of the test(s) and have filled out the applications/request for developmental disability determination, please return them to at Horizons at P.O. Box 774867, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477 attn: Amy Ibarra to continue the process.

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