



Family Support Program

History Started when a small group of parents went to the state legislature and shared their personal stories. Program is preventative and cost effective.

Intent

- Reduce, delay or prevent out-of-home placement
- Reduce added stress on families as a result of supporting a family member with a developmental disability living in the home.

"It is the intent of the General Assembly of Colorado that the service delivery system for individuals with developmental disabilities emphasize the community living for persons with developmental disabilities and provide supports to individual to enable them to enjoy typical lifestyles. One way to accomplish this is to recognize that families are the greatest resource available to individuals who have a developmental disability and that families must be supported in their role as primary care givers." Title 27-10.4-401, C.R.S.

Who is Eligible?

- Individual must have a developmental delay or disability as determined by a CCB
- Individual must live with a family (broad definition)
- No financial eligibility

How do they receive support?

- Family and Service Coordinator complete a **Most In Needs Assessment**
- Assessment determines funding tier
- Service Coordinator provides resource coordination that may include research

- Family and Service Coordinator create a **Family Support Plan** detailing how funds will be used and how to access the reimbursement. Plan must be used to address needs directly related to the individual's disability or the impact of the disability on the family.

TIERS	Extra High	\$3,000
	High	\$2,500
	Moderate	\$1,750
	Low	\$1,000
	Minimal	\$ 200

Brochure lists a sample of services and supports available

Family Support Council

Each CCB has a Family Support Council to provide guidance and assistance regarding the program. The council:

- Meets four times/year
- Consists primarily of family members. Chair is Jeremy Gohr who formerly received support through this program and now is in the Moffat County residential program.
- Approves annual guidelines.
- Ensures funding is distributed over the course of the year by setting guidelines including the tiers, restrictions and caps.
- Votes on exceptions to the Guidelines (Emergencies or changes to timelines usually)
- Assists with Public Awareness and other issues of interest to this group

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Purpose of the Program

The purpose of the Family Support Services Program is to assist individuals with developmental delays or disabilities to remain in a safe and nurturing family setting.

Funding is granted each year by the State Legislature through the Division for Developmental Disabilities. A local Family Support Council advises Horizons on how to administer these funds. The majority of the Council is made up of family members. Would you like to be a member?

Who can participate?

Families who have a member with a developmental disability or delay residing at home may participate.

There is no income restriction. An Assessment and a Plan are written with each family.

Family Support...

- Offers services and supports to families that have a family member of any age with a developmental disability living in the home.
- Provides a number of services and supports within funding limitations, based on needs prioritized by each family.
- Entitles family members living in the household to receive services and supports such as counseling, attend conferences and subscribe to newsletters.
- Provides information and referral services.



Services and Supports

The following are examples of the types of services and supports which may be accessed through the Family Support Services Program.

All supports must be related to the disability.

- Medical & Dental Expense
- Additional Insurance
- Respite Care
- Special Equipment
- Special Clothing or Diets
- Home or Vehicle Adaptions
- Home Health Services
- Specialized Therapies
- Family Counseling
- Transportation and Lodging
- Support Programs/Training
- Conferences & Books

Other supports and services approved by the local Family Support Council.

* A person's access to Family Support may be limited if they receive Waiver Funded Services.

Family Support Council Members

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Name	Role	Contact Info	Geographical Area	2 year Term
Shelly Zagone,	Parent of a child with a DIDD living at home	tszagone@hotmail.com (970) 509-9638	Kremmling	2014-2016
Jeremy Gohr	Adult who has a DIDD	(970) 824-7804	Craig	2014-2016
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