



**COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE  
POLICY AND FINANCING**

**REPORT TO SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES PROVIDED TO  
CHILDREN WITH AUTISM**

**JUNE 1, 2013**



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June 1, 2013

The Honorable Irene Aguilar, Chair
Health and Human Services Committee
200 E. Colfax Avenue, Room 346
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Senator Aguilar:

Enclosed please find a legislative report to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing on Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver for Children with Autism (CWA).

Section 25.5-6-806(2)(a) requires the Department to submit a written program evaluation concerning the Home and Community Based Services- Children with Autism waiver by June 1st, 2013.

The program evaluation includes the number of eligible children who have received services under the waiver program, the average and median age of eligible children when they began receiving services, the average length of time that children receive services, and the average cost of services provided to an eligible child. The information is provided below and includes data from calendar year 2007 through calendar year 2012.

Table with 2 columns: Requested Information, Data. Rows include: Number of Eligible Children Who Have Received Services (290), Average Age of Eligible Children When They Began Receiving Services (4.81), Median Age of Eligible Children When They Began Receiving Services (4.91), Average Length of Time Children Receive Services (177.5 days), Average Cost of Waiver Services Provided to an Eligible Child (\$20,675.58)

If you require further information or have additional questions, please contact the Department's Legislative Liaison, MaryKathryn Hurd, at MK.Hurd@state.co.us or 303-547-8494.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Susan E. Birch with 'for SEB' written below it.

Susan E. Birch, MBA, BSN, RN
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