



## COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY & FINANCING

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June 2, 2014

The Honorable Dianne Primavera, Chair  
Public Health Care and Human Services Committee  
200 E. Colfax Avenue, Room 271  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative Primavera:

Please see the below program update to the House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing on Home and Community Based Services provided to Children with Autism.

Section 25.5-6-806(2)(a), C.R.S. requires the Department to submit a written update on the design and implementation of the ongoing evaluation process pursuant to 25.5-6-804 (8), C.R.S. concerning Home and Community Based Services provided to Children with Autism by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

The Department has contracted with JFK Partners to conduct the ongoing program evaluation. The contract was finalized in April and work began immediately. JFK Partners has designed a web based program for the providers to enter data on each child. Each client will receive a unique ID to ensure confidentiality. JFK Partners has created an online training video and has conducted two webinars for providers.

In addition, JFK Partners is designing a parent satisfaction survey to review the overall satisfaction of the program, the overall impact/importance of each service, and to receive recommendations on ways to improve the waiver.

JFK Partners work will continue through March 2015 when they will prepare a final report of the overall impact of this program.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan E. Birch', written over a large, stylized flourish.

Susan E. Birch, MBA, BSN, RN  
Executive Director

*FOR SUSAN BIRCH*  
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