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May 30, 2014

Associate Commissioner, JooYeun Chang
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
1250 Maryland Avenue, SW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Children's Justice Act Report and Application FY2014
Log No: ACYF-CB-PI-14-01

Dear Associate Commissioner Chang:

I am pleased to submit Colorado's application for Children's Justice Act (CJA) funds in the amount of \$284,742.00. The following information is submitted:

1. The applicant agency is the Colorado Department of Human Services, 1575 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203, Fax (303) 866-4214.
2. The contact person in this agency is Lorendia Schmidt, CAPTA Administrator, (303) 866-4268 and Fax (303) 866-5563.
3. The Employer Identification Number is 84-0644739.

Included in this submission are a:

- Letter with the required assurances signed by Governor Hickenlooper;
- Description of CJA Task Force membership and function;
- Description of the activities conducted in the 12-month period preceding the date of submission;
- List of prior year budget expenditures;
- Description of proposed activities for the upcoming year; and
- Certification of Lobbying Form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reggie Bicha', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Reggie Bicha
Executive Director

**Children's Justice Act
State of Colorado
Fiscal Year 2014
Report and Re-Application**

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration on Children, Youth and Families**

Children's Bureau

Office on Child Abuse and Neglect

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Dear Associate Commissioner Chang:

This is to certify that:

1. The State received the FY2013 Child Abuse and Neglect Basic State Grant and continues to comply with the requirements stipulated in section 106(b) of the Act; and
2. The State has maintained a State multidisciplinary task force on children's justice; and
3. The State has adopted or continues to progress in adopting recommendations of the State Task Force or a comparable alternative to such recommendations; and
4. The State will make such reports to the Secretary as may be reasonably required, including an annual report on how assistance received under this program was expended throughout the State, with particular attention to the areas described in paragraphs (1) through (3) of Section 107(a); and
5. The State will maintain and provide access to records relating to activities under the Children's Justice Act; and
6. The State will participate in at least one Federally-initiated CJA Conference each year that the grant is in effect, and is authorized to use grant funds to cover travel and per diem expenses for two (2) CJA representatives (CJA Coordinator and Task Force Chairperson) to attend the meeting.

I am delegating authority to sign agreements and assurances to the Colorado Department of Human Services Executive Director, Reggie Bicha, and at his direction, the Director of the Office of Children, Youth and Families, or the Director of the Division of Child Welfare.

All award letters are to be sent to the Director of the Division of Child Welfare at the Colorado Department of Human Services, 1575 Sherman Street, 2nd Floor, Denver, CO 80203.

Sincerely,

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Part II: Task Force Membership and Function

Colorado maintains an active Children’s Justice Act Task Force per the requirements set forth in Section 107(c) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (P.L. 111-320) and Colorado’s current membership roster is as follows:

Task Force Membership

Name	Title	Background Description	Task Force Designation
Judge Claude Appel	Chief Judge, Third Judicial District	<p>Judge Appel was appointed as a District Judge in March 1986. Prior to his appointment as a judge, he was in private practice in Longmont, Colorado, then served as a Deputy District Attorney in the Third Judicial District and had a private practice there. He received his B.A. degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois in 1974 and his law degree from the University of Colorado in 1978.</p> <p>The Huerfano County Teen Court program which he began in 1995 and which now operates in both District and County Courts and in the local high school is an example of how Judge Appel has positively affected his district outside of his courtroom.</p>	Criminal/Civil Judge
Brian Brinkerhoff	State Coordinator, CASA in Colorado	<p>Mr. Brinkerhoff graduated with a BA in Philosophy and a Master of Public Administration with a Nonprofit Emphasis from the University of Colorado at Denver.</p> <p>Mr. Brinkerhoff has worked with at-risk youth populations in Denver for over eight years. He worked with homeless youth at Urban Peak where he developed a job training program. He also worked with Colorado Youth for a Change, helping to implement Intervention and Outreach programs within Adams 12 5 Star Schools, Aurora Public Schools, Boulder Valley School District, Denver Public Schools and Englewood Schools.</p>	Court Appointed Special Advocate Representative

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Name	Title	Background Description	Task Force Designation
Antonia Chiesa, Ph.D.	Senior Instructor, Department of Pediatrics, Child Protection Team, The Children's Hospital	Dr. Chiesa graduated from Louisiana State University Medical School and completed her fellowship with the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Dr. Chiesa is currently a pediatrician at Children's Hospital in Aurora, Colorado, with specialties in Child Abuse and Primary Care.	Health Professional
Susan Colling	Juvenile Programs Coordinator, Colorado Division of Probation Services	Ms. Colling currently provides technical assistance, evaluation, and analytical services in the 22 probation departments across the State. Previous work included the Colorado Legislative Council, Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, Chair of the SB94 Statewide Advisory Board, and Colorado Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council. Ms. Colling received an M.P.A. in criminal justice from the University of Colorado and a B.A. in criminal justice from Michigan State University.	Juvenile Justice
Elizabeth (Beth) Collins	Advocacy Director, Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV)	Before joining CCADV in 2008, Ms. Collins worked directly with victims of domestic violence in various capacities including working for three years as a consultant to child welfare staff on domestic abuse screening and intervention. Beth helps plan the Advocacy In Action Conference, and in various venues has provided trainings on empowerment-based advocacy, coordinated community responses to DV, men's role in ending violence against women, batterers as parents and the effects on children of DV, and best practices for Child Protective Services when addressing domestic violence and child maltreatment.	Mental Health Professional

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Name	Title	Background Description	Task Force Designation
Diego Condo	Youth Representative	After emancipating from the child welfare system, Mr. Condo is now working and attending the University of Colorado at Denver.	Former youth
Sheree Conyers	State Coordinator for Foster Care Education, Colorado Department of Education	After over 20 years working in education and child welfare, Ms. Conyers is currently working to promote education stability for children in foster care in Colorado.	Mental Health Professional
Bill DeLisio	Family Law Program Manager, Colorado State Court Administrator's Office	Mr. DeLisio joined the Colorado State Court Administrator's Office in 2005 after serving over ten years in Colorado's 17th Judicial District. While with 17th Judicial, Mr. DeLisio acted as Family Court Facilitator, Juvenile Court Program Coordinator, Domestic Relations Case Manager, and helped launch the Family Court Pilot Project and Integrated Family Drug Court. An Ohio native, DeLisio received his B.S. from Youngstown State University with a major in Criminal Justice. DeLisio received his Master of Science in Legal Administration (MSLA) degree from the University of Denver College of the Law in 1998.	Criminal/Civil Court Representative
Tammy Duffy	Parent Representative	After being involved with child welfare after the birth of her son, Ms. Duffy is now an active member of Families First and the Children's Justice Act Task Force. In 2013, Ms. Duffy received the Parent Leader of the Year award from Families First. Ms. Duffy's son is now a rambunctious, smart, and funny six-year-old.	Parent Representative

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Name	Title	Background Description	Task Force Designation
Connie Fixsen	Early Childhood Specialist, Office of Early Childhood, Colorado Department of Human Services	Ms. Fixsen was with the Office of Children, Youth and Families for six years until recently shifting to the Office of Early Childhood. Prior to her work with CDHS, Ms. Fixsen worked as a caseworker with Denver County Department of Human Services and with children with developmental disabilities and early childhood mental health concerns.	Early Childhood Expertise
Diana Goldberg	Executive Director, SungateKids, CAC and Family Resource Center	Ms. Goldberg has been the Executive Director of SungateKids since 1996. She is a graduate of Columbia University and the University of Virginia School of Law. Ms. Goldberg practiced law with the firm of Davis, Graham and Stubbs and then with the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Denver. She served as Executive Director of the Central Visitation Program before joining SungateKids.	Children's Advocacy Center Representative/Law Enforcement Community
Nancy Harris	CHRP Supervisor, Division of Child Welfare, Office of Children, Youth & Families, Colorado Department of Human Services	Ms. Harris has a long history of working with children with developmental disabilities, including 24 years with a Community Centered Board providing Early Intervention assessment, services, and coordination, and three years at the State of Colorado supporting the placement of youth with developmental disabilities. Ms. Harris holds a Doctorate and Masters in Psychology.	Individual experienced in working with children with disabilities
Mary Hoak	District Court Judge, Grand County Combined Court, 14th Judicial District	Judge Hoak was appointed to the Grand County Court in 2002 and to the District Court bench in July 2007. Judge Hoak practiced law in Grand County for 8 years prior to her appointment as County Judge. She has worked in criminal prosecution, criminal defense, social services, and family and juvenile law. She has served as President of the Grand County Bar Association since 1997 and is involved with various other legal associations. She received her JD from the University of Chicago Law School.	Criminal/Civil Judge

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Andi Leopoldus	Statewide Coordinator, Colorado Children's Alliance	Ms. Leopoldus has been the Colorado Chapter Coordinator and Chapter Lobbyist since 2005 for Colorado's accredited State Chapter of the National Children's Alliance. She has managed three other associations in her career. With more than 25 years of experience at the Colorado Capitol, she is knowledgeable and respected at the Legislature. Ms. Leopoldus has a B.A. in English from the University of Colorado-Boulder and an M.P.A. from the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. She is the mother of two adult children and four grandchildren. Ms. Leopoldus and her husband live in Colorado Springs.	Children's Advocacy Center Representative/Law Enforcement Community
Toni Miner	Parent Representative	Ms. Miner was involved in the child welfare system over ten years ago. Ms. Miner now uses her own experiences with child welfare to act as a Parent Partner for current families involved with child welfare and serves on a number of different committees, including the Colorado Domestic Violence Council, IV-E Waiver Committee, and the Birth Parent Advisory Committee. Ms. Miner also works with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, is currently caring for her grandson, and recently celebrated twelve years of sobriety.	Parent Representative
Pamela Neu	Manager, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Programs, Office of Behavioral Health, Colorado Department of Human Services	With a Masters in Counseling Psychology from Gonzaga University, Ms. Neu has worked with the Colorado Department of Human Services since 2005. Her rolls have included Residential Program Supervisor and Manager of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Programs.	Mental Health Professional

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Name	Title	Background Description	Task Force Designation
Julie Rammer	Attorney at the Office of the Colorado Public Defender	After receiving her Colorado law license eight years ago, Ms. Rammer has served as an attorney with the Office of the Colorado Public Defender and works with families involved in the child welfare system.	Defense Attorney
Jennifer Richardson	Family Support Services Director, Families First	Ms. Richardson joined Families First in 1987 and has directed the Family Support Services since 1990. Her professional credentials include Licensed Professional Counselor, Certified Addictions Counselor (CACIII), and national trainer for Circle of Parents®. Ms. Richardson represents Families First by serving on the Colorado Children’s Justice Task Force, the Kinship Conference planning committee, and the Douglas County Parenting Coalition.	Parent Group Representative
Toni Rozanski	Director of Child and Family Services, Eagle County Department of Health and Human Services	Eagle County welcomed Ms. Rozanski as its new Child, Family and Adult Services Director in 2013. Prior to working in Eagle County, Ms. Rozanski was the Child Welfare Director for the City and County of Denver’s Department of Human Services, a position she had held since 2008. She holds a BS in Social Work from Southern Illinois University and a MS in Social Work from the University of Illinois.	Child Protective Services Agencies
Lorendia Schmidt	CAPTA Administrator, Division of Child Welfare, Office of Children, Youth & Families, Colorado Department of Human Services	Ms. Schmidt has worked in the human services field for over 15 years, including work with domestic violence, mediation, child welfare, substance abuse treatment, and juvenile justice. She joined CDHS in August 2014 after working with Utilization Management for Boulder County Department of Human Services. Ms. Schmidt's credentials include Licensed Clinical Social Work, Certified Addictions Counselor (Level II), and SafeCare Home Visitor and Trainer.	CAPTA Administrator CJA Task Force Co-Chair

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Name	Title	Background Description	Task Force Designation
Andrew Sirotnak, Ph.D.	Professor, Department of Pediatrics, The Children's Hospital	Dr. Sirotnak directs the Child Protection Team at Children's Hospital Colorado and The Kempe Center Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship Program. He is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University (1989) and the JMC - Medical Center of Delaware, A.I. du Pont Hospital for Children Pediatrics Residency (1991). Dr. Sirotnak came to Colorado as a Chief Resident in Pediatrics (1993) and completed a fellowship in Child Abuse Pediatrics (1994). He maintains Board Certification in Pediatrics (1992) and Child Abuse Pediatrics(2009).	Health Professional
Faith Stevens	Detective, Arvada Police Department	Since 1991, Det. Stevens has served as a Crimes Against Children Detective with the Arvada Police Department. She has served as a Senior Detective and Crisis Negotiator for Arvada Police Department, as well as an expert consultant for the Kempe Center START program.	Law Enforcement Community
Judge Jill-Ellyn Straus	Civil/Criminal Court Judge, 17th Judicial District	Judge Straus is a District Court Judge for the 17th Judicial District. She was appointed to the bench in April of 2008 by Governor Ritter. Judge Straus spent 25 years with the 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office, specializing in crimes against children and juvenile delinquency. She graduated from the University of Illinois in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and graduated from the University Of Denver College Of Law in 1982. Judge Straus is an active member of the judicial community, including currently serving as co-chair of the American Bar Association's Juvenile Justice Committee.	Civil/Criminal Judge CJA Task Force Co-Chair

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Name	Title	Background Description	Task Force Designation
Ashley Tunstall	Director of Behavioral Health and Medical Services, Division of Youth Corrections, Office of Children, Youth & Families, Colorado Department of Human Services	Ms. Tunstall is the Director of Behavioral Health and Medical Services for the Division of Youth Corrections, CDHS. In her role, she oversees behavioral health and medical services for the Division's 10 state-operated facilities. She has over 20 years of experience working with children, youth, and families involved with systems.	Child Protective Services Agencies
Lori Weiser	Senior Assistant City Attorney, Child Protection Unit, City and County of Denver Department of Human Services	Ms. Weiser received her law degree from the University of Denver, College of Law and currently specializes in the Human Services Legal Section of the Denver City Attorney's Office. Ms. Weiser's areas of practice include Administrative Hearing and Appeals; Administrative Law; Civil Litigation; Civil Rights Law; Employment Law; Labor-Management Law and Relations; Unemployment Compensation Law.	Prosecuting Attorney
Amanda Wyatt	Crossover Youth Caseworker, Douglas County Department of Human Services	Ms. Wyatt currently serves as a caseworker for Douglas County Human Services with a focus on crossover youth (those involved with both delinquency and child welfare proceedings). Previously, Ms. Wyatt has worked as the Associate Director of CASA and juvenile probation officer in Illinois.	Child Protective Services Agencies
Vacancy			Child Advocate

As noted in the Membership List above, the CJA Task Force currently has one vacancy (child advocate). This position had previously been filled by a guardian ad litem. This seat became vacant in April 2014. In order to fill this vacancy, CJA Task Force members will reach out to individuals in their professional network. If CJA Task Force members identify individuals interested in serving on the CJA Task Force, then the CJA Co-Chairs will speak further with them to discuss expectations. The CJA Task Force expects to have this vacancy filled within two months.

Task Force Function

The Children's Justice Act Task Force meets quarterly and while the CJA Task Force encourages members to attend in person, there is also a phone conference option available. The CJA Task Force has the following work plan:

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- Spring Task Force Meeting: Preparation for CJA Federal Report and Reapplication; Review of written reports from Grant Sub-Recipients
- Summer Task Force Meeting: Review of site visits with Grant Sub-recipients; Review of written reports from Grant Sub-Recipients; Verbal reports from Grant Sub-recipients
- Fall Task Force Meeting: Preparation for Request for Applications process (see Part III of this report for more information); Review of written reports from Grant Sub-Recipients
- Winter Task Force Meeting: Review of Request for Applications and funding recommendations; Review of written reports from Grant Sub-Recipients

For the 2015 Three-Year Assessment, the CJA Task Force will begin assessment activities starting at the Fall 2014 Task Force Meeting and will finalize assessment and recommendations at the Winter 2014 and Spring 2015 Task Force Meetings.

Part III: Prior Year Projects/Activities and Performance Report

Request for Applications

Historically, Colorado's CJA Task Force completed an annual review of how Colorado is meeting CJA goals and how the goals of CJA intersect with Colorado's child welfare system. After this review, the CJA Task Force made recommendations to the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), Division of Child Welfare (DCW), and CJA funding decisions were then made by DCW. While the Task Force made strong and clear recommendations, the Task Force was still removed from making funding decisions in support of their annual recommendations.

In order to strengthen the work of the CJA Task Force, increase the involvement and engagement of CJA Task Force members, and increase transparency with the community, Colorado chose to alter the way the CJA funding decisions are made. In 2012, the CJA Task Force developed an RFA -- Request for Application -- process where organizations throughout Colorado apply to be a sub-recipient of CJA funding. The CJA Task Force reviews the applications and makes direct funding recommendations. The sub-recipients implement their projects and report back to the CJA Task Force about their progress, successes, replicability, dissemination, and project barriers.

In 2013, two RFAs were released and six projects were chosen by the CJA Task Force to be CJA grant sub-recipients. A total of \$108,000 was awarded between March 2013 and March 2014. Progress reports were received at the end of the award period.

All grant sub-recipients align with one of the three categories outlined in CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A)(B)(C):

- (A) Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as cases involving suspected child maltreatment related fatalities and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal, in a manner which reduces the additional trauma to the child victim and the victim's family and which also ensures procedural fairness to the accused;
- (B) Experimental, model, and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings or enhance the effectiveness of judicial and administrative action in child abuse and neglect cases, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation cases, including the enhancement of performance of court-appointed attorneys and guardians ad litem for children, and which also ensure procedural fairness to the accused; and
- (C) Reform of State laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols and procedures to provide comprehensive protection for children from abuse, including sexual abuse and exploitation, while ensuring fairness to all affected persons.

All grant sub-recipients also align with at least one of the current CJA Recommendations:

1. Build capacity in rural areas to ensure procedural fairness in the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect.

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2. Develop resources that ensure procedural fairness in the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect.
3. Continue to develop and support training opportunities for child protection workers, domestic violence advocates, law enforcement officers, GALs, and judges to improve the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect.
4. Support the activities of the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) Fatality Review Team and the CDHS Child Fatality Review Team (CFRT) in disseminating information statewide.
5. Coordinate efforts with other recommending bodies to identify areas that support system-responses to child abuse and neglect.
6. Explore and make recommendations on the needs of youth who are involved across the Department of Youth Corrections and the Division of Child Welfare Services.

Below are short descriptions of each of the March 2013 – March 2014 CJA Grant sub-recipients:

- **7th Judicial District Children's Advocacy Center, DBA Dolphin House; \$16,751:** Funds were awarded to support the completion of a forensic interviewer training through Dolphin House, a CAC in the Southwest region of Colorado. In addition, this Southwest region is on the list for 2014 to receive the new Colorado-specific training. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2 and #3.*
- **Fremont County Department of Human Services; \$4,775:** Funds were awarded to provide the *Bridges out of Poverty* training to Child Welfare staff, as well as to community partners. The *Bridges out of Poverty* training looks at the barriers facing people living in poverty, as well as identifying ways to effectively remove those barriers for children and families involved in the investigation, assessment, or prosecution of cases of Child Abuse and Neglect. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1 and #3.*
- **Prowers County Department of Human Services; \$19,725:** Funds were awarded to establish a multi-disciplinary child welfare oversight team, including a neutral facilitator to assist in problem-solving related to the investigation, assessment, or prosecution of cases of Child Abuse and Neglect in the Prowers County community. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2 and #3.*
- **Ralston House Children's Advocacy Center; \$20,000:** Funds were awarded to provide a training series for Children's Advocacy Center and county personnel to improve the investigation and administrative handling of cases of Child Abuse and Neglect. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #2 and #3.*
- **Sungate Kids Children's Advocacy Center; \$20,000:** Funds were awarded to organize a two-day conference focusing on the needs of developmentally disabled individuals during forensic interviews. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #2 and #3.*

- **Tu Casa, Inc.; \$26,191.00:** Funds were awarded to support the establishment of a fully-functioning Children's Advocacy Center in the San Luis Valley catchment area, a six-county rural and resource-challenged community in Colorado. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, #3 and #5.*
- The Task Force did not receive any applications that addressed recommendations #4 or #6, and did not wish to reduce funding for the awarded sub-recipients to release another RFA to cultivate a project that addressed those recommendations.

Other CJA Activities

While the majority of CJA funds are distributed through the RFA process, a few CJA activities remained separate from the RFA process in both the 2013-2014 and upcoming 2014-2015 grant periods:

- **Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Forensic Interview Training; \$43,797:** In order to improve Colorado's ability to assess and investigate reports of abuse and neglect, CJA funding was utilized to purchase a forensic training that was adapted specifically for Colorado law and rule and to train Colorado-based trainers. CJA funding was also utilized in 2013 and 2014 to train up to 36 forensic interviewers throughout the State of Colorado. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, #3 and #5.*
- **START; \$32,666:** The State and Regional Team (START) is one program at The Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect. START is a multi-disciplinary team that provides consultation and training throughout the State of Colorado. START includes expert input from a variety of disciplines, including, but not limited to: pediatric medicine, forensic psychology, law, social work, and law enforcement. CJA funding supports START consultations for Law Enforcement agencies and/or County Departments of Human Services who are investigating child abuse/neglect cases and preparing for child abuse/neglect trials. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, and #3.*
- **Pediatric Consultation; \$17,735:** Both CAPTA and CJA funding is utilized to ensure that all counties have access to expert pediatricians. These pediatricians are members of the Institutional Abuse Review Team (IART), the CJA Task Force, and are available on an individual basis as consultants and trainers to law enforcement and county departments of human services. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, #3 and #5.*
- **Colorado Drug Endangered Children; \$11,425:** In partnership with the Colorado Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, counties child welfare workers were offered training on assessment of risk and safety as related to homes where marijuana grows are present. The training was delivered in multiple urban and rural locations across the state, in consultation with state and county practitioners. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, and #3.*
- **CDPHE Child Fatality Review; \$54,816:** CJA funds supported the CDPHE review of child fatality prevention through September 30, 2013. The CJA Task Force also worked with CDPHE until September 30, 2013 and has been working with CFRT since October 2014 regarding responding

to CFRT recommendations. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, #3 and #5.*

- **Special Projects; \$59,214:** In order to support the recommendations of other recommending bodies, such as the CDPHE Child Fatality Review and the CDHS Child Fatality Review, funds were also used for a variety of special projects. These projects included training for caseworkers on addressing issues of domestic violence, collecting data to inform program improvement activities, and providing secondary trauma support for professionals investigating child abuse and neglect. *These special projects align with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A)(B) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5.*

Part IV: Prior Year Budget Expenditure Line Item

Category	Description	Budget	Actuals (FFY13)
Personnel	Salary and Benefits, Program Assistant II	\$60,500	\$16,207
Travel	CJA Federal Grantees Meeting (2 representatives)	\$4,000	\$1,478
Operations	Supplies, Copying, Teleconferencing and Operations costs	\$2,000	\$3,317
Contractual	Child Advocacy Center Forensic Interview Training	\$34,500	\$43,797
	START	\$30,000	\$32,666
	Pediatric Consultation	\$15,000	\$17,735
	CO Department of Public Health and Environment (Fatality Review)	\$47,000	\$54,816
	Colorado Drug Endangered Children	\$11,425	\$7,445
RFA rounds 1 & 2 and Special Projects 2013-2014	Support for multidisciplinary training and pilot projects designed to improve the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect.	\$61,055	\$82,034
Indirect	CDHS uses an actual cost allocation model to bill indirect costs. Historically, these costs have represented appx. 7% of the awarded grant amount.	\$19,879	\$20,999
TOTAL		\$281,379	\$280,494

Part V: Three-year Assessment

This section is not applicable for Colorado in 2014.

Part VI: Proposed Activities/Application

Proposed Activities

The CJA Task Force met on April 8, 2014 to review the current CJA Task Force activities and recommendations. The CJA Task Force agreed to continue with the current activities and to slightly alter the recommendations until Colorado's 2015 Three-Year Assessment when a full review of the recommendations will be completed.

The modified recommendations are as follows:

1. Build capacity in rural areas to ensure procedural fairness in the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect.
2. Develop resources that ensure procedural fairness in the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect.
3. Continue to develop and support training opportunities for child protection workers, domestic violence advocates, educators, early intervention workers, law enforcement officers, GALs, and judges to improve the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect.
4. Support the activities of the CDHS Child Fatality Review Team in disseminating information.
5. Coordinate efforts with other recommending bodies to identify areas that support system-responses to child abuse and neglect to ensure collaboration among recommending bodies, rather than duplication of work.
6. Explore and make recommendations on the needs of youth who are involved with both delinquency proceedings and child welfare services.

After the first RFAs were released in 2013, the CJA Task Force found that most funding applications were for one-time trainings or projects with limited sustainability. To improve the quality and sustainability of the projects, the CJA Task Force decided to release up to \$193,000 in RFA funds over an 18-month period (April 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015). In addition, the CJA Task Force increased reporting requirements, with progress reports due every six months, a verbal report to the CJA Task Force, and a site visit by CJA Task Force members. Below is a description of the projects awarded funds through the 2014 Request for Applications Process:

- **Colorado Drug Endangered Children; \$12,094:** Funds were awarded to develop print and electronic reference materials on the impact of substance use on children and families. The application fits well with the CJA goal of conducting training for personnel in law enforcement and child welfare, and creates a solid deliverable that can have an impact beyond this project. CJA Task Force supports funding for first 6 months (April 1 – September 30, 2014), but requested that a work plan for the dissemination of reference materials be submitted with the initial progress report due August 30, 2014. The CJA Task Force would like the second year of funding (Oct 1, 2014 - Sept 30, 2015) to be contingent upon review of the initial progress report and work plan. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #2, #3 and #5.*

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- **Denver Children's Advocacy Center; \$27,454:** Funds were awarded for the development of Pilot "Caregiver Project" with Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center to support kinship, non-relative and foster families to improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings involving children affected by child abuse/neglect. Since funding pilot programs like this, in accordance with the CJA Goal, is riskier than funding an established program, the CJA Task Force has recommended that the second year of funding (Oct 1, 2014 to Sept 30, 2015) be contingent upon submission and approval of the initial progress report due August 30, 2014. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(B) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #2 and #3.*
- **7th Judicial District Children's Advocacy Center, DBA Dolphin House; \$9,161:** Funds were awarded for 50% of the salary for a forensic interviewer. This rural community has had an increase in child interviews and partners have asked for an additional forensic interviewer. Dolphin House has been able to raise some of the funds for this position, as well as funds to sustain the position after CJA funding ceases. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, and #3.*
- **Pueblo Children's Advocacy Center; \$7,420:** Funds were awarded for a part-time Forensic Interviewer/Family Advocate. Pueblo is an area in high need of additional forensic interviewers and this funding request is for only six months to support the position while other funds for this are secured. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, and #3.*
- **Ralston House Children's Advocacy Center; \$8,350:** Funds were awarded to update the Jefferson County Child Abuse Investigation Policy and Procedure Manual and for training for child abuse investigators and services providers. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #2 and #3.*
- **Tu Casa, Inc.; \$9,718:** Funds were awarded for capacity-building in the San Luis Valley, including multi-disciplinary team decision-making training and facilitation, the development of regional CAC guidelines, and the provision of training opportunities for investigators. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, #3 and #5.*

While the majority of CJA funds will be distributed through the RFA process, a few activities will remain separate from the FA process in the 2014-2015 grant period:

- **Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Forensic Interview Training; \$11,810:** In order to improve Colorado's ability to assess and investigate reports of abuse and neglect, CJA funds will be utilized through September, 2014 to continue training forensic interviews. As of September, 2014 a total of 36 forensic interviewers will have completed training over the last two years throughout the State of Colorado. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, #3 and #5.*
- **START; \$30,000:** The State and Regional Team (START) is one program at The Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect. START is a multi-disciplinary team that provides consultation and training throughout the State of Colorado. START includes expert

input from a variety of disciplines, including, but not limited to: pediatric medicine, forensic psychology, law, social work, and law enforcement. CJA funding will continue to support START consultations for Law Enforcement agencies and/or County Departments of Human Services who are investigating child abuse/neglect cases and preparing for child abuse/neglect trials. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, and #3.*

- **Pediatric Consultation; \$15,000:** Both CAPTA and CJA funding is utilized to ensure that all counties have access to expert pediatricians. These pediatricians are members of the Institutional Abuse Review Team (IART) and are available on an individual basis as consultants and trainers. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, #3 and #5.*

On-Going Evaluation of Performance

For performance monitoring of the RFA grant sub-recipients, the CJA Task Force is requiring the following reporting:

- Make at least one (1) annual presentation by phone or in person to the CJA Task Force;
- Participate in one (1) annual site visit with CJA Task Force members;
- Provide three (3) progress reports, due September 30, 2014, March 30, 2015 and September 30, 2015;
- Show that they are performing to their agreement by providing timely reporting that demonstrates improved outcomes;
- Demonstrate quality performance by providing timely reporting that demonstrates improved outcomes and through communication with the CAPTA Administrator and the CJA Task Force;
- Provide additional information as requested to assess performance. Methods used to assess performance will include a review of documentation reflective of performance, including status reports, meeting minutes, electronic data, and on-going fiscal desk monitoring.

For the projects not funded through the RFA process, the CJA Task Force requires the following:

- Submission of quarterly progress reports;
- Make at least one (1) annual presentation by phone or in person to the CJA Task Force;
- Show that they are performing to their agreement by providing timely reporting that demonstrates improved outcomes;
- Demonstrate quality performance by providing timely reporting that demonstrates improved outcomes and through communication with the CAPTA Administrator and the CJA Task Force;
- Provide additional information as requested to assess performance. Methods used to assess performance will include a review of documentation reflective of performance, including status reports, meeting minutes, electronic data, and on-going fiscal desk monitoring.

Proposed FY14 Budget

Category	Description	Budget FFY15
Personnel	Salary and Benefits, Program Assistant II	\$64,800
Travel	CJA Federal Grantees Meeting (2 representatives)	\$4,000
Operations	Supplies, Copying, Teleconferencing and Operations costs	\$3,500
Contractual	Child Advocacy Center Forensic Interview Training	\$30,000
	START	\$30,000
	Pediatric Consultations	\$15,000
Awarded via RFA 2014- 2015	Support for multidisciplinary training and pilot projects designed to improve the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect.	\$115,442
Indirect	CDHS uses an actual cost allocation model to bill indirect costs. Historically, these costs have represented approximately 7% of the awarded grant amount.	\$22,000
TOTAL		\$284,742

Part VII: Certification of Lobbying Form

See next page.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Signature  for

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