



COLORADO
Department of Human Services

Rafael López, Commissioner
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
Mary E. Switzer Building
330 C Street, SW
Washington, DC 20201

May 31, 2016

Re: Children's Justice Act Report and Application FY2016
Log No: ACYF-CB-PI-16-01

Dear Commissioner Lopez:

I am pleased to submit Colorado's application for Children's Justice Act (CJA) funds in the amount of \$287,602.00. The following information is submitted:

The applicant agency is the Colorado Department of Human Services, 1575 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203, Fax (303) 866-4214.

The contact person in this agency is Lorendia Schmidt, CAPTA Administrator, (303) 866-4268 and Fax (303) 866-5563.

The Employer Identification Number is 84-0644739.

Included in this submission are a:

Letter with the required assurances signed by Governor Hickenlooper;
Description of the 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 the three-year assessment completed by the CJA Task Force;
Description of proposed activities for the upcoming year; and,
Certification of Lobbying Form.

Thank you for the continued opportunity to have the State of Colorado fulfill the vision of the Children's Justice Act.

Sincerely,


Reggie Bicha
Executive Director



**Children's Justice Act
State of Colorado
Fiscal Year 2016
Report and Re-Application**

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

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COLORADO
Gov. John Hickenlooper

May 16, 2016

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Administration on Children, Youth, and Families
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Washington, D.C. 20201

Re: Children's Justice Act Report and Application FY 2016, Log No: ACYF-CB-PI-16-01

Dear Commissioner Lopez:

This letter is to certify that:

1. The State received the FY 2015 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; and
4. The State will make such reports to the Secretary as may reasonably be 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 (CJA); 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.

Thank you for the continued opportunity to have the State of Colorado fulfill the vision of the Children's Justice Act.

Sincerely,

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor



Part I: 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 (Public Law 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	Executive Director, Child Advocates – Denver CASA	<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
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. Ms. Collins 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
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
Sheri Danz	Deputy Director, Office of the Child’s Representative	Ms. Danz received her J.D. degree in 2000 from the New York University School of Law and began working in 2007 with the Colorado Office of the Child’s Representative (OCR). Ms. Danz now serves as the Deputy Director with OCR and joined the CJA Task Force in the Spring of 2014.	Child Advocate (Attorney for Children)

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Name	Title	Background Description	Task Force Designation
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
Amy Ferrin	Deputy District Attorney, Special Victims Unit, Office of the District Attorney, 18 th Judicial District	Ms. Ferrin is a prosecutor in Arapahoe County. She has worked in the Special Victim Unit since 2012, specializing in crimes involving child victims, including sexual assault on a child and serious child physical abuse. Recently, Ms. Ferrin is leading the elder abuse unit, focusing on cases involving caretaker neglect and physical abuse.	Interim prosecuting attorney
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
Rochelle Galey	Substance Abuse Services Treatment Coordinator, Division of Youth Corrections	Ms. Galey has been with the Division of Youth Corrections since 2004. She is a graduate of the University of Southern Indiana and received her master’s in social work from the University of Tennessee. Ms. Galey has worked within a variety of mental health treatment agencies, including multiple youth and children service agencies before moving into coordinator and management roles.	Mental Health Professional

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Name	Title	Background Description	Task Force Designation
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
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

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Name	Title	Background Description	Task Force Designation
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
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
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.	Child Protective Services 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
Anne Tapp	Executive Director, Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence (SPAN)	Ms. Tapp has served as Executive Director at Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence (SPAN) since 1997. Prior to holding this position, she was the SPAN Shelter Program Director for six years. Ms. Tapp sits on numerous local, statewide, and national boards and task forces addressing domestic violence and related issues.	Individual experienced in working with homeless children and youths
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
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

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 following outlines the meeting activities that occurred in 2015-16, as well as the plan for 2016-17.

2015-16 Task Force Meeting activities:

- August 2015: Review of 2015-17 Request for Proposal (RFP)
- October 2015: Finalize funding recommendations for the 2015-17 RFP
- February 2016: Review of current funding activities; Consultation with the Colorado District Attorney's Council (CDAC) to develop a new child abuse and neglect training for prosecutors
- April 2016: Review of current funding activities; Conversation with the Colorado Court Improvement Program to discuss judicial training opportunities.

2016-17 Task Force Meeting activities:

- August 2016: Review of current funding activities; Consultation to the Colorado Judicial Department's Judicial Training Unit to review current training and mentoring for Colorado Judicial Officers and provide recommendations for improvement.
- October 2016: Plan for 2017-18 Request for Proposals (RFP)
- February 2017: Finalize funding recommendations for 2017-18 RFP
- April 2017: Review of current funding activities

Part III: Prior Year Projects/Activities and Performance Report

Request for Proposals

In 2012, the CJA Task Force developed a Request for Proposal (RFP) process where organizations throughout Colorado apply to be a sub-recipient of CJA funding. Utilizing a RFP process strengthens the work of the CJA Task Force, increases the involvement and engagement of CJA Task Force members, and increases transparency with the community. 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, performance, and project barriers.

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.

During the current reporting period, May 30, 2015 through May 31, 2016, the CJA Task Force funded projects through two separate RFPs, one with a funding cycle of April 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015 and a second with a funding cycle of October 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016.

2014 RFP

In 2014, six projects were chosen by the CJA Task Force to be CJA grant sub-recipients for a total of \$185,185, with funding available from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

All grant sub-recipients also aligned with at least one of the FFY2014 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.
2. Develop resources that ensure procedural fairness in the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect.

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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.

Below are short descriptions of each CJA Grant sub-recipient, along with the total amount awarded for activities conducted between April 2014 and September 2015:

- **Colorado Drug Endangered Children, \$24, 282:** Funds were awarded to develop reference materials (print and online) related to the impact of substance use on children and families. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #2 and #3.*
- **Denver Children's Advocacy Center, \$76,909:** Funds were awarded for the development of a pilot "Caregiver Project" in conjunction with Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center to support kinship, non-relative, and foster families. *This project aligned 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, \$23,819:** Funds were awarded to provide funding for 50% of the salary for a forensic interviewer. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1 and #3.*
- **Pueblo Children's Advocacy Center, \$7,420:** Funds were awarded for a part-time Forensic Interviewer/Family Advocate. *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; \$23,600:** Funds were awarded to update the Jefferson County Child Abuse and Investigation Policy and Procedure Manual and for training for child abuse investigators and services providers. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and (C), and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #2 and #3.*
- **Tu Casa, Inc., \$29,155:** Funds were awarded for capacity-building in the San Luis Valley catchment area, a six-county rural and resource-challenged community in Colorado. Activities funded include multi-disciplinary team decision-making training and facilitation, the development of regional CAC Guidelines, and the provision of training opportunities for investigators. *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.

2015 RFP

In 2015, another RFP was released and six projects were chosen by the CJA Task Force to be CJA grant sub-recipients. A total of \$273,793 was awarded between October 1, 2015 and March 31, 2017. Please note that this project spans two different CJA awards:

Sub-Recipient	Award Amount 10-1-15 to 9-30-16	Award Amount 10-1-16 to 3-31-17	Total Award Amount 10-1-15 to 3-31-17
Colorado Children’s Alliance	\$12,556.00	\$18,410.00	\$30,966.00
Colorado Drug-Endangered Children Kempe Center	\$28,162.00	\$14,936.00	\$43,098.00
Pueblo Children’s Advocacy Center	\$7,454.00	\$3,727.00	\$11,181.00
Ralston House	\$57,200.00	\$28,600.00	\$85,800.00
Tu Casa	\$36,120.00	\$17,100.00	\$53,220.00
Total Award Amounts	\$172,011.00	\$101,782.00	\$273,793.00

All grant sub-recipients also align with at least one of the FFY2015 CJA Recommendations:

1. Ensure that all professionals involved in the assessment, investigation, and judicial handling of child abuse and/or neglect throughout the State of Colorado are well-qualified by supporting:
 - a. The creation or replication of multi-disciplinary trainings;
 - b. Effective multi-disciplinary case review processes;
 - c. Multi-disciplinary consultations processes; and
 - d. Innovative programs that further partnerships, ensure the use of best-practice, and prevent the further occurrence child abuse and/or neglect.
2. Ensure that all resources and trainings have the maximum impact through:
 - a. Improved accessibility of resources and training opportunities;
 - b. Extensive reach (geographically and quantity of participants);
 - c. The use of clear performance outcomes;
 - d. Enhanced knowledge and skill transfer activities that support sustainability; and
 - e. Using current technology.
3. Ensure that CJA-supported trainings do not duplicate other trainings available in Colorado, by:
 - a. Requiring that Request for Proposal (RFP) responses demonstrate that any proposed trainings do not duplicate existing trainings (see Part IV, page 23 of the Colorado FY15 CJA Report and Reapplication for more details); and,
 - b. Providing scholarships to individual judicial officers, prosecuting attorneys, and other individuals involved with the investigation and assessment of child abuse and/or neglect

to attend existing in-state trainings and continuing education (see Part IV, page 23 of the Colorado FY15 CJA Report and Reapplication for more details).

4. Increase the dissemination and replication of effective models, programs, and trainings by requiring that:
 - a. All CJA RFP sub-grantees:
 - i. Detail how proposed models, programs, and trainings will be sustained past CJA funding;
 - ii. Detail how outcomes and information related to "experimental, model, and demonstration programs" as outlined in CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(B) will be disseminated to communities throughout Colorado; and,
 - iii. Submit progress reports, present to the CJA Task Force, and participate in one site visit to provide an opportunity for information-sharing.
 - b. All CJA training scholarship recipients:
 - i. Detail how information learned at education and training opportunities will be disseminated to their co-workers and/or communities, and,
 - ii. Provide a written or oral report to the CJA Task Force about what they learned after attending a CJA-funded education and training opportunity.
5. Increase the rate of successful prosecution of child abuse and/or neglect through:
 - a. Implementation of evidence-based programs;
 - b. Ensuring well-trained and well-supported professionals (forensic interviewers, prosecutors, judicial officers, child welfare workers, etc.); and
 - c. Implementation of innovative and/or pilot programs.

Below are short descriptions of the CJA Grant sub-recipient activities:

- **Colorado Children's Alliance:** Funds were awarded to train forensic interviewers using the Colorado model for forensic interviewing. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and Colorado CJA Recommendations #2, #4, and #5.*
- **Colorado Drug Endangered Children:** Funds were awarded to align hospital policies and/or guidelines on the identification of babies prenatally exposed to substances and the process for referring families for assessment and support. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, and #4.*
- **Kempe Center and Colorado Children's Alliance:** Funds were awarded develop a network throughout Colorado consisting of local and regional experts in communities around the state and focused on providing guided learning and mentoring to local multi-system teams of providers. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, and #4.*
- **Pueblo Children's Advocacy Center:** Funds were awarded for support of core, ongoing services and programs in multidisciplinary team development and forensic investigation. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2 and #5.*
- **Ralston House Children's Advocacy Center:** Funds were awarded for a half-time prosecutor. This prosecutor will observe as many forensic interviews of children and teens as possible and participate in the multidisciplinary team investigative process. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and (C) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1 and #5.*

- **Tu Casa, Inc.:** Funds were awarded for capacity-building in the San Luis Valley catchment area, a six-county rural and resource-challenged community in Colorado. Activities funded included hiring bilingual, qualified multi-disciplinary team Coordinator to provide coordination and preparation of materials, hiring a qualified Family Advocate to provide family advocacy and coordination among partners for child abuse cases, and regional multi-disciplinary trainings. *This project aligned with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, and #3.*

Other CJA Activities

While the majority of CJA funds are distributed through the RFP process, a few CJA activities remained separate from the RFP process. Below are brief description of each activity, along with the actual amounts expended, if applicable, between May 2015 and May 2016:

- **Alignment with the Colorado Child & Family Services Plan (CFSP), Annual Progress & Services Report (APSR), and Child & Family Services Review (CFSR):** During the three-year assessment, information about the CFSP, APSR, and CFSR were shared with the CJA Task Force. The purpose of reviewing the CFSP state goals was to ensure that the CJA Task Force was aware of both the plan and the goals. The review of the CFSP state goals as part of the 3-year assessment allowed the CJA Task Force to take into account the CFSP state goals when they developed their CJA Task Force goals. The CJA Task Force provided feedback as a stakeholder group to the 2015 APSR and will continue to provide feedback for each annual report. In addition, individual members of the CJA Task Force have been involved in planning for the next CFSR and will continue to provide the link between the CFSR and the CJA Task Force.
- **Colorado Children's Alliance - Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Forensic Interview Training, \$9,006:** In order to improve Colorado's ability to assess and investigate reports of abuse and neglect, CJA funding was utilized in 2014 to train forensic interviewers throughout the State of Colorado. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #2, #4, and #5.*
- **Court and Legal Representation Improvement Work:**
 - **Colorado District Attorney's Council (CDAC):** The CJA Task Force is currently partnering with the CDAC to develop a new child abuse and neglect training for prosecutors. The CJA Task Force has provided consultation as CDAC has developed the curriculum, and the CJA Task Force will provide funds to ensure that rural prosecutors are able to attend the training. The first training is scheduled for June 2016 and additional trainings will be conducted as needed. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendation #2.*
 - **Colorado Court Improvement Program (CIP) and Judicial Training Department:** The CJA Task Force has approached Colorado CIP and the Judicial Training Department to identify opportunities for improvement in the training and support of judicial officers. The CJA Task Force, CIP and the Judicial Training Department are conducting a needs

assessment and the CJA Task Force will support recommendations over the next year. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, and #3.*

- **Colorado's Office of the Child's Representative (OCR):** In the past, the CJA Task Force provided funding to OCR to develop a Guided Reference in Dependency (GRID) that provides guidance to Guardians ad Litem regarding laws and policies that related to dependency & neglect petitions. In 2015, the CJA Task Force provided funds (see "Special Projects") and consultation to update the GRID and to print additional copies. The GRID is now available online: <http://www.coloradochildrep.org/grid/>. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #4 and #5.*
- **Pediatric and Expert Case Consultation, \$34,907:** Both CAPTA and CJA funding is utilized to ensure that all counties have access to expert pediatricians and other experts for case consultation. The 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. The expert case consultation is provided by The State and Regional Team (START) 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, #3 and #5.*
- **Special Projects, \$6,895:** Not all of the funds awarded to sub-recipients were utilized by the sub-recipients, leaving funds available for special projects. These projects supported the training for caseworkers and community agencies on issues related to the investigative and administrative handling of cases of Child Abuse and Neglect, and The Indian Child Welfare Act. Funds were also utilized to support the update to the Guided Reference in Dependency (GRID). *These special projects align with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A)(B) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #1, #2, and #3.*
- **Training Scholarships, \$2,707:** CJA Task Force set aside \$10,000 from the RFP process to create a scholarship fund to support individual judicial officers, prosecuting attorneys, and other individuals involved with the investigation and assessment of child abuse and/or neglect. These funds will be available to support attending in-state trainings and continuing education activities, and will be available to cover travel, lodging, per diem, and registration fees. An application process was implemented and a sub-committee of the CJA Task Force was created to review scholarship applications and award funds on an ad-hoc basis. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #2 and #5.*

Part IV: Prior Year Budget Expenditure Line Item

Category	Description	Budget	Actuals (FFY15)
Personnel	<p>CDHS has a 100% Time and Effort Reporting policy to ensure that costs associated with a grant are accurately represented. Salary and Benefits costs are included for the following staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Assistant II (0.90 FTE) • CAPTA Administrator (0.25 FTE) • Contracts and Grants Supervisor (0.05 FTE) 	\$79,680	\$88,492
Travel	CJA Federal Grantees Meeting (2 representatives)	\$4,000	\$2,911
Operations	Supplies, Copying, Teleconferencing and Operations costs	\$2,500	\$740
Contractual			
	Colorado Children's Alliance		\$9,006
	Pediatric and Expert Case Consultation		\$34,907
	Special Projects		\$6,895
Scholarship Fund	Travel, lodging, per diem, and registration fees for individuals involved in the assessment, investigation, or judicial handling of child abuse and/or neglect to attend trainings and continuing education activities in Colorado. Requests will be approved by the Scholarship CJA Task Force sub-committee on an ad-hoc basis.	\$10,000	\$2,707
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.	\$167,663	
	Colorado Drug Endangered Children		\$14,594
	Denver Children's Advocacy Center		\$63,071
	Pueblo Child Advocacy Center		\$3,710
	Ralston House		\$15,753
	Tu Casa		\$19,974
Indirect	CDHS uses an actual cost allocation model to bill indirect costs. Historically, these costs have represented approximately 7% of the awarded Grant amount.	\$20,000	\$12,494
TOTAL		\$283,843	\$275,254

Part V: Three-year Assessment

Not applicable for Colorado.

Part VI: Proposed Activities/Application

Proposed Activities

The current RFP cycle ends on March 31, 2017, and thus, the CJA Task Force will release available funds through a RFP process (see budget on page 23) with a funding cycle of April 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018.

In addition, the CJA Task Force will engage in the following activities to meet CJA Recommendations:

- **Alignment with the Colorado Child & Family Services Plan (CFSP), Annual Progress & Services Report (APSR), and Child & Family Services Review (CFSR):** The CJA Task Force provided feedback as a stakeholder group to the 2015 APSR and will continue to provide feedback for each annual report. In addition, individual members of the CJA Task Force have been involved in planning for the next CFSR and will continue to provide the link between the CFSR and the CJA Task Force.
- **Court and Legal Representation Improvement Work:**
 - **Colorado District Attorney's Council (CDAC):** The CJA Task Force is currently partnering with the CDAC to develop a new child abuse and neglect training for prosecutors. The CJA Task Force has provided consultation as CDAC has developed the curriculum, and the CJA Task Force will provide funds to ensure that rural prosecutors are able to attend the training. The first training is scheduled for June 2016 and additional trainings will be conducted as needed.
 - **Colorado Court Improvement Program (CIP) and Judicial Training Department:** The CJA Task Force has approached Colorado CIP and the Judicial Training Department to identify opportunities for improvement in the training and support of judicial officers. The CJA Task Force, CIP and the Judicial Training Department are conducting a needs assessment and the CJA Task Force will support recommendations over the next year.
 - **Trafficking:** In 2013, Colorado created a Human Trafficking Task Group (HTTG) to develop a child welfare response to human trafficking. The HTTG is now working to implement Public Law 113-183 and 114-22, as well as state laws that relate to human trafficking. One of the CJA Task Force co-chairs is also a member of the HTTG steering committee and is ensuring that there is a link between the HTTG and the CJA Task Force, by sharing information between the two groups.
- **Training Scholarships:** CJA Task Force set aside \$10,000 from the RFP process to create a scholarship fund to support individual judicial officers, prosecuting attorneys, and other individuals involved with the investigation and assessment of child abuse and/or neglect. These funds will be available to support attending in-state trainings and continuing education activities, and will be available to cover travel, lodging, per diem, and registration fees. An application process was implemented and a sub-committee of the CJA Task Force was created to review scholarship applications and award funds on an ad-hoc basis. *This project aligns with CAPTA Section 107(e)(1)(A) and with Colorado CJA Recommendations #2 and #5.*

On-Going Evaluation of Performance

For performance monitoring of the RFP grant sub-recipients, the CJA Task Force asks each sub-recipient to identify clear performance measures in their application for funds. In addition, the CJA Task Force requires 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 progress reports every six (6) months during the funding cycle;
- 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;
- Submit regular invoices;
- 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.

If for any reason, the CJA Task Force chooses to support other projects not funded through the RFP process, the CJA Task Force will require 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;
- Submit regular invoices;
- 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 FY16 Budget

Category	Description	Budget FFY16 October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016
Personnel	CDHS has a 100% Time and Effort Reporting policy to ensure that costs associated with a grant are accurately represented. Salary and Benefits costs are included for the following staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Assistant II (0.90 FTE) • CAPTA Administrator (0.25 FTE) • Contracts and Grants Supervisor (0.05 FTE) 	\$80,000
Travel	CJA Federal Grantees Meeting (2 representatives)	\$4,000
Operations	Supplies, Copying, Teleconferencing and Operations costs	\$2,500
Scholarship Fund	Travel, lodging, per diem, and registration fees for individuals involved in the assessment, investigation, or judicial handling of child abuse and/or neglect to attend trainings and continuing education activities in Colorado. Requests will be approved by the Scholarship CJA Task Force sub-committee on an ad-hoc basis.	\$10,000
Awarded via RFP 15-17	Support for multidisciplinary training and pilot projects designed to improve the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect.	\$172,011
Other Activities	Support for linkages with the Colorado CIP and Judicial Training Department	\$9,091
Indirect	CDHS uses an actual cost allocation model to bill indirect costs. Historically, these costs have represented approximately 7% of the awarded grant amount.	\$20,000
TOTAL		\$287,602

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.

 May 31, 2016

Signature and Date
Reggie Bicha

Printed Name
Executive Director

Title
Colorado Department of Human Services

Organization