



KEEPING KIDS SAFE AND FAMILIES HEALTHY 2.0

Enhancing Family Supports and Prevention Services - Core Services Program

	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
Total Funds	\$0	\$6,133,671	\$6,133,671
General Fund	\$0	\$6,133,671	\$6,133,671

Summary of Request

The Department of Human Services is requesting \$6,133,671 ongoing General Fund beginning in FY 2013-14. The purpose of these funds is to provide in-home family supports and prevention services via the Core Services Program with an emphasis on keeping children safe in their homes and providing increased support to parents and families who are struggling to remain together safely.

Problem/Opportunity

County departments and one tribe in Colorado use state funding to provide in-home child welfare services.

- In recent years Core Services funding demands have exceeded the annual allocation as the number of individuals served has grown 78% from 15,226 in FY 2009-10 to 27,070 in FY 2011-12.
- As a result of this increase in demand for services the counties have limited the services an individual or families can receive and rely on funds transferred from the Child Welfare Services line, county-only funds, TANF, and other funding sources.
- Increasing the funding for Core Services will enable counties to meet the increasing demand for in-home services, reduce dependence on alternative funding sources, and enable counties to better budget their Core Services allocation.

Proposed Solution and Anticipated Outcomes

The Department is requesting funding to align the Core Services allocation with the demonstrated need to provide county departments additional Core Services dollars for prevention and intervention services.

An increase in Core Services funding is anticipated to allow:

- Children to remain safely in their homes;
- Increased support to parents and families who are struggling to remain together safely;
- County departments to expand the services within an existing operating framework;
- County departments to utilize county designed services that are tailored to draw upon the best community resources to meet the family's needs.