



## KEEPING KIDS SAFE AND FAMILIES HEALTHY 2.0

### *Bridging Health and Human Services Child Abuse Services by Augmenting Nurse Family Partnerships*

	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
Total Funds	\$291,097	\$1,637,184	\$1,553,073
General Fund	\$291,097	\$1,637,184	\$1,553,073
FTE	0.0	1.8	2.0

#### ***Summary of Request***

The Department is requesting \$291,097 General Fund in FY 2012-13, and \$1,637,184 General Fund and 1.8 FTE in FY 2013-14. The request annualizes to 2.0 FTE and \$1,553,073 in FY 2014-15. This request will enhance prevention services for families at risk of entering the child welfare system by augmenting the Nurse Family Partnership program. By building a positive partnership between the Nurse Family Partnership program and local child welfare agencies, the Department seeks to direct prevention services to at-risk families.

#### ***Problem/Opportunity***

A review of Colorado's substantiated child abuse reports shows that young children under the age five are at the greatest risk for being subject to child abuse or neglect. Within this young population, a review of the child fatality reports shows that children under age 3 are at the greatest risk for being victims of fatal child abuse. The Nurse Family Partnership program serves at risk first-time mothers and is in a unique position to identify families in need of preventive services and other social services programs.

- Individual families, county departments of social services and local health agencies will benefit from greater coordination and collaboration that brings together research and best practices from the human services and public health fields.
- The funds will augment the Nurse Family Partnership program to link the program and its public health components with human services and its social work foundation.

#### ***Proposed Solution and Anticipated Outcomes***

The Department will augment Nurse Family Partnership and develop policy and operating framework to bridge public health and human services. The requested funds will focus on the following areas:

- A referral process and rules that bridge human services, Nurse Family Partnership, and similar public health programs.
- Coordination, system navigation, training, and evaluation of the service delivery to determine what changes are needed to make child abuse prevention services more efficient and effective for the target population.