



## KEEPING KIDS SAFE AND FAMILIES HEALTHY 2.0

### *Prevention Services - SafeCare*

	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
Total Funds	\$733,001	\$2,210,784	\$3,874,776
General Fund	\$733,001	\$2,210,784	\$3,874,776
FTE	0.9	1.0	1.0

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

The Department of Human Services is requesting \$733,001 General Fund and 0.9 FTE in FY 2012-13, and \$2,210,784 General Fund and 1.0 FTE in FY 2013-14 to fund prevention services for families at risk of entering into the child welfare system. This request will expand the evidenced-based prevention program SafeCare to nine sites throughout the state by FY 2015-16.

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

A review of Colorado's substantiated child abuse reports shows that young children under age five are at the greatest risk for being subject to child abuse or neglect. Within this 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 Department is proposing to target this population by delivering pro-active child abuse prevention services that support families in understanding the health, development and safety needs of young children.

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

The Department is requesting funding to enhance child abuse and neglect prevention services for at-risk families. The funding will implement the SafeCare model at nine sites throughout the state over the next three years. The location of the sites will be based on an assessment of the service area's demographics, the needs identified by a review of county department child welfare data, the providers' ability to find a location and staff for a site, and the referral process established by the Department in partnership with county departments.

- Each site will serve 200 families, this equates to 600 families in year one, 1,200 families in year two and 1,800 families in year three.
- A ten-year Oklahoma-based study indicated that families who participated in SafeCare were 21 percent to 26 percent less likely to experience child protective services reports when compared to families receiving limited or no home visitation services.