



KEEPING KIDS SAFE AND FAMILIES HEALTHY 2.0

Transparency Enhancements – Enhanced Reporting and Public Facing Website

	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
Total Funds	\$230,040	\$30,000	\$30,000
General Fund	\$230,040	\$30,000	\$30,000

Summary of Request

The Department of Human Services is requesting \$230,040 General Fund in FY 2012-13 and \$30,000 in FY 2013-14 and beyond. This funding will allow the Department to create a public facing website that will make child welfare and youth corrections data available to county departments and the public on an on-going basis. This allows citizens to review non-identifying, aggregated data concerning child welfare and juvenile justice services. In addition, it allows State and county department leadership to review data and make informed decisions and practice changes to respond to the needs of Colorado families.

Problem/Opportunity

Data reporting and transparency is essential to identifying deficiencies in the Child Welfare system. It allows for Coloradans to understand the Child Welfare and Youth Corrections systems and to pro-actively identify trends in these fields.

- Currently, the Child Welfare and Youth Corrections data system, TRAILS, has limited reporting capability and fragmented data.
- County departments currently have limited access to TRAILS data, even if they have in-house experts.
- In addition, the general public has no simple method in which to request or access child welfare or juvenile justice data.

Proposed Solution and Anticipated Outcomes

The proposed public-facing website allows for improved reporting of child welfare and youth corrections data in a manner that streamlined and user-friendly. The new reporting functionality and public facing website will:

- Enable citizens to learn more about child welfare and youth correction services across the state.
- Improve performance management related to identification of child welfare and juvenile justice trends.
- Enable Coloradans to identify ways to improve the delivery of child welfare and juvenile justice services across the state, and prevent further penetration into both systems.