

Developmental Disabilities Programs

Colorado Division for Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

- Address:** Colorado Department of Human Services
Division for Developmental Disabilities
4055 S. Lowell Blvd., Denver, CO 80236
(303) 866-7450
- Website:** www.cdhs.state.co.us/ddd
- Purpose:** The mission for Colorado's Division for Developmental Disabilities is to join with others to offer the necessary supports with which all people with developmental disabilities have their rightful chance to: be included in Colorado community life, make increasingly responsible choices, exert greater control over their life circumstances, establish and maintain relationships and a sense of belonging, develop and exercise their competencies and talents and experience personal security and self-respect.
- Eligibility:** Persons with a developmental disability are those who have a “disability that is manifested before the person reaches twenty-two years of age, which constitutes a substantial disability to the affected individual, and is attributable to mental retardation or related conditions which include cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or other neurological conditions when such conditions result in impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of a person with mental retardation” (CRS 27-10.5-102). For children under five years of age, eligibility is based on determination of either a developmental delay or factors putting the child at risk of having a developmental disability.
- Services:** DDD provides leadership for the direction, funding, and operation of services to persons with developmental disabilities within Colorado.
- Application:** In Colorado, a person must be determined eligible by a Community Centered Board (CCB) in order to receive services in the DDD system, contact Foothills Gateway to apply for various services offered by the DDD system and to be assessed for eligibility.

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Community Centered Boards (CCB): Foothills Gateway Inc.

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Website: www.cdhs.state.co.us/ddd/CCB_Main.htm
www.foothillsgateway.org

Purpose: Community Centered Boards (CCBs) are private non-profit organizations designated to deliver services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Foothills Gateway, Inc. is a CCB that exists to empower and support citizens with cognitive disabilities, their families, and other populations, as appropriate, to achieve their maximum potential and independence.

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Different programs have different eligibility requirements, call to inquire about specific program eligibility guidelines.

Services: CCBs are responsible for intake, eligibility determination, service plan development, arrangement of services, delivery of services (either directly and/or through purchase), monitoring, and many other functions. Programs managed and offered through CCBs include adult programs for individuals 18 years and older, some are primarily support whereas others

are more comprehensive. Services are also available to children and their families.

Services include: Resource Coordination/Case Management, Early Childhood Connections, Family Support Services Program (FSSP), Supported Living Services (SLS), Residential Services & HUD Program Administration, Supported Employment Services, Work Services, Community Participation Services, Special Habilitation Services, Transportation and Adult Care Services.

Visit the Foothills Gateway website for an explanation of each service or call and speak with an intake case manager.

Application: Various services have extensive waitlists. It is best to call and request an assessment as early as possible. If an individual starts services prior to the age of 18 make sure they are assessed and placed on a waitlist for adult programs. It is suggested that youth get on a waitlist for adult services by the age of 14.