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Medical Insurance

Social Security Insurance (SSI)

- Address:** Social Security Administration
6401 Security Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21235
- 1-800-772-1213 Mon-Fri 5am-10 pm and Sat 6am-3pm
- Local:** Social Security Administration
301 S Howes Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-7354
- Website:** www.socialsecurity.gov
- Purpose:** SSI is a cash assistance program to assist with paying for basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter for individuals with disabilities. SSI pays only for total disability. No benefits are payable for partial disability or short term disability. In Colorado a qualified disabled person can receive up to \$674.00 per month.
- Eligibility:** In order for an individual to be considered disabled by the Social Security Administration (SSA) the individual must have impairment which results in the inability to engage in substantial gainful activity and can be expected to result in death or has lasted/can last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months. A person might also be considered disabled based on blindness. In addition to eligibility based on disability there are income limits that are factored into eligibility.
- Services:** SSI provides income assistance. Individuals determined to be eligible for SSI are also then eligible for Medicaid.
- Application:** Complete an application for SSI disability benefits by calling the toll free number (1-800-772-1213) between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and making an appointment. You may choose to apply for benefits either by phone or in person at the local Social Security office listed above. SSI can be applied for at any time. If the individual has SSI as a child the individual will be re-evaluated when he/she turns 18. If denied as a child or not yet on SSI, apply 3-4 months before the child's 18th birthday (the evaluation process takes 3-4 months and occasionally legal assistance is needed).

Medical Insurance

Medicare

- Address:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244
- 1-800-MEDICARE assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Local:** Larimer County Department of Human Services
1501 Blue Spruce Dr.
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 498-6300 (970) 498-7987 Fax
- Website:** www.medicare.gov
- Purpose:** Medicare is a health insurance program for people age 65 or older, some disabled people under age 65, and people of all ages with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure treated with dialysis or a transplant).
- Eligibility:** In most cases, a person is eligible for Medicare after he/she has received Social Security Administration (SSA) cash benefit for 24 months. In order to be considered disabled by SSA, a person must have a physical and/or mental impairment that keeps him/her from working for at least 12 months or is expected to result in death. The impairment must keep him/her from doing any “substantial” work. A person might also be considered disabled based on blindness. Call the Medicare hotline listed above for more specifics on eligibility.
- Services:** There are three parts to Medicare:
- Part A (Hospital Insurance)
Helps pay for skilled nursing, home health care, hospice care and in-patient hospital care
 - Part B (Medical Insurance)
Helps pay for medical services such as for doctor’s services, outpatient hospital care, laboratory tests, durable medical supplies, certain preventative care, limited physical and occupational therapy
 - Part D (Prescription Insurance)
Helps pay for prescription drugs
- Application:** Call to consult with a Medicare Specialist for the time to pursue application. The speed of the process depends on individual cases so initiate the application early.

Medical Insurance

Medicaid

- Address:** Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
1570 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203
- Local:** Larimer County Department of Human Services
1501 Blue Spruce Dr.
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 498-6300 (970) 498-7987 Fax
- Website:** www.colorado.gov/hcpf
- Purpose:** Colorado Medicaid is public health insurance for persons with disabilities. In addition to Medicaid there is another benefit called Long Term Care Medicaid (LTC). LTC Medicaid benefits help people who need ongoing medical or social support. LTC Medicaid includes nursing facility care and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) where medical providers come into the home to provide the necessary services to keep a individual with a disability from being institutionalized in a nursing facility or hospital. LTC Medicaid also includes social support services such as Supportive Living Services (SLS).
- Eligibility:** Individuals between the ages of 18 and 64 must be determined to be blind or disabled by the Social Security Administration (SSA) standards in order to be eligible for Medicaid. If an individual is eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) from Social Security Administration (SSA) then they will automatically receive Medicaid. Income and assets are also factored in when determining eligibility. Family Medicaid is also available for non-disabled individuals but is based upon family size, income and the age of the applicant.
- For Long Term Care Medicaid Services a person must be found to be financially eligible and functionally eligible. Functional eligibility is determined by the agency managing the LTC program such as a Community Centered Board for individuals with developmental disabilities (Foothills Gateway) or a Single Entry Point for individuals with disabilities and older adults (Larimer County Options for Longterm Care).
- Services:** Medicaid helps to pay for services such as inpatient and outpatient medical services, medications, home health care, durable medical supplies and physical exams. For a more extensive explanation of covered services contact Medicaid representative at your local office.

Medical Insurance

Medicaid (Continued)

Medicaid helps to fund community based programs at your Community Centered Board (Foothills Gateway) and your Single Entry Point (Larimer County Options for Longterm Care).

Application: An individual can apply directly at Larimer County Department of Human Services or one can choose to apply for SSI with the SSA to see if eligible for both SSI and Medicaid. The speed of the process depends on individual cases so initiate the application early, it is suggested to begin at least four months prior to the individual's 18th birthday.

If interested in Long Term Care Medicaid programs make sure you specify such an interest on your Medicaid application as well as contact Single Entry Point and/or Community Centered Board. There are often waitlists with different programs so inquire early to ensure you are on the best timeline.

Medical Insurance

Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP)

Address: Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
1570 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203

Local: Poudre Valley Hospital
1024 S. Lemay Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 495-7200

Salud Family Health Center
1635 Blue Spruce Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 494-4040

Family Medicine Center
1025 Pennock Place
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Website: www.colorado.gov

Purpose: CICP is NOT a health insurance program. CICP provides partial reimbursement to participant health care providers in exchange for them providing discounted medical care to underinsured and uninsured Colorado residents.

Eligibility: To be eligible for discounted services under the program, applicants must meet both residency and income/asset requirements. Applicants must have income and resources combined at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and cannot be eligible for Medicaid or CHP+. There are no age limitations for CICP eligibility. Applicants can have Medicare and any other commercial health insurance policy, but these policies must be exhausted before CICP reimburses the health care provider.

Services: Services are restricted to participating hospitals and clinics throughout the state. Services are provided under a co-payment cap in that no individual will pay more than 10% of their income in a 12-month calendar period for medical care from a participating health care provider.

Application: To get more information and to complete an application go to one of the participating hospitals and clinics listed above. Applications must be filed within 90 days of the rendered service.

Health Services

Health District of Northern Larimer County

- Local:** The Health District of Northern Larimer County
120 Bristlecone Drive
Fort Collins, Colorado 80524
(970) 224-5209 (970) 221-7165 Fax
- Website:** www.healthdistrict.org
- Purpose:** The Health District works to meet local healthcare needs. It provides prescription assistance, mental health services, dental services, preventive care and health planning services.
- Eligibility:** Most services are open to all residents of the district, some services are available only to low-income residents.
- Services:** Dental services, mental health services, heart disease screenings, adult immunizations, smoking cessation, nutrition counseling and classes, prescription assistance and flu shots.
- Application:** Call to determine eligibility and available services and to set up an appointment. Mental Health services should be set up with Connections:

Connections: Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources
525 W. Oak St. (inside the Larimer Center for Mental Health)
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521
(970) 221-5551

Health Services

Health and Environment

- Address:** Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246
(303) 692-2800
- Local:** Larimer County Health and Environment
1525 Blue Spruce Dr.
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 498-6700 (970) 498-6772 Fax
- Website:** www.larimer.org/health
www.cdphe.state.co.us
- Purpose:** Larimer County Health and Environment exists to promote a healthy community and reduce unnecessary suffering caused by preventable disease, disability, or death. This mission is accomplished by providing community health and environmental health services, communicable disease control, health education, vital records management, health data assessment, development of policies that advance the public's health, and advocacy for community-based services that provide needed health care.
- Eligibility:** Most services are open to all residents of the district, some services are available only to low-income residents.
- Services:** Immunizations, Family Planning Services (birth control, sexually transmitted diseases, reproductive health education), Maternal Service Programs (nurse home visitation programs, Prenatal Plus, access to prenatal and postpartum services), Healthcare program for Children with Special Health Needs (HCP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Medicaid Outreach Program for children and pregnant women (EPSDT), Adult Health Services, Tobacco Education and Prevention Program, Communicable disease program and Environmental Health Services
- Application:** Call to determine eligibility, available services and costs and to set up an appointment.

Health Services

Salud Family Health Centers

- Local:** Salud Family Health Center
1635 Blue Spruce Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 494-4040 (970) 494-4076 Fax
- Multiple Larimer County Locations- See website
- Website:** www.saludclinic.org
- Purpose:** To provide quality, comprehensive primary health care services, and to improve the overall health of the communities it serves by reducing barriers to health care, including: ability to pay, transportation, and language.
- Eligibility:** Services are designed to meet the needs of low income individuals. Financial charges are based on ability to pay through the utilization of income and size of family as key factors in a sliding-fee scale.
- Services:** Medical, dental, women's health and pediatric services.
- Application:** Call to determine available services and to set up an appointment. Transportation assistance may be available if transportation presents as a barrier to treatment.

Mental Health

Larimer Center for Mental Health (LCMH)

- Local:** Larimer Center for Mental Health
“Connections”
525 W. Oak Street
Fort Collins, CO 80521
(970) 221-5551
- 24 hour emergency services (970) 494-4300
- Website:** www.larimercenter.org
- Purpose:** LCMH works to deliver high quality mental health treatment, education and supportive services to promote improved quality of life for persons with emotional and stress-related disorders and mental illness.
- Connections is a division of LCMH that partners with the Health District of Northern Colorado to provide emergency services and referrals. LCMH partners with Island Grove to provide substance abuse treatment.
- Eligibility:** Most services are open to all residents of the district, some services are available only to low-income residents. Fees and level of service are determined on an individual need basis. Call for an assessment or to receive referrals to additional mental health providers in the community.
- Services:** Intensive case management, consumer advocacy, social support, vocational support, residential treatment, housing services, supervised community living, independent living support, medical services, medication support, substance abuse treatment and therapy.
- Application:** Call to determine eligibility, available services and fees, and to set up an appointment.

Mental Health

Colorado State University Psychological Services

- Local:** Colorado State University Psychological Services Center
C43 Clark Building
Fort Collins, CO 80523
(970) 491-5212 (970)-491-3380 Fax
- Website:** www.colostate.edu/Depts/Psychology/PSC/
- Purpose:** The Psychological Services Center offers therapy and assessment services to the Fort Collins area.
- Eligibility:** Fees and level of service are determined on an individual basis. Call for an assessment.
- Services:** Offers a wide range of therapeutic and diagnostic services including: psychotherapy for individuals, couples, families, and children; consultation services with social agencies, schools, legal, and medical professionals; intellectual, personality, neuro psychological assessments, vocational assessments, and childhood disorders assessments.
- Application:** Call to set up an intake appointment. There is frequently a waitlist so make an initial call to inquire on the status of the waitlist.

Sexual Education

Planned Parenthood

- Address:** Planned Parenthood Federation of America
434 West 33rd Street
New York, NY 10001
(212) 541-7800 (212) 245-1845 Fax
1-800-230-PLAN
- Local:** Planned Parenthood
825 S. Shields Street
Fort Collins, CO 80521
(970) 493-0281
- Website:** www.plannedparenthood.org
- Purpose:** Planned Parenthood exists to provide comprehensive reproductive and complementary health care services.
- Eligibility:** Available to anyone by appointment or walk-in.
- Services:** Birth control, breast exams, emergency contraception, annual gynecological exams, abortion services, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, prenatal care, pregnancy testing and counseling, and male health services.
- Application:** Make an appointment or walk in during business hours.

Sexual Education

Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center

- Address:** Planned Parenthood Federation of America
434 West 33rd Street
New York, NY 10001
(212) 541-7800 (212) 245-1845 Fax
1-800-230-PLAN
- Local:** Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center
1212 S. College Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 221-5121
24 hour hotline (970) 226-3899
- Website:** www.thealphacenter.org
- Purpose:** A Christian medical clinic that provides support, education and counsel to individuals facing decisions about sexuality, relationship and pregnancy issues.
- Eligibility:** Available to anyone who is sexually active and not seeking abortion services or anyone wanting information on issues related to sexual activity. All services are free and confidential.
- Services:** Pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, peer counseling, post-abortion help, material assistance/referrals, limited ultrasound, pre and post-natal support, pregnancy support groups, information on sex, pregnancy, abstinence, abortion and birth control.
- Application:** Make an appointment or walk-in during business hours.

Life Skills Programs

Steppin' Out

- Local:** Steppin' Out
P.O. Box 1155
Fort Collins, CO 80522
(970) 498-6990 request to speak with Pia Jansen-Lock
- Website:** www.steppinout.org
- Purpose:** Steppin' Out seeks to recognize participating youth for their accomplishments in overcoming difficult challenges during childhood and adolescence, support participants in making connections to a caring community by maintaining continued contact through age 21, provide learning opportunities that heighten skills for successful employment and daily living and help participating youth develop personal responsibility by promoting gratitude as a life principle.
- Eligibility:** Participants must be exiting out-of-home placement. Youth participants must be taking steps to seek employment, further their education, and achieve self-sufficiency.
- Services:** Throws a celebration for the youth exiting foster care services. Provides support after the youth have exited foster care into independent living.
- Application:** Youth must be nominated by an agency or individual. Contact the organization prior to the individual's 18th birthday for an application.

Life Skills Programs

Chafee Foster Care Independence Program

- Address:** Colorado Department of Human Services
Division of Child Welfare
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, Colorado 80203
(303) 866-5932
- Local:** Larimer County Department of Human Services
The Hub-
1525 Blue Spruce Dr.
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 498-6700 (970) 498-6772 Fax
- Website:** www.cdhs.state.co.us/childWelfare/Chafee.htm
- Purpose:** To provide age appropriate independent living services to youth aged 16-21 who are in out-of-home placement or to young adults aged 18-21 who were in out-of-home placement on or after their 18th birthday.
- Eligibility:** Must meet Department of Social Services eligibility requirements and be at risk of aging out of foster care.
- Services:** Services are tailored to each individual and focus on employment, money management, household management, community resources and personal skills. Services include support groups, employment assistance, communication skills, transportation assistance, rental assistance, cooking lessons, help with higher education and other individualized services.
- Application:** Chafee Program services are initiated by a referral from the youth's primary caseworker. Inquire with the individual's caseworker or call The Hub (970) 498-6990 and speak with a Chafee Specialist to see if a referral can be initiated.

Life Skills Programs

Cooper Home Learning 4 Living

- Address:** Poudre School District
Johannsen Support Services Center
2407 LaPorte Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80521
(970) 482-7420
- Local:** Cooper Home Learning 4 Living
740 E. Stuart Street
Fort Collins, CO 80525
- Website:** www.psd.k12.co.us
- Purpose:** A collaborative effort between students, parents and the community to assist students in moving towards natural supports within the community and the worksite while fostering independence.
- Eligibility:** Students ages 18-21 who are currently receiving services through PSD Integrated Services. Must demonstrate transition needs in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Students must be interested in community based education and have completed their credits required for graduation prior to entering. It is preferred that students have taken at least 2 semester of ACE in High School prior to participation.
- Services:** Services include job development and coaching, training in work-related skills, independent living preparation, daily living and social skills training, assistance with navigating outside agency services, guidance with higher education, assistance accessing public transportation, leisure and recreation activities and other individualized services. A person-centered approach is utilized and services and schedules are determined by the student with the support of his or her team. This is a 2 year program.
- Application:** Work with the individual's high school social worker, counselor or case manager to arrange transition plans and to see if Cooper Home Learning 4 Living is an appropriate program to meet the needs and interests of the individual.

Life Skills Programs

Community Connections

- Address:** Poudre School District
Johannsen Support Services Center
2407 LaPorte Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80521
(970) 482-7420
- Local:** Community Connections
2901 S. Shields Street
Fort Collins, CO 80526
(970) 282-3790
- Website:** www.psd.k12.co.us
- Purpose:** This program is designed to assist 18-21 year old students with significant learning needs in the Poudre School District transition from high school to adult living/post secondary education.
- Eligibility:** Students ages 18-21 who are currently receiving services through PSD Integrated Services. Must demonstrate transition needs in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Students typically transition to this program after participating in Adaptive Skills and Life Skills programs offered in the PSD High Schools.
- Services:** This program teaches adult living skills, community recreation and access skills and employment/volunteer skills. Employment opportunities are a priority of this program and employment assistance is offered through an ACE Employment Coach.
- Application:** Work with the individual's high school social worker, counselor or case manager to arrange transition plans and to see if Community Connections is an appropriate program to meet the needs and interests of the individual.

School-to-Work Programs

Professional and Community Experience (PaCE)

- Address:** Poudre School District
Johannsen Support Services Center
2407 LaPorte Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80521
(970) 482-7420
- Local:** All district high schools in Fort Collins:
Fort Collins High School
Rocky Mountain High School
Poudre High School
Fossil Ridge High School
- Website:** www.pdschools.org/programs/schooltocareer/pace.aspx
- Purpose:** PaCE offers an opportunity for any student to step outside the school walls and explore various career options. It is an opportunity to learn from experts in the field using state-of-the-art technology and procedures. The community experience allows students to gain on-the-job experience in areas of career interest, and many local businesses realize that students with a broad-based education and hands-on experience are better prepared to enter the workforce.
- Eligibility:** This program is open to any high school student who has completed Critical Skills with a C or better. Student must demonstrate a motivation for this program. Students are required to make career-related contacts in the community. Student must apply, have a portfolio review and be accepted into the program.
- Services:** Instruction and experiential learning opportunities that can offer job leads and transferable work skills. Includes: internships, paid work experience, mentoring, career tours, pre-apprentice and summer experience.
- Application:** Speak with the school guidance counselor to inquire about the course, scheduling and to receive an application. Upon completion of the application an appointment will be scheduled with the PaCE Director to review your portfolio and discuss options.

School-to-Work Programs

Alternative Cooperative Education (ACE)

Address: Poudre School District
Johannsen Support Services Center
2407 LaPorte Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80521
(970) 482-7420

Local: All district high schools in Fort Collins:
Centennial High School
Fort Collins High School
Fossil Ridge High School
Poudre High School
Rocky Mountain High School

ACE services are also integrated into the transition programs:
Cooper Home Learning 4 Living
Community Connections

Website: www.psdschools.org/programs/schooltocareer/ace.aspx

Purpose: The Alternative Cooperative Education program (ACE), a vocational program in Poudre School District, provides work experience, related classroom instruction and vocational transition planning for high school students with special needs. Students develop personal and career skills preparing them to live and work independently as vital, contributing members of their community.

Eligibility: This program is for individuals on an Individual Education Plan (IEP) who demonstrate a need for transition services.

Services: Classroom instruction and experiential learning opportunities to assist the student in develop personal and career skills. Can include: internships, paid work experience, mentoring and career tours.

Application: Speak with the site based ACE coordinator to inquire about the program, eligibility and enrollment.

School-to-Work Programs

School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP)

- Local:** Poudre School District
SWAP
2900 South College Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80525
(970) 223-1635
- Website:** www.psdschools.org/programs/specialeducation/schooltoworkallianceprogram.aspx
- Purpose:** The School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) is a collaborative between Colorado Department of Education, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and community based organizations to provide counseling and guidance, job development, job placement, on-the-job training and job-site support to assist young people with disabilities to become employed and self sufficient.
- Eligibility:** The individual must want to work, have the capabilities to work independently, be between the ages of 16-25, and must have already exited or will be exiting high school.
- Services:** Case management, career exploration, career development, employment related instruction, job development and placement and follow-up.
- Application:** The appropriate time for a SWAP referral is when an individual's primary focus is employment and they are available for services. However, as funding fluctuates and waitlists are enlisted it does not hurt to call early to inquire about the best timing for application. Referrals can be made by the home school through the Integrated Services department or school counselors, by a Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Case Manager or directly by an interested individual. Call the SWAP office to make a referral. Integrated Services teachers work closely with SWAP and should have a current contact person with the SWAP program for further inquiries.

School-to-Work

High School Programs at Front Range Community College

- Local:** The High School Programs at Front Range Community College
4616 S Shields St
Fort Collins, CO 80526
(970) 204-8370
- Website:** www.frontrange.edu
- Purpose:** The 12 high school programs offered at FRCC/Larimer County provide advanced career and technical training experiences for juniors and seniors from the public high schools in Larimer and Weld counties. These Career and Technical Education Programs are instructional programs designed to prepare students for gainful employment in an occupation. Such programs include competency-based, applied learning that contributes to a person's academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes/ethics, general employability skills and the occupation-specific skills necessary for economic independence as a productive and contributing member of society. Students will receive high school "elective" credits which is transcript on the home high school transcript only, credits do not apply towards college.
- Eligibility:** In order to be found eligible the student must apply and demonstrate to be a good fit per recommendation of their home high school faculty. Speak with FRCC and the school counselor to determine eligibility and space availability for these programs.
- Services:** All career and technical programs emphasize and contain a number of important elements: hard skills (occupational and/or specialty skills in a particular trade), soft skills (career survival skills i.e. critical thinking, team work etc.), career exploration, applied academics (all programs integrate "applied" math, physics, writing/composition, and computer literacy skills into their curriculum), and research skills.
- The current Career and Technical Programs offered include: Animal Technology & Research, Architecture & Landscape Design, Automotive Technology & Service, Carpentry, Culinary Arts, Ironworking & Industrial Welding, Medical Careers Exploration (Nurse Aide Training), Welding & CAD and Wildlife, Forestry & Natural Resources.

School-to-Work

High School Programs at Front Range Community College (Continued)

Application: The application process begins at the home high school. Interested students must contact their home high school counselor and apply for one of The High School Programs at Front Range Community College (Larimer Campus). The enrollment period begins each year in January and is completed in May for enrollment/attendance the following calendar year.

Those juniors and seniors selected by their home high school counselor to attend one of The High School Programs at Front Range Community College (Larimer Campus) receive a scholarship from their respective school district, usually ranging from \$2,700-\$2,800 per calendar school year. There is no tuition cost to the student. Selected students are expected to be committed to an entire academic school year at FRCC/LC, August through May.

Education

Center for Educational Access and Outreach: Education Talent Search

- Local:** Center for Educational Access and Outreach
304 Student Services Building
Fort Collins, CO 80523
(970) 491-6473
- Website:** www.ceao.colostate.edu
- Purpose:** The Center for Educational Access and Outreach seeks "to make education accessible to all persons and groups" by developing the talents of ethnically diverse, first generation (neither parent has earned a bachelor's degree), or limited income individuals from ages 11 (6th grade) to adulthood.
- Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a program that provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to the postsecondary school of their choice.
- Eligibility:** Services are designed for individuals, ages 11 (6th grade) to adulthood, who are of ethnically diverse backgrounds, first generation (neither parent has earned a bachelor's degree), and/or limited income. Call to inquire further about eligibility guidelines.
- Services:** The Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program assists eligible sixth grade, middle school and high school students in reaching their educational goals by: facilitating educational workshops, assisting students with the class selection process so that students will become academically prepared for college, conducting field trips to businesses, colleges, universities and youth leadership conferences and providing individual career, college admissions and financial aid counseling. In addition to meeting with students throughout the school year this program offers two summer programs, LIFE (Looking Into Future Expectations) exploration of college, career, and life opportunities and PHSI (Pre-High School Institute) to assist new high school freshmen in the transition from Jr. High to High School.
- Application:** Call to determine program schedules, eligibility and enrollment.

Education

Center for Educational Access and Outreach: Upward Bound

- Local:** Colorado State University
304 Student Services Building
Fort Collins, CO 80523
(970) 491-6473
- Website:** www.ceao.colostate.edu
- Purpose:** The Center for Educational Access and Outreach seeks "to make education accessible to all persons and groups" by developing the talents of ethnically diverse, first generation (neither parent has earned a bachelor's degree), or limited income individuals from ages 11 (6th grade) to adulthood.
- The Upward Bound (UB) Program assists high school students in developing the academic skills and motivation needed to successfully complete high school and to enter college upon graduation.
- Eligibility:** This program is designed to serve low income and potential first generation college students.
- Services:** Students receive academic advising, after-school tutoring, weekend study skills workshops and opportunities to visit colleges and universities. Upward Bound offers an academic year and summer component.
- Application:** Call to determine program schedules, eligibility and enrollment.

Education

Center for Educational Access and Outreach: Educational Opportunity Center

- Address:** Center for Educational Access and Outreach
304 Student Services Building
Fort Collins, CO 80523
(970) 491-6473
- Local:** Educational Opportunity Center
419 Canyon Ave # 312
Fort Collins, CO 80521
(970) 221-4421
- Website:** www.ceao.colostate.edu
- Purpose:** The Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) assists adults in furthering their education.
- Eligibility:** The Educational Opportunity Center provides services to participants in the following Colorado counties: Larimer, Weld, Adams, and the Denver community of Montbello.
- Services:** Assistance with admissions and financial aid processes, information on scholarships, student loans and deferment, career exploration, academic and financial aid workshops, referral to Adult Basic Education (ABE) General Education Development (GED) and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs, information on postsecondary educational opportunities, coordination with nearby postsecondary institutions and activities designed to involve and acquaint the community with higher education opportunities.
- Application:** Call to determine program schedules, eligibility and enrollment.

Education

Colorado Education and Training Voucher (ETV)

- Address:** Administration for Children and Families
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201
- Local:** Colorado Department of Human Services
Division of Child Welfare
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, Colorado 80203
(303) 866-5932
- Website:** www.statevoucher.org
www.cdhs.state.co.us/childWelfare/Chafee.htm
- Purpose:** The Colorado Education and Training Voucher Program offers funds to foster youth and former foster youth to enable them to attend colleges, universities and vocational training institutions.
- Eligibility:** In order to be found eligible the student must have been in foster care on their 18th birthday and aged out at the time, or had their foster care case closed between the ages of 18 and 21 or were adopted from foster care with adoption finalization after their 16th birthday. Additionally the student must be a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen. Their personal assets (bank account, car, home, etc.) are not worth more than \$10,000. Lastly, they must be aged 18, 19 or 20 when they first apply to the ETV Program. To receive the voucher they must have been accepted into or enrolled in an accredited program at a college, university, technical or vocational school. To remain eligible for ETV funding, the student must show progress towards a degree or certificate.
- Services:** Students may receive up to \$5000 a year for four years as they pursue higher education. The funds may be used for tuition, books or qualified living expenses.
- Application:** Go online to apply and create an account to follow up on the application status. Make sure that eligibility guidelines influence when you apply, i.e. between the ages of 18-20.

All Colorado undergraduates are eligible for up to \$2400 in additional funding. Ask about the Colorado Opportunity Fund at the student's program's financial aid office.

Education

Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Contact:** 1-800-433-3243
- Website:** www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Purpose:** Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education, ensures that all eligible individuals can benefit from federally funded or federally guaranteed financial assistance for education beyond high school.
- Eligibility:** Individuals seeking higher education (college, community college, vocational/training schools) and need financial assistance. This application determines financial need.
- Services:** Determines eligibility for loans, federal grants, scholarships and other monies to assist with paying for higher education. FAFSA data is often needed for other scholarships,
- Application:** Go online to apply and create an account. Paper applications can be completed with a high school counselor or a financial aid counselor within the higher education institute. Apply by March 1 in the spring of the year the student is planning on attending. IF the student is a dependent then the application is to be completed by their parent/guardian.

Education

Colorado Community College and Occupational Education System: Front Range Community College

Address: Colorado Community College System
9101 East Lowry Blvd
Denver, CO 80230
(303) 620-4000

Local: Front Range Community College
4616 S Shields St
Fort Collins, CO 80526
(970) 226-2500

Website: www.cccs.edu
www.frontrange.edu

Purpose: To provide an accessible, responsive learning environment that facilitates the achievement of educational, professional and personal goals by our students and other members of our communities in an atmosphere that embraces academic excellence, diversity and innovation.

Eligibility: The CCCS has an open-door admissions policy that encourages everyone to pursue their dreams of a quality, affordable education.

Services: The Colorado Community College System awards nearly 9,500 Associate degrees and certificates annually in more than 800 post secondary programs, including arts and sciences, information technologies, health care, agriculture, communication technologies, law enforcement, fire science and business.

Application: Go online to apply or contact the Community College of the student's choice to complete an application and determine the best timeline for application and enrollment.

Education

General Equivalence Development (GED)

Purpose: The General Equivalence Degree (GED) is an opportunity for individuals who have not graduated from high school to earn a high school equivalency diploma. The test is centered on skills which would be learned during four years of high school, and consists of five different sections: reading, writing, social studies, science, and math. The GED can increase your employment opportunities.

Eligibility: The American Council on Education sets the following eligibility requirements for GED testing: residency to the jurisdiction administering the test, must not already hold a traditional high-school diploma or a GED. GED Tests are not administered to a candidate who is enrolled in an accredited high school. To take the GED tests one must be at least 16 years of age.

Services: GED Testing:

Colorado State University Testing Center: 491-6498

CSU is an official testing site for taking the GED. Call for hours.

\$65 testing fee; \$13 retest fee; \$4 Daily Parking Permits

Ask at preparation sites (Front Range Community College and Larimer County Workforce Center) about vouchers and waivers for testing costs.

GED Preparation Sites:

Education and Life Training Center:

401 Linden Street, Fort Collins

484-4357 www.eltcenter.org

Morning and afternoon classes. \$60 for year. Ask about scholarships.

Registration every 8 weeks and ongoing (individuals can call at anytime to enroll).

Core Center:

114 Bristle Cone, Fort Collins

484-2580

Monday – Thursday 10 am to noon, Tuesday and Thursday 6 to 8 pm.

\$20 per semester. Tuition includes cost of workbooks.

Ask about scholarships.

Education

General Equivalence Development (GED) Continued

GED Preparation Sites (continued):

Center for Adult Learning, Front Range Community College:
Blanca Peak Building, Room 102, 4616 S Shields, Fort Collins
204-8181
Age 17 and over
\$20 fee per semester

Poudre High School GED Program:
201 Impala Drive, Fort Collins
488-6090
Open to the public ages 17 and over. Enroll at any time.

Centennial High School (PSD):
330 E. Laurel Street, Fort Collins
488-4940
Transition school, helps students move from high school to workplace or to continuing education classes, GED prep available.

Larimer County Workforce Center:
200 W. Oak Street Suite 5000, Fort Collins
498-6600 www.larimerworkforce.org

2 Hearts Academy – Drop out retrieval program:
3600 Mitchel Drive, Fort Collins
266-9652
Students at risk who have dropped out of high school attend classes from 9:00 to 3:00 and are able to study for GED as well as receive Community College credits for a small fee. For at risk youth ages 16-21.

Application: Apply to each GED program separately. Register for the GED by contacting the CSU testing center.

Employment

Larimer County Workforce Center (LCWC)

- Address:** Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
633 17th Street, Suite 201
Denver, CO 80202
(303) 318-8000
- Local:** Larimer County Workforce Center
200 W. Oak Street, Suite 5000
Fort Collins, CO 80521
(970) 498-6600
- Website:** www.coworkforce.com
www.larimerworkforce.org
- Purpose:** Larimer County Workforce Center works to connect individuals with the people and experiences that can help one attain a job or guide one towards a future career path.
- Eligibility:** Some programs are based on age. Must be a resident of Larimer County.
- Services:** Employment related counseling, referrals to job openings, assistance with applications and resumes, various workshops, networking opportunities, information on laws regarding youth employment, referrals to training and apprenticeship programs, referrals to community services and computer lab access.

Youth Programs:

YouthLink:

YouthLINK Services provides comprehensive employment and training opportunities and employment services for youth 16 to 21 facing employment challenges. There are limited services and opportunities available for 14 and 15-year-olds. Working with a youth career counselor, young adults have the opportunity to design an individualized career plan that targets academic, life skill, training, and employment areas.

To qualify for YouthLink one must be economically disadvantaged and face a barrier to employment. Contact LCWC for eligibility determination and to apply.

Employment

Larimer County Workforce Center (LCWC) Continued

Larimer County Youth Conservation Corps (LCYCC):

The Larimer County Youth Conservation Corps empowers youth to become engaged citizens by completing service projects for the environment and community while promoting skill development for personal and professional growth through summer employment. 16-19 year olds engage in paid, productive, full-time service work that creates lasting benefits. The summer program runs 8-10 weeks. Teams work on community projects, small scale construction, and environmental/open space projects. Interested youth must apply for posted positions. Contact the LCWC for more information and to apply.

There is also a year-round employment program through AmeriCorps. Employees mainly work in the schools, helping with tutoring, conflict resolution, and volunteerism. All employees must have graduated from high school or plan on obtaining their GED.

LCYCC provides opportunities for Corps members to have access to GED classes, career exploration, leadership and team building, and more. Applications are available for any of these positions at all times.

Application: Register anytime between the ages of 14 and 21. After age 21, Larimer County Workforce Center offers many free employment and training services for adults.

Employment

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

- Address:** Colorado Department of Human Services
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-4150
- Local:** Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
2850 McClelland Drive, #2000
Fort Collins, CO 80525
(970) 223-9823
- Website:** www.cdhs.state.co.us/dvr
- Purpose:** To assist eligible individuals with disabilities to become productive members of the Colorado workforce and to live independently.
- Eligibility:** Eligibility is based on need for employment assistance as a result of a disability, call to inquire about specific eligibility guidelines as well as waitlists based on an order of selection process.
- Services:** DVR is able to provide a variety of services to eligible individuals to help them obtain their employment goals. The eligible individual and the vocational rehabilitation counselor work together to determine which services are necessary and appropriate for the individual's identified employment goal. The services provided to any eligible individual are determined by his/her unique employment barriers, his/her chosen employment goal, and his/her individual circumstances. Services can include: evaluation and diagnostic services, counseling and guidance, physical and mental restoration services, job training, technology services, job placement assistance and supportive services.
- Additional programs are also offered through DVR such as the Independent Living Program. The purpose of the Independent Living Program is to promote a philosophy of independent living (IL), including consumer control, peer support, self help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy, to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with significant disabilities, and to promote and maximize the integration and full inclusion of individuals with significant disabilities into the mainstream of American society. DVR contracts with ten independent living centers (ILCs), statewide, to provide independent living services to individuals with significant disabilities.
- Application:** Contact the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to inquire more about various programs, waitlists and eligibility. Due to waitlists and an order of selection process be sure to inquire early. Also consider SWAP (School-to-Work Alliance Program) if the individual is still in high school.

Employment

Colorado State University Center for Community Partnerships (CCP)

- Local:** Center for Community Partnerships (CCP)
Colorado State University Department of Occupational Therapy
320 Occupational Therapy Building
Fort Collins, CO 80523
(970) 491-5930
- Website:** www.ccp.colostate.edu
- Purpose:** To provide comprehensive and individualized services for youth and adults with disabilities and/or challenges as they pursue employment, independent living, recreational and community access goals. In addition, consultative and educational services are provided for K-12 schools and colleges/universities in regards to accommodations and supports for students with disabilities as they pursue their educational goals.
- Eligibility:** CCP services are for youth and adults with developmental disabilities, mental illness, brain injury or other disabilities. This program is a fee-for-service program.
- Services:** CCP implements four unique community-based programs, with the focus of supporting youth and adults with disabilities in achieving their highest level of independence, self-sufficiency and satisfaction in all areas of their lives. Each of these programs provide direct services for individuals with disabilities, as well as training, consultation and educational services for parents, educators and professionals.
- Employment related services include: supported employment services (including long-term support), as well as career planning and job development services.
- Application:** Individuals may be referred to CCP for services via the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Colorado Division for Developmental Disabilities (Foothills Gateway, Inc.), the Colorado Workforce Center, private insurance, grants and school systems, as well as through self-referral/self-pay. Check out the website or call to find out more about specific programs and current grant funded program opportunities.

Employment

Additional Youth Related Employment Programs

HomeRun/HomeBase Program

City of Fort Collins Neighborhood Resources Office and Streets Department
281 N. College Avenue, Fort Collins (970) 221-6676

The HomeRun/HomeBase program is designed to help find jobs for students who have dropped out of school. The program offers paid employment as an incentive to the individual to earn a GED, however, the student must agree to complete their GED requirements. To apply for the program, students must be considered drop-outs (out of the school system for six months), a Fort Collins resident, willing to obtain their GED, and able to spend a minimum of two hours per week with their tutor.

Boys and Girls Club

1600 Lancer, Fort Collins (970) 484-5198

The Junior Staff Program allows older teens the chance to learn resume, interview and job skills while they work part time for the club. Call for information.

The Family Center/La Familia

400B N. College, Fort Collins (970) 221-1615

Summer employment "Teen Works" program is a six-week program that allows teens to work in various jobs at the Family Center and in the community. The program offers life skills training classes as a part of the curriculum. This experience is a great first-time job for teens, however, space is limited.

Youth Employment Program

City of Fort Collins Parks and Recreation and Youth Activity Center
415 E. Monroe, Fort Collins (970) 416-2990

Each summer, this youth employment program hires teens to work on Junior Parks Crews, or as workers at The Farm, Northside Atzlan Community Center, The Youth Activity Center, and summer camp programs. Applications are usually due by early April and space is limited. Contact the Youth Activity Center or Dave for more information.

Youth Job Corps 1-800-438-8287

Summer and year-round job opportunities around the nation. Youth Job Corps also has programs where students can stay on campuses for school-to-career training, career training, and college planning. For students 16 years and over. Call for a brochure with more information.

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.

Developmental Disabilities Programs

Community Centered Boards (CCB): Foothills Gateway Inc.

Address: Colorado Department of Human Services
Division for Developmental Disabilities
4055 S. Lowell Blvd., Denver, CO 80236
(303) 866-7450

Local: Foothills Gateway Inc.
301 Skyway Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80525
(970) 226-2345

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.

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.

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.

Medicaid Longterm Care Waiver Programs

Single Entry Points (SEP): Larimer County Options for Long Term Care

- Address:** Colorado Health Care Policy and Financing
1570 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80230
(303) 620-4000
- Local:** Larimer County Options for Long Term Care
1501 Blue Spruce Drive
Fort Collins, Colorado 80524
(970) 498-6300
- Website:** www.colorado.gov
www.co.larimer.co.us/humanservices/Seniors/oltc.htm
- Purpose:** Colorado Medicaid Single Entry Point (SEP) agencies determine functional eligibility for community based long term care programs, provide care planning and case management for clients in these programs, and make referrals to other resources. Medicaid Longterm Care programs provide services including personal care or homemaker services, nonemergency medical transportation, home access modifications, electronic monitoring, assisted living (Alternative Care Facility), adult day programs, and respite care.
- Eligibility:** SEP agencies serve clients by county of residence. Eligibility for all programs are based on financial need as well as functional disability criteria. A case manager must assess the applicant's functional eligibility. Applicants under age 65 must meet federal disability requirements. Applicants must apply for Medicaid. Various programs and waivers have specific eligibility requirements.
- Services:** Various programs and waivers are available including:
- Home Care Allowance-** Serves children and adults who need help to meet basic needs like homemaking and personal care. Children under age 18 must be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- HCBS (Home and Community Based Services) Elderly, Blind, Disabled (EBD) -**Serves adults who need care on a long term basis due to age and/or disability. Services include homemaker, personal care provider, electronic monitoring, home modification, alternative care facility, adult day care and transportation.

Medicaid Longterm Care Waiver Programs

Single Entry Points (SEP): Larimer County Options for Long Term Care (Continued)

HCBS Mentally Ill- Serves adults who need care/supervision on a long-term basis due to major mental illness. Services are the same for HCBS-EBD.

HCBS Brain Injury- Serves people age 16 to 64 who are hospitalized at the time of application and need access to rehabilitation treatment outside the hospital.

HCBS Persons Living With AIDS- Serves children and adults with AIDS or HIV by providing long term care services in the home or other community settings as an alternative to institutional care.

Consumer Directed Attendant Support-Serves adults who need care on a long term basis due to age and/or disability who are capable of hiring and directing their own care. Applicants must have received Medicaid funded care for the past 12 months.

Adult Foster Care-Serves adults who cannot live alone and need a supervised setting.

Children's HCBS Waiver- To provide Medicaid benefits in the home or community for disabled children who would otherwise be ineligible for Medicaid due to excess parental income and/or resources. Children must be at risk of institutional or hospital placement.

Application: Apply for a child's waiver or Home Care Allowance at anytime. Upon the individual nearing the age of 18 call to inquire about the application process for adult waivers. Each waiver has an enrollment limit. There may be a waiting list for any particular waiver. Applicants may apply for more than one waiver, but may only receive services through one waiver at a time. An application will require an initial referral to the SEP intake department, a functional assessment completed by the SEP as well as the completion of a Medicaid application at the Department of Human Services.

Note: Longterm Care Medicaid Waiver programs for individuals with developmental disabilities are administered through the Community Centered Board, Foothills Gateway, Inc. Call Foothills Gateway Inc. to inquire about:

Medicaid Longterm Care Waiver Programs

Single Entry Points (SEP): Larimer County Options for Long Term Care (Continued)

Supported Living Services Waiver- To provide to persons with developmental disabilities supported living in the home or community.

Children with Autism Waiver- To provide Medicaid benefits in the home or community for children with a medical diagnosis of Autism who are most in need due to the severity of their disability. Children must meet additional targeted criteria.

Children's Extensive Support Waiver- To provide Medicaid benefits in the home or community for children with developmental disabilities or delays, that are most in need due to the severity of their disability. Children must meet additional targeted criteria.

Advocacy/ Case Management

The Arc of Larimer County

- Address:** The Arc of the United States
1660 L Street, NW, Suite 701
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 78302229
- Local:** The Arc of Larimer County
109 Coronado Ct., Bldg. 7
Ft. Collins, CO 80525
(970) 204-6991
- Website:** www.thearc.org
www.thearcofco.org
www.arclc.org
- Purpose:** The Arc of Larimer County is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advocacy of all individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and caregivers. The Arc of Larimer County exists to assist individuals with developmental disabilities in Larimer County make their own life choices and that their voices will be heard and respected. The Arc also works to see that individuals with developmental disabilities are included in every aspect of community life as respected, contributing, successful, and equal community members. The vision of The Arc of Larimer County includes; choices for paid community employment, supported inclusive education, community wide social and recreational activities, religious or spiritual community involvement and community living.
- Eligibility:** Services are available to Larimer County residents who have a developmental disability. Family members are also able to access services. Services are at no cost, however there are membership enrollment options of if one so desires.
- Services:** The Arc of Larimer County offers advocacy services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families at no cost. Advocacy services include: attendance at adult program staffing (residential and or day program), attendance at IEP's and all school staffing, dispute resolution and mediation, assistance with developing a case strategy, assistance with the filing of formal appeals/complaints, collaboration with other agencies and professionals and referrals to other agencies and services.
- Application:** Call to arrange services.

Advocacy/ Case Management

The Client Assistance Program (CAP)

- Address:** Colorado Client Assistance Program
455 Sherman Street, Suite 130
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 722-0300 Voice/TTY (303) 722-3619 TTY
- Purpose:** The Client Assistance Program (CAP) assists individuals with disabilities who are seeking or receiving services from the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. CAP exists to ensure that effective communication takes place between counselors and service providers and the individuals accessing services, to advocate for an adequate number of vendors to provide services, to ensure that consumers who are not required to participate financially in the cost of their services and to monitor the implementation of the new DVR self-employment policy.
- Eligibility:** CAP advocacy services are available to individuals with disabilities who are seeking or receiving services from the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and who find that along the way of accessing DVR services that they need assistance with becoming eligible for rehabilitation services, getting agreement on their choice of a vocational goal, or obtaining specific services to meet that goal.
- Services:** Advocacy and consultation for individuals interacting with the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Application:** Call to arrange CAP advocacy services and complete intake procedures. Referrals to local CAP providers may be provided upon the initial inquiry call.

Advocacy/ Case Management

The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People

- Address:** The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People
455 Sherman Street, Suite 130
Denver, CO 80203-4403
(303) 722-0300 Voice/TTY (303) 722-3619 TTY
- Website:** www.thelegalcenter.org
- Purpose:** The Legal Center exists to provide federally-mandated protection and advocacy to individuals with disabilities in Colorado. They seek to protect the human, civil and legal rights of people with mental and physical disabilities, people with HIV, and older people throughout Colorado.
- Eligibility:** The Legal Center provides services based on an established criteria for representation and priorities for services. Representation is not provided in cases where legal representation is already available. Interested individuals should call to inquire about eligibility for services and representation.
- Services:** The Legal Center works with teachers, vocational rehabilitation specialists, mental health and developmental disability providers, nursing home staff, vocational rehabilitation specialists, housing providers and others to improve the lives of people with disabilities. They provide direct legal representation informally and in courts and administrative hearings.
- Application:** Call to arrange services and complete intake procedures.

Note: The Legal Center may be able to serve as a good starting place to get information and additional referrals to private attorneys who could provide assistance with wills and special needs trust funds.

Advocacy/ Case Management

Guardianship Alliance of Colorado

- Local:** Guardianship Alliance of Colorado
801 Yosemite Street
Denver, CO 80230
303-228-5382
- Website:** www.guardianshipallianceofcolorado.org
- Purpose:** The Guardianship Alliance exists to provide and monitor guardianships and conservatorship appointments for adults. They also exist to prevent the need for guardianship and conservatorship by encouraging the establishment of advance directives (living will and durable powers of attorney).
- Eligibility:** Some services are free, however some include a fee, such as the guardian training classes. Services are open to interested individuals.
- Services:** The Guardianship Alliance provides information, referrals, and assistance for individuals, families and organizations about: guardianship and conservatorship for adults who are incapacitated and/or vulnerable; advance directives (the living will and durable powers of attorney); proxy decision-makers for medical treatment; how to terminate guardianship and conservatorship; what to do about abusive and/or exploitive guardians and conservators; other related information.
- Application:** Call to arrange services/referrals as well as to register for training events.

Advocacy/ Case Management

Disabled Resource Services

- Local:** Disabled Resource Services
424 Pine Street, Suite #101
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-2700 Voice (970) 407-7060 TTY
- Website:** www.fortnet.org/drs/
- Purpose:** Disabled Resource Services exists to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve their maximum level of independence through services supporting advocacy, awareness and access to their community.
- Eligibility:** Services are available for Larimer County residents.
- Services:** DRS provides long-term case management which includes: financial assistance, independent livings skills training, peer counseling, advocacy and employment assistance. DRS also works to develop community awareness through short-term assistance to individuals both with and without disabilities. Community awareness services include: information and referrals, volunteer coordination, equipment rentals and public education. DRS also coordinates the Supported Youth Employment Program (SYEP). SYEP is for individuals with disabilities, 13 - 21 years of age. IT is designed to teach job readiness skills, offer job shadow and actual work experience activities, and assist with job placement and job coaching arrangements.
- Application:** Call to arrange services and complete intake procedures.

Advocacy/ Case Management

The Matthews House

- Local:** The Matthews House
726 Mathews Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 472-4293
- Website:** www.themattewshouse.org
- Purpose:** The Matthews House exists to serve at-risk youth ages 16-21 that lack significant family support in their lives. Many of these youth have not had the influence of a stable caring adult and they frequently do not have the skills necessary for living independently, retaining a job, solving problems, managing money and building solid relationships.
- Eligibility:** Services are designed for youth ages 16-21 who are experiencing transition into adulthood and separation from caregivers. Services and resource availability fluctuates; interested individuals should call to inquire about service availability. Services are often contracted with Larimer County Department of Youth Corrections and Larimer County Department of Human Services.
- Services:** The Matthews House provides case management, activities, trainings and resources to assist with five core areas (safe and affordable housing, physical & mental health, employment, education, and interpersonal & social skills). Matthews House also coordinates adult mentors with participants.
- Application:** Individuals can call to self-refer or walk in during business hours. Case managers and other involved individuals can also refer a youth.

Transportation

Fort Collins Transfort Dial-A-Ride

- Local:** 6570 Pornter Road
Fort Collins, CO 80525
(970) 224-6066
- Website:** www.ci.fort-collins.co.us/transfort/dialaride.php
- Purpose:** Dial-A-Ride is a door-to-door service for individuals who, because of a disability, are prevented from using Transfort, the city's fixed-route bus service.
- Eligibility:** The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines someone as disabled for the purposes of transportation as: A person with a disability, whose disability prevents them from using a fixed route bus service. Individuals that fit this definition are eligible for paratransit service.
- Services:** All trips must remain within the revised service area, which is defined as $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from any fixed bus route. Prices of fares vary; inquire about “reduced fair” rates and booklet purchases.
- Application:** New and current clients must complete an eligibility application. Call to begin the application process.

Housing

Fort Collins Housing Authority

- Local:** 1715 W. Mountain Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80521
(970) 416-2910
- Website:** www.fchousing.org
- Purpose:** To provide affordable housing options to low-income residents of Fort Collins.
- Eligibility:** Different housing programs and arrangements have different eligibility requirements. Call to inquire about specific eligibility criteria.
- Services:** Low income public housing rentals, Section 8 voucher subsidies and transitional housing.
- Application:** There tends to be a long waitlist, apply early to get on the waitlist. Upon coming up on the waitlist an initial interview and eligibility determination will be made prior to receiving services. Call to make an application appointment. Applications and appointments are available Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Housing

Neighbor to Neighbor

- Local:** Renter Program
Neighbor to Neighbor at the Murphy Center
242 Conifer Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 494-9940
- Home Ownership Program and Affordable Housing Program
1550 Blue Spruce Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 484-7498
- Website:** www.n2n.org
- Purpose:** Neighbor to Neighbor helps people establish and maintain housing stability. They help homeless people find homes; counsel renters and home owners in unaffordable housing situations; provide 149 affordable apartments; and educate people looking to purchase a home.
- Eligibility:** There are various income eligibility requirements. Services are designed for low income individuals and families. Contact a Neighbor to Neighbor staff member to determine the appropriate program for the individual's need.
- Services:** Neighbor to has a rental program (rental counseling, emergency rent assistance and first month's rent assistance), an affordable housing program (Section 8 and affordable apartments) and a home buyer program (home buyer education, home ownership counseling and foreclosure counseling). All housing counseling is free and confidential.
- Application:** There is the potential for housing waitlists; apply early to get on a waitlist. Call to complete an intake application, find out about program eligibility and sign up for classes.

Recreation

City of Fort Collins Recreation Division: Adaptive Recreation Opportunities

- Local:** City of Fort Collins Recreation Division
215 N. Mason Street, 3rd Floor
Fort Collins, CO 80522
(970) 221-6640
- Website:** www.fcgov.com/aro
- Purpose:** The City of Fort Collins Recreation Division provides equal and quality recreation for community members with disabilities. Adaptive Recreation Opportunities (ARO) strives to ensure that people with disabilities have the necessary accommodations or support to participate in any recreation program at their highest level of independence.
- Eligibility:** Call to inquire about the variety of programs and how you can participate.
- Services:** Specialized programming is offered to increase opportunities and meet unique needs of individuals. A Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist oversees the creation of specialized program offerings and support needs for individuals. A wide range of programs are offered such as wheelchair sports, cycling, digital photography, workout partners, social outings, Special Olympics, basketball, soccer, and much more!
- Application:** Fill out the “passport recreation profile” at:
www.fcgov.com/aro/passport-profile.php
Or contact the Adaptive Recreation Opportunity's Therapeutic Coordinator, Renee Lee at: (970) 224-6027.

Hotlines and Resources

Various Resources

First Call- United Way 2-1-1

United Way 2-1-1 keeps an accurate and comprehensive database where you can find providers, programs and services to meet your needs. Their database allows you to browse thousands of health and human services online, learn about specific programs, intake requirements, eligibility, operation hours and more.

Just dial 2-1-1 or (970) 407-7066

www.firstcall-vc.org

www.firstcall-vc.org/findhelp/searchServices.html (*Search for services*)

Larimer County Human Services

Child Protection Services 24-Hour child abuse reporting (970) 498-6900

The Hub (970) 498-6900

The Hub serves as a single entry point for youth, families and the community to provide assessment, intervention and access to services. The Hub is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Hub services children ages 0-18 and their families. Services include child protection screening, detention screening and delinquency interventions, mediation for parents and youth in conflict and much more.

Adult Protection Services 24-Hour abuse reporting (970) 498-7770

Food, Medical & Financial Assistance- Intake and eligibility (970)498-6300

Includes Low Income Emergency Assistance Program (LEAP), Food Stamps and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

www.co.larimer.co.us/humanservices

Hotlines and Resources

Suicide Hotlines

Suicide Resource Center of Larimer County

The Suicide Resource Center is not a Crisis Hotline- If you or someone you know is in crisis, please:

- Call the toll-free hotline 1-800-273-TALK(8255)
- Call Emergency Services (911), or
- Go to your nearest hospital emergency room

www.suicideresourcecenter.org

24-hr National Hotline 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)

www.hopeline.com

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

SAVA- Sexual Assault Victim Advocate (970) 472-4700

24 Hour Rape Crisis Hotline (970) 472-4200 or 1-800-656-HOPE

SAVA provides support and assistance to sexual assault victims, their families, and friends; information and referrals concerning the law enforcement, medical, and legal processes; support groups and individual counseling for sexual assault survivors and their loved ones; several community education programs on sexual assault awareness; and special events to promote a creative means of healing.

www.savacenter.org

ATV- Alternatives to Violence (970) 667- 2151

Alternatives to Violence (ATV) is committed to intervention in, education about, and prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes.

www.alternativestoviolence.org

Crossroads Safehouse (970) 482-3502

Crossroads offers free safehousing, advocacy, legal assistance, and transitional housing for victims of domestic violence.

www.crossroadssafehouse.org

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Health Services

Poudre Valley Hospital Health Line 1-800-943-9066

This line is answered by an experienced registered nurse who can answer health questions after business hours for people who do not have regular physicians. 24 hrs/day, 365 days per year.

Drug and Alcohol Treatment

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Hotline 1-866-845-8975

Hotline that provides information about local drug rehab and alcohol treatment programs.

Island Grove (970) 493- 1157

Island Grove offers detoxification, residential, and outpatient services to adults, adolescents, and men or women primarily in Weld and Larimer Counties

islandgrovertc.com

Miscellaneous

National Runaway Switchboard 1-800-RUNAWAY

24-hour crisis line that has experienced workers who work with youth and their families is to help keep runaway and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. It's anonymous, confidential and free.

www.1800runaway.org