

CHAPTER 48

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

SENATE BILL 09-055

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AN ACT**CONCERNING THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 26-18-101 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

26-18-101. Legislative declaration. (3) Therefore, the general assembly finds that it is appropriate to establish a program to provide family resource centers in communities to serve as a single point of entry for providing comprehensive, intensive, integrated, AND COLLABORATIVE state and community-based services to vulnerable families, individuals, children, and youth.

SECTION 2. 26-18-102, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

26-18-102. Definitions. As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

(4.5) "FAMILY SUPPORT AND PARENT EDUCATION" MEANS A PROGRAM OR SERVICE THAT PROMOTES A FAMILY'S POSITIVE AND MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT IN ITS CHILDREN'S LIVES BY PROVIDING AN EXPERIENTIAL AND SUPPORTIVE ADULT LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THROUGH WHICH A PRIMARY CAREGIVER CAN LEARN HOW TO CREATE A SAFE, STABLE, AND SUPPORTIVE FAMILY UNIT.

SECTION 3. 26-18-104 (1) (c) (II), the introductory portion to 26-18-104 (2) (b), and 26-18-104 (2) (b) (VI), (2) (c) (I), (2) (c) (II), and (2) (d) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

26-18-104. Program created. (1) (c) (II) Any moneys received by family resource centers pursuant to the temporary assistance for needy ~~family~~ FAMILIES block grant or from the family issues cash fund created in section 26-5.3-106 shall be from funds directly disbursed by a county at the discretion of the county; EXCEPT THAT A FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER MAY APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE MONEYS FROM THE COLORADO WORKS STATEWIDE STRATEGIC USE FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-2-721.7.

(2) (b) Each family resource center shall provide case management by a family advocate who screens and assesses a family's needs and ~~develops, with the concurrence of the family, a plan to~~ STRENGTHS. THE FAMILY ADVOCATE SHALL THEN assist ~~families and individuals in working~~ THE FAMILY WITH SETTING ITS OWN GOALS AND, TOGETHER WITH THE FAMILY, DEVELOP A WRITTEN PLAN TO PURSUE THE FAMILY'S GOALS IN WORKING toward a greater level of self-reliance or in attaining self-sufficiency. The plan shall provide for the following:

(VI) Assistance to the individual or family in applying for the children's basic health plan, ~~or~~ medical assistance benefits, OR OTHER BENEFITS.

(c) In addition to services required by paragraph (b) of this subsection (2), the family resource center may provide for the direct delivery of or referral to a provider of the following six services:

(I) Early childhood care and education, INCLUDING PROGRAMS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO SCHOOL READINESS;

(II) ~~Parenting education~~ FAMILY SUPPORT AND PARENT EDUCATION;

(d) A family resource center may also provide services, including, but not limited to, the following:

(I) Additional educational programs, such as mentoring programs for students in elementary, junior, and senior high schools; ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY literacy programs; and educational programs that link families with local schools and alternative educational programs, including links with boards of cooperative services;

SECTION 4. 26-18-105 (1) (e) (IX), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended, and the said 26-18-105 (1) (e) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH, to read:

26-18-105. Selection of centers - grants. (1) The division may award a grant for the purpose of establishing a family resource center based on a plan submitted to the division by the applicant or for the continued operation of a family resource center. The plan shall meet specific criteria which the division is hereby authorized to set, but the criteria shall include at least the following provisions:

(e) That the family resource center will:

(IX) Make information regarding available resources and services readily accessible to individuals and families; ~~and~~

(X) COORDINATE EFFORTS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES TO CONNECT FAMILIES TO SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD AND OTHER FAMILY SUPPORT SYSTEMS; AND

SECTION 5. Repeal. 26-18-106, Colorado Revised Statutes, is repealed as follows:

26-18-106. Repeal of article. ~~This article is repealed, effective July 1, 2010.~~

SECTION 6. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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