



**COLORADO**

**Office of Children,  
Youth & Families**

Division of Child Welfare

# **CORE SERVICES PROGRAM**

**THIRD YEAR OF A THREE-YEAR PLAN SFY**

**2019 - 2020**

**SFY 2020 - 2021**

**SFY 2021 - 2022**

**FOR**

Archuleta COUNTY(IES)

**Please complete signature page, all corresponding Core Services Plan and budget pages, and then submit the original hard copy for approval.**



## REQUEST FOR STATE APPROVAL OF PLAN

Since this is the third year of the three-year Core Services Plan, all signatures on this page are required.

This Core Services Plan is hereby submitted for Archuleta [Indicate county name(s) and lead county if this is a multi-county plan], for the period contract years June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022 fiscal years July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The Plan includes the following:

- Completed "Statement of Assurances";
- Completed program description of each proposed "County Designed Service";
- Completed "Information on Fees" form;
- Completed "Overhead Cost" form (Optional);
- Completed "State Board Summary";
- Completed "100% Funding Summary" form; and
- Completed "Final Budget Page".

This Core Services Program Plan has been developed in accordance with State Department of Human Services rules and is hereby submitted to the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Welfare for approval. If the enclosed proposed Core Services Program Plan is approved, the Plan will be administered in conformity with its provisions and the provisions of State Department rules.

The person who will act as primary contact person for the Core Services Plan is, Matthew A. Dodson and can be reached at telephone number 970-264-8503, and e-mail at matthew.dodson@state.co.us. If two or more counties propose this plan, the required signatures below are to be completed by each county, as appropriate. Please attach an additional signature page as needed.

 7.22.21  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, DIRECTOR, COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN/SOCIAL SERVICES DATE

*Bris Knight* 7/21/21  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, CHAIR, PLACEMENT ALTERNATIVES COMMISSION DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, CHAIR, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DATE

Please check here if your county does not have a Placement Alternative Commission:

**CORE SERVICES  
STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES**

**Archuleta**

\_\_\_\_\_ County(ies) assures that, upon approval of the Core Services Program Plan the following will be adhered to in the implementation of the Program:

**Core Services Assurances:**

- Operation will conform to the provisions of the Plan;
- Operation will conform to State rules;
- Core Services Program Services, provided or purchased, will be accessible to children and their families who meet the eligibility criteria set forth in Rule Manual Volume 7, at 7.303;
- Operation will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, sex, national origin, religion, age or mental/physical disability who applies for or receives services through the Core Services program;
- Services will recognize and support cultural and religious background and customs of children and their families;
- Out-of-state travel will not be paid for with Core Services funds;
- All forms used in the completion of the Core Services Plan will be State prescribed or State approved forms;
- Core FTE/Personal Services costs authorized for reimbursement by the State Department will be used only to provide the direct delivery of Core Services;
- The purchase of services will be in conformity with State purchase of service rules including contract form, content, and monitoring requirements;
- Core Services Program expenditures will not be reimbursed when the expenditures may be reimbursed by some other source. (Set forth in Rule Manual Volume 7, at 7.414,B);
- Information regarding services purchased or provided will be reported to the State Department for program, statistical and financial purposes;
- All providers of Core Services (through purchase of service contracts) must be registered with the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). The provision of Life Skills is the only exception to this mandate;
- County staff are responsible for monitoring their Program provider payments and for ensuring the county and providers are following all statutory and regulatory requirements;
- All Core Services are made available, based on need of each child/youth/family; and
- All contracts for services using Core Services Program funding will include all of the required language of the attached contract template.

## CORE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED/PURCHASED

List below "County Designed Service" that will be provided/purchased. Please indicate which, if any, of the County Designed Service are provided through the Evidenced Based Services to Adolescents earmarked funding: See La Plata County Plan (Regional BETA Program)

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### **Program Area Three - PA3 Services - Prevention/Intervention Services**

If your county submitted a Program Area Three (PA3) Plan last fiscal year, and you wish to continue providing PA3 services using Core Services Program funding, please check the box below;

Yes, our county wishes to continue offering PA3 services using Core Services Program funding.

If your county has not submitted a Program Area Three (PA3) Plan, and you wish to provide PA3 services, please complete and submit the PA3 Plan Addendum attached.

### **Funding for Evidenced Based Services to Adolescents**

If the county received funding for evidenced based services to adolescents, and is requesting the funding to continue to receive the same funding for the same expansion or created of the evidenced based county designed program to adolescents, please indicate that above, as well as on the Core Plan under **County Designed**.

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Given that County Designed programs are not standardized across counties, it is important to provide detailed information as outlined below. The information listed below is to be completed for each County Designed Service and included in the County(ies)' Core Services Program Plan.

1. Describe the service and components of the service; define the goals of the program.
2. Indicate if a new Trails service detail is necessary for this County Designed Program or that the service detail is already an option in Trails.
3. Define the eligible population to be served.
4. Define the time frame of the service.
5. Define the workload standard for the program:
  - number of cases per worker,
  - number of workers for the program, and
  - worker to supervisor ratio.
6. Define the staff qualifications for the service, e.g., minimum caseworker III or equivalent, see 7.303.17 for guidelines.
7. Define the performance indicators that will be achieved by the service, see 7.303.18.
8. Identify the service provider.
9. Define the rate of payment (e.g., \$100.00 per session/episode).

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Bridges Treatment Program (BTP) is a collaborative effort between the Archuleta County Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Archuleta School District 50 JT to provide a school based program for emotionally disturbed (not necessarily limited to E.D. Special Ed) students and their families. The purpose of the BTP is to maintain the youth in his/her own home or the least restrictive placement; and to provide education, therapeutic, and related services for youth so that re-entry into general education is made possible. The BTP assures a continuity of care for all students enrolled and will work with each student to achieve, maintain, and/or re-establish emotional and /or physical health, maximum growth, and adaptive capability.

Participants may be provided or offered – based on individual needs, structured and supportive classroom experiences where they are motivated to participate in social interaction and education instruction. A family-focused approach is used to assist families in coping with family stress. Group therapy is used to increase the participant's ability to know him/herself, to interact effectively with others, and to address self-esteem and responsibility. Individual therapy is provided to address the specific needs of each participant.

Program Goals (7.303.11):

- A. Focus on the family strengths by directing intensive services that support and strengthen the family and/or protect the child;
- B. Prevent out-of-home placement of the child;

C. Return children in placement to their own home; or,

D. Unite children with their permanent families. E. Provide services that protect the child.

2. Indicate if a new Trails service detail is necessary for this County Designed Program or that the service detail is already an option in Trails.

Already an option

3. Define the eligible population to be served.

1) Male and female students between the ages of 9 and 15 and in grades 5-8.

2) Youth must be at imminent risk/out-of-home placement as defined in Volume VII 7.304.3. (Attached)

3) Youth meets target group criteria as described in Program Area 3, Program Area 4 (Volume 7.201.1) or Program Area 6 (Volume 7.202.1).

4) Behavioral problems and emotional disturbances indicated by significant dysfunction in two or more of the following: educational, community, emotional, family, or interpersonal domains. Youth may have problems which include but are not limited to: depression, impaired thought processes, severe impulse control problems, serious emotional disturbances which may result in serious acting out behaviors, aggressive behaviors, and severe parent/child problems.

5) Youth requires extensive therapeutic interventions beyond what are available in a less restrictive environment.

6) Youth must have a need for a more structured educational support than general education can provide, due to moderate to severe emotional or behavioral disturbances.

7) The youth's behavior may have resulted in a history of involvement with the Judicial System.

8) Family or primary caretakers must be involved in the family admission.

9) Family or primary caretakers must be committed to involvement in family therapy and/or parent groups.

10) The student must be assessed first to determine the need for a differential learning support.

Youth eligible to participate in the BTP must meet the Imminent At-Risk/ Out-Of-Home Placement Criteria and must meet the Volume VII eligibility requirements for Core Services Family Preservation Program services.

4. Define the time frame of the service.

This is a year-round program following the School District schedule during the school year with a summer programming component. Depending upon the needs of the child and/or caregiver, day



D. "Resources Access Competency:" Parents will demonstrate ability to obtain help from the community and within the local, state, and federal governments.

E. "Academic, Behavioral, and Emotional Competency:" Children involved in day treatment setting will demonstrate ability to meet school requirements, to control behavior, and to control and communicate feelings.

8 Identify the service provider.

50 JT School District

9. Define the rate of payment (e.g., \$100.00 per session/episode).

Contractor will be paid for their services the sum of \$86,176.86.

treatment alternative services may occur on a daily basis, and not less than a weekly basis based upon the individual needs of each child and/or caregiver.

The time frame for the service authorization typically follows the progression below:

Approval for ninety (90) days or three (3) months,

Reauthorization for an additional ninety (90) days or three (3) months and/or as determined based on each student's individual treatment plan, i.e., family therapy, parent support group, mental health service needs..

5. Define the workload standard for the program:

- Number of cases per worker: The ideal workload for staff in day treatment alternative services is an average of 11-13 families at any one time.
- Number of workers for the program:3
- Worker to supervisor ratio: Contractual service and due to structure of program each worker is supervised by different agency ( Case manager is employed by DHS, Teacher/Therapist is employed by School District).

6. Define the staff qualifications for the service, e.g., minimum caseworker III or equivalent, see 7.303.17 for guidelines.

Teacher;

Therapist, must have a master's degree in a mental health field with a minimum of four year experience as a therapist and be license eligible;

Case manager must have bachelor's degree in a human services field or four years work experience in human services.

7. Define the performance indicators that will be achieved by the service, see 7.303.18.

A. "Family Conflict Management:" The family shall demonstrate capacity to resolve conflicts and disagreements contributing to child maltreatment, running away, status offenses and delinquent behavior.

B. "Parental Competency:" Parents will show ability to maintain sound relationships with their children and provide care, nutrition, hygiene, discipline, protection, instructions, and supervision.

C. "Household Management Competency:" Parents will be able to provide safe environment for their children through competent household cleaning and maintenance, budgeting and purchasing, structured mealtime and family activities.

## INFORMATION ON CORE SERVICE FEES

Please check all that apply:

Fees will not be assessed for Core Services Program Services.

If above line is checked, **STOP**. Remainder of information does not need to be completed.

Fees will be assessed for the following services: Check those that apply:

- Home Based Intervention
- Intensive Family Therapy
- Life Skills
- Day Treatment
- Sexual Abuse Treatment
- County Designed Service (List Services Below)
- Special Economic Assistance
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Fee assessment formula is the same for all services. State the formula here (attach additional sheets as needed). \_\_\_\_\_

Fee assessment formula varies with service. State formula used for each service (attach additional sheets as needed). \_\_\_\_\_

**CORE SERVICES PROGRAM**  
**OVERHEAD/PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION COST for CORE SERVICES STAFF**  
**\*\*\*OPTIONAL PAGE - ONLY USE IF YOUR COUNTY WISHES TO CLAIM OVERHEAD/PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION COSTS\*\*\***

1. DIRECT SERVICE
- A. Total Core Services salary/Fringe/Travel/Operating Costs of Line Core Service Workers and their Immediate Supervisors \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Formula Percentage Allowed for Overhead/Program Administration Costs 15%
- C. Provided Service Overhead/Program Administration Costs (A X B) \_\_\_\_\_
2. PURCHASED SERVICE
- A. Purchased Service Dollar Amount \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Formula Percentage Allowed for Overhead/Program Administration Costs \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$0 - 50,000 = 5%; \$50,001 -100,000 = 4.9%  
 For each \$50,000 (in total expenditure) increase the Overhead/Program Administration decreases by .1 %.
- C. Allowed Amount for Overhead/Program Administration Costs (A X B) \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Base Overhead/Program Administration Cost Allowed \$500.00
- E. Purchased Service Overhead/Program Administration Costs (C + D) \_\_\_\_\_
3. TOTAL OVERHEAD/PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION COSTS (1C + 2E) \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRIBUTION OF OVERHEAD/PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION COSTS AMONG SERVICES*			
SERVICE	Provided Service Overhead/Program Administration Costs	Purchased Service Overhead/Program Administration Costs	Total Overhead/Program Administration Costs
1. Home Based Intervention			
2. Intensive Family Therapy			
3. Sexual Abuse Treatment			
4. Day Treatment			
5. Life Skills			
6. County Designed Service			
<b>COLUMN TOTALS</b>			

\* Formula to determine overhead/program administration cost by service:  
 Step 1: total provided service cost (by service) x 15% = provided service overhead/program administration cost  
 Step 2: total purchased service cost (by service) x % listed in 2B = Y  
 \$500 divided by the number of purchased service = Z, then Y + Z = overhead/program administration cost  
 Step 3: Provided service overhead/program administration cost plus purchased service overhead cost equals total overhead/program administration cost.







**PURCHASE OF SERVICE CONTRACT  
Core Services Program**

1. THIS CONTRACT, made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by and between the \_\_\_\_\_ County Department of Human/Social Services at \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter called "County" and \_\_\_\_\_ (address) \_\_\_\_\_, (name) \_\_\_\_\_, (address) \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter called "Contractor". \_\_\_\_\_ (Tax I.D. or Social Security Number)
2. This contract will be effective from \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_.
3. County agrees to purchase and Contractor agrees to provide \_\_\_\_\_ (Core Service) To \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ at other such (population to be served) \_\_\_\_\_ (location service is to be provided) \_\_\_\_\_ location as shall facilitate the provision of such services. This service is described in Rule Manual Volume 7, Section 7.303.1 \_\_\_\_\_, and, if appropriate, the State approved County Core Service Plan.
4. County agrees to purchase and contractor agrees to furnish \_\_\_\_\_ units of \_\_\_\_\_ service at the cost of \_\_\_\_\_ per unit of service for a maximum amount of this contract of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The parties agree that the Contractor's relationship to the county is that of an independent Contractor.
6. The parties agree that payment pursuant to this Contract is subject to and contingent upon the continuing availability of funds for the purpose thereof.
7. County agrees:
  - a) To determine child eligibility and as appropriate, to provide information regarding rights to fair hearings.
  - b) To provide Contractor with written prior authorization on a child or family basis for services to be purchased.
  - c) To provide Contractor with referral information including name and address of family, social, medical, and educational information as appropriate to the referral.
  - d) To monitor the provision of contracted service.
  - e) To pay Contractor after receipt of billing statements for services rendered satisfactorily and in accordance with this Contract.
8. Contractor agrees:
  - a) Not to assign any provision of this Contract to a subcontractor.
  - b) Not to charge clients any fees related to services provided under this contract.
  - c) To hold the necessary license(s) which permits the performance of the service to be purchased, and/or to meet applicable Colorado Department of Human Services qualification requirements.
  - d) To comply with the requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 concerning discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, political beliefs, national origin, or handicap.
  - e) To provide the service described herein at cost not greater than that charged to other persons in the same community.
  - f) To submit a billing statement in a timely manner, no later than forty-five (45) days after services. failure to do so may result in nonpayment.
  - g) To safe guard information and confidentiality of the child and the child's family in accordance with rules of the Colorado Department of Human Services and the County Department of Human/Social Services.
  - h) To provide County with reports on the provision of services as follows:
    - Within \_\_\_\_\_ weeks of enrollment/participation, submission of a treatment plan for the child/child's family with specific objectives and target dates. The treatment plan is subject to county approval.



- At intervals of \_\_\_\_\_ months, from the time of enrollment/participation, submit reports that include progress and barriers in achieving provisions of the treatment plan.
- i) To provide access for any duly authorized representative of the County or the Colorado Department of Human Services until the expiration of five (5) years after the final payment under this Contract, involving transactions related to this Contract.
- j) Indemnify the County and the Colorado Department of Human Services from the action based upon or arising out of damage or injury, including death, to persons or property caused or sustained in connection with the performance of this contract or by conditions created thereby, or based upon any violation of any statute, regulation, and the defense of any such claims or actions.

9. In addition to the foregoing, the County and Contractor also agree:
  10. Termination: Either party may terminate this Contract by thirty (30) days prior notification in writing.
  11. All payments will be paid through the State's approved automated system, as appropriate.
- Core Services Program expenditures will not be reimbursed when the expenditures may be reimbursed by some other source. (As set forth in Rule Manual Volume 7, at 7.414, B (12 CCR 2509-5)).

**ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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County Director's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Original to Contractor  
Copy to the Case File  
Copy to County Bookkeeping  
Copy to State Accounting

