

## Food Assistance

Formerly known as the Food Stamp program, the goal of Food Assistance is to help low-income households buy the food they need for good health.



- Requires the completion of the Single Purpose Application
- An interview is required
- Eligibility based on income ~ 130 % of the Federal Poverty Level
- You may be required to participate in the Employment First Work Program
- Benefits are provided on an Electronic Benefit Card accepted at most stores.

## Employment and Career Services

The Family service Center provides a variety of employment supports and services including:

- Career assessment
- Job search assistance
- Job leads
- Work experience programs
- Resume services
- Mock interviewing
- Application assistance
- Occupational assessment
- Skills testing
- Computer lab

### Mission Statement

To offer all people in Pueblo County the economic and educational opportunities needed to succeed and thrive.

## PUEBLO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

# Family Service Center



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## Programs and Services

The Family Service Center provides assistance programs for individuals and families. These programs are designed to strengthen and support families, provide nutrition, health care and employment services.

- Food Assistance
- Family Medicaid
- Child Care Assistance
- Colorado Works
- Employment and Career Services



## Family Medicaid

Family Medicaid is a public health insurance program for children age 0-18, pregnant women and for parents with dependent children .



### Who is eligible?

- Parents whose income is at or below 60% of the FPL
- Children age 6-18 whose family income is at or below 100% of FPL
- Children under the age of 6 and pregnant women whose family income is at or below 133% of FPL
- An application is required
- Requires verification of citizenship, legal status except for Emergency Medical
- Children under the age of 21 are eligible for special benefits through the EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment) program.

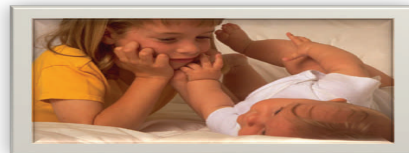
## Child Care Services

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) provides financial assistance for low-income families who are working, searching for employment or in an educational activity and need child care to support their efforts to achieve and/or maintain self-sufficiency.

*Parents choose the type of care; licensed centers, home providers or exempt home providers with approved background checks.*

### Eligibility Requirements

- Income guidelines vary from county to county. Pueblo County is at 185% of FPL.
- You must be employed, in school limited to 12 months or in an approved work search.
- Must participate with Child Support Enforcement  
Must complete Child Care Assistance Application and supporting documents.



## Colorado Works

The Colorado Works Program in Pueblo County is called "Options for Change." Options is a work program. Participants may receive financial and employment services to support their efforts to gain or maintain employment.



**An application for Colorado Works begins with an Employment Readiness Assessment completed on a walk-in basis.**

**All Options have specific requirements and activities.**

**Options 1 & 2** - Are diversion programs and provide financial and employment services for employed and job ready individuals.

**Options 3, 4, 5** - Designed for those needed additional education, training and/or work experience.

**Option 6 & 7** - If a medical condition limits your ability to work this Option will assist you in applying for Social Security disability or reaching your individual po-

tential.

**Option 8** - Is designed for families with significant challenges. It allows the time to work on these issues instead of traditional work readiness programs. This includes but is not limited to domestic violence, mental health or family safety issues.

**Option 9** - **This Option is designed** for child only and Kinship cases. Services and supports are available for the children in these households where the caretaker is not required to participate in work programs.



- Must develop an Individual responsibility contract - IRC
- Benefits are limited to 5 years in a lifetime
- Must participate in work readiness activities
- Must cooperate with child support enforcement
- Child Care is provided during participation in work activities.

***Your decisions control your destiny not your circumstances!***