

Data/Justification for New Local Priority Group

This attachment provides justification for adding those who need childcare for children 13 years of age and younger as a local WIOA Adult Program priority-of-service group.

Increasing Costs of Childcare, Colorado						
Child Age	Infant/Toddler		Four-Year-Old		School Age	
Type of Care	Center	FCC	Center	FCC	Center	FCC
Calendar 2014	\$13,154	\$8,862	\$9,882	\$8,192	\$5,022	\$4,272
Calendar 2015	\$14,950	\$9,620	\$11,089	\$8,626	\$6,276	\$4,828

Sources: Colorado Children's Campaign and Child Care Aware

This table shows the year-over-year average costs for childcare, by age of child, in Colorado from calendar 2014 to calendar 2015.

Percent Increase: 2014 to 2015		
Child Age	Center	FCC
Infant/Toddler	14%	9%
Four-Year-Old	12%	5%
School Age	25%	13%

Sources: Colorado Children's Campaign and Child Care Aware

According to a 2016 fact sheet from Child Care Aware titled, "State Child Care Facts in the State of Colorado," the number of child care centers and family child care (FCC) facilities, which are basically licensed child care homes, has not kept up with population growth in Colorado. (Fact Sheet attached to this Memorandum).

Though shortages of slots are most acute in rural facilities, urban areas such as the Arapahoe/Douglas workforce development area are experiencing double-digit increases in annual costs of childcare driven by increased demand.

In terms of WIOA Adult programming, this means that:

1. Adult customers who are single parents, or are parents in a two-parent family, must consider the cost of child care in their choice of training program so as to ensure self-sufficiency upon employment at completion of their WIOA services.
2. May need assistance in defraying the costs of childcare during active participation in WIOA activities in order to be successful.

Single Parents or Parents in Two-Parent Family, Adult Program, Arapahoe/Douglas Works!								
Program Year	PY14		PY15		PY16		PY17	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Single Parent	114	15%	121	14%	142	23%	53	23%
Parent in Two-Parent Family	177	23%	210	24%	104	17%	44	19%

Source: Connecting Colorado Characteristics Report

This table, taken from Connecting Colorado, show the actual numbers of single parents and parents in two-parent families by program year.

Potential Need for Childcare Assistance During Program Activities								
Program Year	PY14		PY15		PY16		PY17	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Single Parent	114	15%	121	14%	142	23%	53	23%
Parent in Two-Parent Family	101	13%	120	14%	59	10%	25	11%

Source: Connecting Colorado Characteristics Report and US Census Demographic Data

This table shows the actual number of parents in two-parent families being served who may be experiencing need for child care for children 13 years old and under.

Estimates in this table are based on US Census demographic data for the Arapahoe/Douglas area, which estimates that 57.1% of the total number of children age 18 and under are 10 years old or under.

The case for making parents who need for childcare services for dependent children under 13 a local priority-of-service group in the Arapahoe/Douglas WIOA Adult Program is thus twofold:

1. A substantial number of participants who are not eligible for TANF may need childcare assistance as a wrap-around supportive service in order to be successful in successfully completing activities under the WIOA Adult program, and
2. The increasing lack of availability and substantial annual price increases serve to elevate the issue in choice of type and substance of occupational training chosen, particularly for millennial parents, who may also be paying off student loan debt while at the same time paying rent in excess of 30% of their gross income.

After a review of the data, it is clear that Arapahoe/Douglas Works! and the Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Development Board would be justified in adding WIOA Adult customers in need for childcare for children 13-years-old as a local priority of service group.