



# Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition

CCDC'S 2013 ANNUAL REPORT  
AND 1ST NEWSLETTER THIS CENTURY!

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Photo of Colorado DVR Director Joelle Brouner and Julie Reiskin.

## CCDC'S 2013 Annual Report and First Newsletter (this century).

### A note from CCDC Executive Director Julie Reiskin:

CCDC is pleased to welcome you to our first newsletter this century. Many years ago we had a newsletter and people loved it. As with everything at CCDC, our members are most important and we want to hear what you think. This report gives you a glimpse into the terrific work done by our many volunteers, staff and board but you should always feel free to visit our webpage <http://bit.ly/CCDCWebsite> and Facebook <http://bit.ly/CCDCFacebook>. We thought we should start out by providing you a picture of what we did last year, so you know what we are trying to top this year. If you do not wish to receive our quarterly newsletter, please indicate it by unsubscribing through the link below.

CCDC continues to advocate for social justice for people with all types of disabilities and with your continued support we will all continue to achieve victories in the fight for inclusion and independence.

Best Wishes,

Julie Reiskin

## What We Accomplished Last Year – THE NUMBERS!

CCDC advocates for social justice for people with all types of disabilities and with your support we continue to succeed.

People with Disabilities provided with advocacy services:	460
Issues resolved for people with disabilities:	518
Hours spent by legal program fighting for equal justice:	Over 4,000
New Advocates trained:	17
Advocates in advanced training:	04
Trainings regarding disabilities for service providers:	17
Seats on decision making bodies held by CCDC members:	57

## CCDC'S IMPACT ON POLICIES

CCDC volunteer advocates make the voice of people with disabilities heard in Colorado. Here are some examples from 2013.

#1 In 2013, CCDC supported HCPF funding in the legislature for staff to improve their ability to work with stakeholders. We have facilitated and led a monthly meeting with HCPF leadership to address the many stakeholder related issues that continue to arise. CCDC has recently proposed to HCPF that we assist with cultural competency training and believe that working in this arena will be something that must continue throughout 2014.

#2 Health Care Reform: In 2013, CCDC has accomplished the following:

- a) CCDC has had a leadership role on the Community First Choice Council, which is the group that is assessing and will implement the long term care reform options that are available through the Affordable Care Act.
- b) CCDC provided consultation to the exchange and to other advocates working on the exchange on accessibility guidelines for web design and customer service issues, as well as on marketing materials.
- c) CCDC continues to push for health care for direct care workers who assist those with disabilities, particularly those employed by the Consumer Directed Programs.
- d) CCDC arranged training for advocates and leaders in the disability community on the Affordable Care Act.
- e) CCDC has been active in the dual eligible demonstration, also a component of health care reform.

#3 RCCO -- CCDC continues to take a lead on assuring that RCCOs can provide disability culturally competent services. CCDC has contracts with both Rocky Mountain Health Plans and Colorado Access. CCDC recently convened a coalition where we invited all disability advocacy groups to come together to develop a priorities

for working with RCCOs and agreed that CCDC should be the lead to seek a way to provide our expertise to the RCCOs to ensure disability competence and to assist the new providers with compliance with accessibility.

#4 CCDC led a movement to push for disability representation on the Medical Services Board. As a result CCDC Member and well known disability rights attorney Tim Fox was appointed. Also appointed was Christy Blakely, a well-known parent advocate.

#5 In coalition with the JBC and others, we worked to achieve an 8.2% increase for direct care workers.

#6 Continuing our leadership role on the PDPPC (Participant Directed Programs Policy Collaborative), we have now gotten CDASS expanded into one more waiver with plans to expand to one more in 2014. This has been a significant amount of work.

#7 CCDC took the lead in helping the In-Home Support Services Agencies identify a list of concerns and bring those concerns to the state and PDPPC for resolution. CCDC also worked with DORA during the sunset review process to identify improvements needed in IHSS.

#8 CCDC acted as a lead agency in a coalition that responded to a change HCPF made when they implemented a pediatric acuity assessment tool to determine how much home health care children could receive. This tool was poorly planned and has a 22% error rate which resulted in 300 severely disabled children losing home care hours. Approximately 100 of those children appealed and almost all of them had their cases restored. We represented a number of families in appeals and coordinated among other advocacy organizations to ensure each family had someone to help them. As a result of our relentless advocacy HCPF convened a workgroup that included parents and revised the tool.

# Who Helped CCDC Last Year

## FRIENDS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES!

### Foundational Support –

The Anna and John J. Sie Foundation; The Anschutz Foundation; The Association of University Centers on Disabilities; The Caring for Colorado Foundation, The Colorado Bar Foundation; The Colorado Health Foundation; The Colorado Trust; The Denver Foundation; The Harold and Marion Gordon Foundation; The Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Colorado; The Konrad Family Foundation; The Rose Community Foundation.

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