



How Uncertainty in Washington Matters for Colorado Providers (and What ANCOR is Doing About It)

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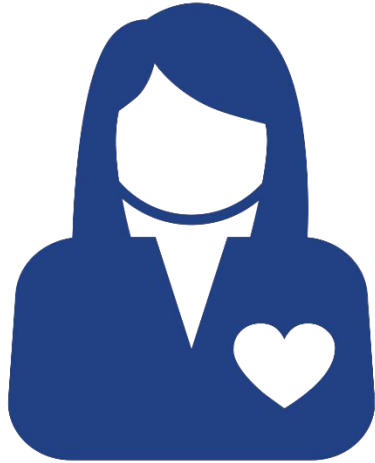
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Our Purpose

Advancing the future of supports and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

ANCOR by the Numbers



2,500

private providers
of I/DD services



61

state provider
associations



15

100% state
associations

Our Team



**Elise
Aguilar**



**Noah
Block**



**Lydia
Dawson**



**Tricia
DePalatis**



**André
Floyd**



**Sean
Luechtefeld**



**Donna
Martin**



**Barbara
Merrill**



**Lauren
Middleberg**



**Mariana
Nork**



**Cindy
Ramos**



**Tom
Rice**



**Gabrielle
Sedor**



**Sasha
Sencer**



**Alli
Strong-Martin**



**Robyn
Wolfe**



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Coloradoans Leading the Way



Cheryl Wicks
Mosaic
Co-Chair, GR
Committee



Doug McNeill
Laradon
Member, Board of
Representatives



Jodi Walters
Imagine!
Member, Board of
Representatives



Your Best-in-Class Team



**Josh
Rael**



**Ellen
Jensby**



**Kylie
Kampbell**



**Maria
Jasso**



**Emma
Hudson**









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BIDEN EXITS RACE



Moral of the story?

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The only constant, especially in
Washington, is change.

ANCOR's Approach to Steadying the Ship

**Improve access to community
through home- and
community-based services**

**Strengthen the direct support
workforce**

**Support Medicaid eligibility &
beneficiary protections**

Improving Community Access: 6 Things We're Watching

1. Sub-regulatory guidance following CMS' final Access Rule
2. Federal efforts to improve providers' ability to comply with DOL's final Overtime Rule (including Disability Community Act)
3. State legislative efforts to enhance rates to ensure compliance with Overtime Rule
4. Congressional movement on HCBS Access Act, HCBS Relief Act
5. Outcome of 2024 presidential elections
6. Impact of presidential elections on congressional races

Strengthening the Direct Support Workforce

Recent Accomplishments

- \$150 billion in proposed funding in President Biden's FY 2025 budget proposal
- President Biden's Executive Order on caregiving
- Acknowledgment of care workers in President's 2024 State of the Union Address
- Establishment of National Care Workers Recognition Month
- Acknowledgment of recruitment and retention challenges in administrative rulemaking
- \$37 billion in federal ARPA spending on workforce initiatives
- Senate passage of Recognizing the Role of Direct Support Professionals Act ("the SOC bill")

On the Horizon

- House passage of the SOC bill (3 steps to go)
- March 31, 2025, ARPA spending deadline
- Better Care Better Jobs Act

Supporting Medicaid Eligibility & Beneficiary Protections

Recent Accomplishments

- Newly finalized regulations regarding:
 - Streamlined eligibility
 - Streamlined Medicaid enrollment and renewal processes
 - Clarified expectations regarding definitions of discriminatory practices outlined in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

On the Horizon

- SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act
- Proposed rule to ban electrical stimulation devices used for behavioral intervention
- Addressing health-related social needs through 1115 waiver authorities, especially housing and food insecurity



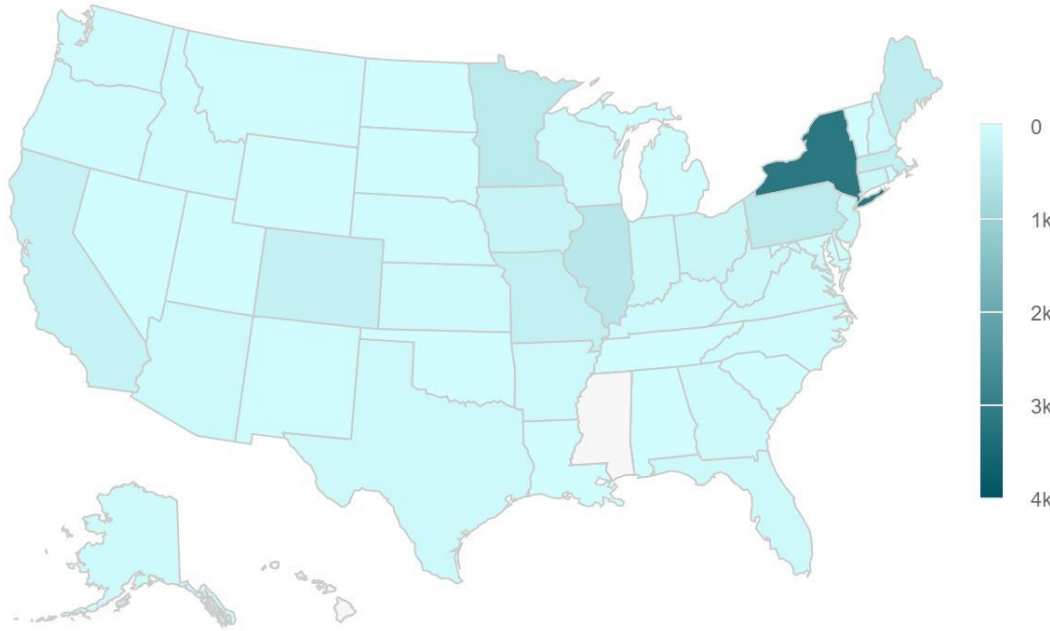
What Makes It All Possible? YOUR Engagement!



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Year in Review: Colorado's Advocacy



1,066

The number of messages sent by Colorado advocates since January 1

165

The number of Colorado advocates taking action since January 1

9th

Colorado's ranking among all states

ANCOR DC PAC



Learn more at [ancor.org/pac](https://www.ancor.org/pac)

2024 Contributions to Date

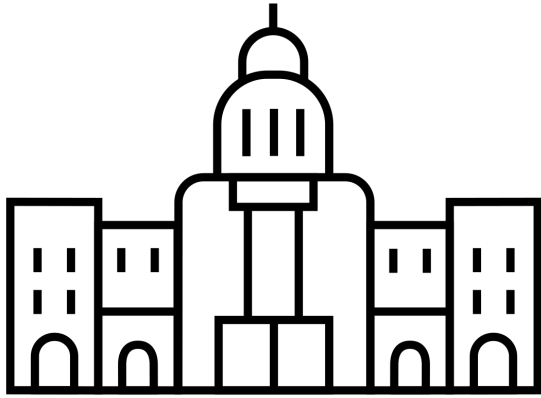
- Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)
- Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)
- Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
- Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY)
- Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA)
- Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY)
- Republican Governance Group
- NewDem Coalition



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Leadership through Committee Service



**Government
Relations
Committee**



**Grassroots
Committee**



**Housing
Task
Force**

KEEP GOING

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DO SOMETHING!

ANCOR Amplifier



Write your members of Congress. Share resources with legislative staff. Make your voice heard. All of these are great ways to support more inclusive communities.

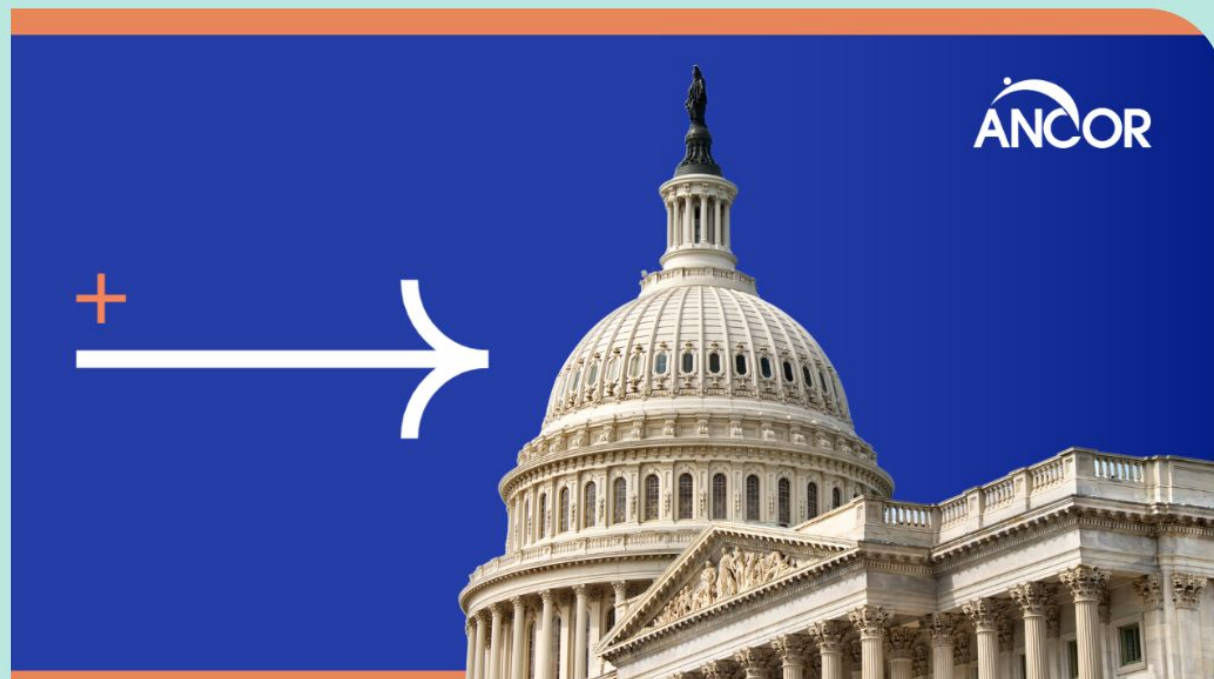


**Call on Your Representative
to Recognize Direct Support
Professionals**

**DOL Overtime Rule Action
Center**

**Advocate for the HCBS Relief
Act: Strengthen Community
Services**

Advocacy Toolkit



[ancor.org/advocacy/toolkit](https://www.ancor.org/advocacy/toolkit)

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

2024 ANCOR Policy Summit & Hill Day

September 23-24, 2024

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2024 *State of America's DSP Workforce Crisis Survey*



83%

Providers turning away new referrals
(+25.8% since pre-pandemic)



63%

Providers discontinuing programs/services
(+85% since pre-pandemic)



92%

Providers struggling to achieve quality standards
(+33% since pre-pandemic)



Coming Soon!



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Coming Soon: 2025 DSP of the Year Awards

- Each year, ANCOR honors nearly five dozen outstanding direct support professionals at our Annual Conference through our **DSP of the Year Awards**.
- See eligibility criteria, learn how to write a strong nomination, and review answers to FAQs at [ancor.org/dsp](https://www.ancor.org/dsp).
- Nomination window open **September 11-November 1, 2024**.
- Honorees to be recognized in San Diego on **April 9, 2025**.



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ANCOR CONNECT '25

APRIL 7-9, 2025
SAN DIEGO, CA

ANCOR Foundation Leadership Academy Class of 2027



- Leadership Academy participants build their expertise to enhance their influence in the field of disability services and supports.
- Applications for the Academy's Class of 2027 will be accepted **September 3-November 1, 2024.**
- Learn more by visiting **ancorfoundation.org/leadership-academy.**

Be in Touch!



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