

# Alliance State Forum

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# Agenda

- ARPA Update
- Workforce Update
- SIS Process
- Questions
- Open Discussion

# ARPA Update

- 53 of the 65 projects have launched
  - the remaining projects will go live July 1, 2022
- As of March 31st approximately \$55M of the \$530M has been spent
  - We expect that amount to ramp up significantly as contracts are executed, staff are hired and rate increases continue
- Quarterly CMS report is due April 18th; JBC quarterly report is due May 2
  - Reports will be posted on the website and are a great reference for project specific updates

# Website Expansion Update

[hcpf.colorado.gov/arpa](http://hcpf.colorado.gov/arpa)



- Huge expansion of content added to [website](#) at the end of January
  - New to explore:
    - [Searchable Project Directory](#)
    - [Individual project descriptions](#) and [project category](#) explanations of need
    - [Project Pulse Newsletter archive](#)
    - [Article and Blog Posts](#)
    - [Interactive Stakeholder Engagement Calendar and Meeting Information](#)
    - [New Question/Comment Submission Form](#)
  - Still being actively updated:
    - [Full quarterly reports](#) to JBC and CMS (just posted on 4/19)
    - [Hiring efforts and job postings](#)

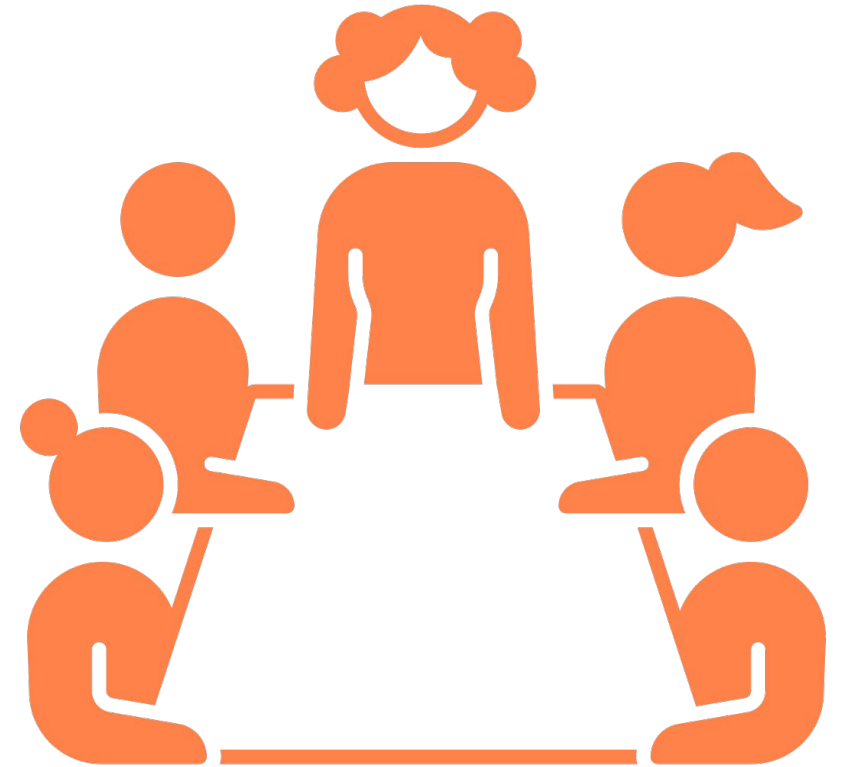


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# New Stakeholder Engagement Plan

- ❑ Comprehensive overview of the stakeholder engagement strategy for ARPA Projects
- ❑ Includes types of engagements and methods of engagement
- ❑ Outlines expectations and responsibilities for stakeholders and the Department



[hcpf.colorado.gov/arpa/arpa-stakeholder-engagement/plan](https://hcpf.colorado.gov/arpa/arpa-stakeholder-engagement/plan)

# Project Directory

## American Rescue Plan Projects

ARPA Home Page

Project Directory

Strengthen the Workforce & Enhanced Rural Sustainability

Improve Crisis & Acute Services

Improve Access to HCBS For Underserved Populations

Support Post-COVID Recovery & HCBS Innovation

Strengthen Case Management Redesign

Invest in Tools & Technology

Expand Emergency Preparedness

Enhance Quality Outcomes

Spending Plan

ARPA Webinars

Reports

ARPA Job Opportunities

ARPA Project Pulse Newsletter

ARPA Stakeholder Engagement

Articles & Blog Posts

### Searching/Filtering the List

To search the list, type any keyword into the search bar at the top of each column. Example: To search for projects related to eligibility, type "eligibility" in the search bar below **Project Name**

### Sorting the List

Click any column title to sort the text numerically or alphabetically. For example, to see all of the Active projects at the top of the table, click **Project Status**

Have an ARPA Question or Comment? Submit it here!

Reset Search

Project Name	Project Category	Project Status
Search...	Search...	Search...
<a href="#">1.01 - Increase Payments to Providers and Workers</a>	<a href="#">Strengthen the Workforce &amp; Enhanced Rural Sustainability</a>	Active
<a href="#">1.02 - Direct Care Workforce Data Infrastructure</a>	<a href="#">Strengthen the Workforce &amp; Enhanced Rural Sustainability</a>	Active
<a href="#">1.03 - Standardized Core Curriculum &amp; Specialization</a>	<a href="#">Strengthen the Workforce &amp; Enhanced Rural Sustainability</a>	Active
<a href="#">1.04 - Resource &amp; Job Hub</a>	<a href="#">Strengthen the Workforce &amp; Enhanced Rural Sustainability</a>	Active
<a href="#">1.05 - Establish a Training Fund</a>	<a href="#">Strengthen the Workforce &amp; Enhanced Rural Sustainability</a>	Active
<a href="#">1.06 - Career Pathways</a>	<a href="#">Strengthen the Workforce &amp; Enhanced Rural Sustainability</a>	Active

Includes a project director page where you can search by keyword to identify projects you might be interested in learning more about



# Stakeholder Engagement

## ARPA Stakeholder Engagement

ARPA Home Page

Project Directory

Spending Plan

ARPA Webinars

Reports

ARPA Job Opportunities

ARPA Project Pulse Newsletter

**ARPA Stakeholder Engagement**

ARPA Stakeholder Engagement Plan

Articles & Blog Posts

The Department is excited to offer all stakeholders a wide range of opportunities to become involved in the work surrounding the funding of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The engagement of members, family, advocates, providers, and all other stakeholders is a critical part of this process.

This page contains a calendar showing meeting information for all available opportunities to engage and will be updated regularly. Due to the requirements to use ARPA funding by March 2024, some of the stakeholder engagement processes might feel more abbreviated than typical and we appreciate the community's understanding of this.

[To view the complete ARPA Stakeholder Engagement Plan, including all the types and methods of communication click here](#)

Have an ARPA Question or Comment? Submit it here!

### ARPA Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

Today | Tuesday, March 29

10:00am Direct Care Workforce Collaborative

**Wednesday, May 4**

10:00am Community First Choice (CFC) Council

**Friday, May 6**

9:00am Direct Care Workforce Training & Career Advancement Action Group

**Thursday, May 19**

9:30am Webinar: Disability, Older Adult, & Advocacy Communities | Topic: ARPA + Department Updates

3:30pm Webinar: Updates & Technical Assistance for Providers | Topic: ARPA + Department Updates

**Friday, May 20**

1:00pm Direct Care Workforce Compensation & Benefits Action Group

**Friday, May 27**

1:00pm Direct Care Workforce Value & Awareness Action Group

**Wednesday, June 1**

10:00am Community First Choice (CFC) Council

**Wednesday, June 8**

10:00am Direct Care Workforce Collaborative

**Friday, July 1, 2022**

9:00am Direct Care Workforce Training & Career Advancement Action Group

**Wednesday, July 6, 2022**

10:00am Community First Choice (CFC) Council

**Friday, July 15, 2022**

1:00pm Direct Care Workforce Compensation & Benefits Action Group

Events shown in time zone: Mountain Time - Denver

Google Calendar

Also, has an easy to use calendar to identify engagement opportunities.

- Once identified, you can copy the engagement information directly onto your own digital calendar
- This page will also host or link to all meeting materials, such as agendas, powerpoints, and minutes

# Newsletter

March 2022

## ARPA Project Pulse Newsletter



Happy spring! We hope that everyone has enjoyed the changing weather lately and is looking forward to warmer temps as we enter April. ARPA projects are picking up steam as we continue work on phase 1 and 2 projects, and phase 3 projects prepare for their launch in April. The Department is excited to be onboarding passionate and experienced new staff who will help to make these projects possible. We still have more positions to hire and will continue to [post](#) opportunities throughout the spring.

This month's newsletter focuses on projects in the category [Support Post-COVID-19 Recovery & Innovation](#). Within this category, there are a number of very exciting projects with big potential for transformation of Colorado's home and community-based services (HCBS) system. We hope that you learn something new and join us in this dynamic and innovative work in the months and years ahead.

-The ARPA Team

### Community First Choice

Project Category: Support Post-COVID-19 Recovery & Innovation

**Background:**

Community First Choice (CFC) was established by the Affordable Care Act in 2010 and allows the Department to offer attendant care services on a state-wide basis to eligible members, instead of only those who meet the criteria for a 1915(c) waiver. CFC is an option available to states to provide home and community-based services (HCBS) through the Medicaid State Plan that allows participants to direct their own care as much as possible and promote independence in the community.



**What services are provided in CFC?**

In a CFC program, members can get services that help with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) and with Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs). ADLs are activities that you need to do to be able to live, like moving from place to place, using the toilet, washing, and eating. IADLs are activities that you need to do to be able to live independently, including house cleaning, shopping, and managing your money. CFC would offer support with both ADLs and IADLs according to a member's specific needs identified in the individual's person-centered support plan.

In addition, CFC would offer help with health-related tasks like organizing medications

## Sign up for the ARPA Project Pulse Newsletter!

The Department is implementing a multitude of projects to expand, enhance, and strengthen the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) system from Fall 2021 through Spring 2024 tied to federal funding in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This newsletter will serve as a source for key updates on all project planning and implementation, stakeholder engagement opportunities, and other topics of interest related to the funding.

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Last Name

Join our [mailing list](#) to be kept informed of upcoming opportunities to engage and to receive our ARPA Project Pulse Monthly Newsletter!





# Next Webinars



## ARPA Quarterly Update Thursday May 19, 2022

9:30 - 11 am - Disability, Older Adult, & Advocacy Communities

3:30 - 5 pm - Providers

## OCL General Updates Thursday June 16, 2022

9:30 - 10:30 am - Disability, Older Adult, & Advocacy Communities

3:30 - 4:30 pm - Providers

# Workforce Collaborative Update

## Vision

To be recognized as the central hub for action, expertise, and advocacy on the direct care workforce.

## Engagement to Date

- 500+ people have engaged (Collaborative meeting, Action Groups, DCWC Leadership)

## Going Forward

- Continue to grow participation/awareness/action with milestones and metrics to measure success

## Review Material

Direct Care  
Workforce Data  
Infrastructure

## Provide Feedback

Standardized Core  
Curriculum &  
Specialization

Resource & Job Hub

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## Consult

Career Pathways

Public Awareness  
Campaign

## Provide Insight

Workforce Compensation  
Research

Training Fund

Resource & Job Hub

# DCWC Role in ARPA Initiatives



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# DCW Initiatives & The Collaborative

## Action Groups

### Compensation & Benefits

- Workforce Compensation Research
- Rural Sustainability and Investment
- Direct Care Workforce Data Infrastructure

### Training & Career Advancement

- Career Pathways
- Standardized Core Curriculum & Specialization
- Establish a Training Fund
- Resource & Job Hub

### Value & Awareness

- Public Awareness Campaign

# ARPA DCW Initiatives

## Timeline

Increase Payments to Providers and Workers

Completed

Direct Care Workforce Data Infrastructure

**2022** Develop Survey  
**2023** Administer Survey  
**2024** Survey Report

Standardized Core Curriculum & Specialization

**2022** Stakeholder Engagement  
**2023** Develop & Test Modules  
 Stakeholder Communication/debrief  
**2024** Handoff online modules  
 Final Report

Resource & Job Hub

**2022** Stakeholder Engagement  
**2023** Define Outreach Campaign  
 Soft Launch  
**2024** Go Live

Establish a Training Fund

**2022** Define Scope & Desired Outcomes  
**2023** Execute Grant  
 Perform Grant Audit  
**2024** Finalize Audit  
 Publish Closeout Report

# ARPA DCW Initiatives

## Timeline

	2022	2023	2024
Career Pathways	Validate Career Pathways Plan	Program Promotion Develop Career Pathway Structures	Develop & Publish
Public Awareness Campaign	Vendor selection	On board vendor	Final Project Assemble Project Documentation
Workforce Compensation Research	Stakeholder Engagement	Stakeholder Engagement Best Practice Research	Final Report
Rural Sustainability and Investment	GIS Analysis Stakeholder Engagement	GIS Mapping Tool Live Feedback Review	Provider Strategies Report Identify Rural Provider Partnerships

# SIS & SL Improvements

- Work Group Formed
- Identifying Concerns
- Developing Solutions

Stakeholder  
Engagement

- New “Quality Lead” role
- SIS Interviewer Observations
- SIS Interviewer Community of Practice Meetings

Consistent  
Assessment

- Streamlined Reassessment Approvals
- Simplified SLR Request Form
- [Accessible Support](#)
- Person Centered Approval Periods

Streamlined  
Process

# Co-Occurring Disability & Behavioral Health

- Questions from the Alliance Emergency Response in Communities (ERIC)
  - Co-Occurring Disability & Behavioral Health Recommendations Report
  - Training
  - House Bill 21-1166
  - Complex Service and Creative Solutions
  - Children's Residential Habilitation Program (CHRP) capacity building
  - Care Coordination
- Behavioral Health Reform, pending legislation, and next steps



# Rate Increases

- 2% Across the board rate increase going into effect on 7/1
  - All but NMT and Massage Therapy due to Targeted Rate Increase
- 2.11% ends on 7/31

# LTTH, PDN, and PPC

- Transitioning the management and oversight of Long-Term Home Health (LTTH), Private Duty Nursing (PDN), and Pediatric Personal Care from HPO to OCL
  - These benefits are traditionally long-term in nature
  - Hospice, EPSDT, and Pediatric Behavioral Therapy will not be included as part of the transition
- Good timing to allow for aligning benefits as we plan for CFC
- Formal transition date of July 1, 2022
- Following the transition this summer, the Department will begin holding public stakeholder meetings with interested parties about these benefits, UR/UM of these services, and next steps

# Day Program & Transportation COVID Guidance

- [OM 22-013 - Updated Guidance Pertaining to Day Program and Transportation Services](#)
- Acknowledge that there is some confusing and contradicting information between State & Federal guidance provided
- Actively consulting with CDPHE
- Plan is to continue to defer to local county public health guidance
- Revised memo being drafted and will be released as soon as possible



# Discussion



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# Thank you!



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