

Successes

*Working together to develop and deliver
mental health resources
for Colorado communities.*



2008 Key Mental Health Legislation Passed

SB08-006 (Boyd/Solano)—Suspension of Medicaid Benefits

Allows for Medicaid benefits to be suspended rather than terminated when an individual enters a state institution

SB08-220 (Boyd/Riesberg) Employment of Physicians By Health Facilities

This legislation allows community mental health centers, community health clinics (FQHCs/and FQHC Look-alikes), rural health clinics, and school based health centers to hire physicians as employees.

HB08-1046 (Stafford/Windels)—Benefits Acquisition Assistance

120 days prior to release from a juvenile commitment facility or a State Department of Human Services Facility, individuals who meet the criteria for public benefits shall receive application assistance. Mandates that the HCPF simplify the processing of applications for Medicaid and CHP and that DHS simplify the processing for SSI and SSDI.

2007 Key Mental Health Legislation Passed

SB07-002 Extend Medicaid Eligibility—(Sandoval/Stafford)

This bill allows persons younger than 21 years of age who were in the foster care system and who attain the age of 18, or otherwise become emancipated, to continue to be eligible for Medicaid.

SB07-036 Increase Mandatory Coverage for Certain Mental Health Disorders - (Keller/Stafford)

This bill expands mandatory health insurance coverage to include post traumatic stress disorder, drug and alcohol disorders, dysthymia, cyclothymia, social phobia, agoraphobia with panic disorder, general anxiety disorder and anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa to the extent that these two eating disorders are treated on an outpatient, day treatment and in-patient bases.

SB07-097 Allocation of Tobacco Litigation Settlement Money—(Fitz Gerald/Madden)

In addition to providing funding for other health programs, this bill gives 12% of the money available to the Adult and Juvenile Offenders Mental Health Services fund, to provide mental health services to this population at the community mental health centers.

SB07-146 Families of Veterans Mental Health

Legislation creates a 3-year mental health service program for the families of discharged veterans of Iraq (OIF) and Afghanistan (OEF) military operations.

