



The Division of Child Welfare Services with the assistance of the Mountain and Plains Child Welfare Implementation Center (MPCWIC) is proud to introduce the Colorado Practice Initiative (CPI). Colorado is committed to achieving positive outcomes for children and their families involved with the child welfare system. The Colorado Practice Initiative is an effort to develop a clear, consistent and cohesive approach to practice and service delivery. This framework will be designed and developed collaboratively with child welfare staff and stakeholders across the state. To support Colorado on this journey, the Mountains and Plains Child Welfare Implementation Center is supporting a three-year implementation project, which will explore and define a Colorado practice model and implement specific practice strategies that are directed towards improved outcomes for children and families.

The CPI is convening multiple design teams, representing state, county, provider, consumer and stakeholder perspectives to guide this effort. Current design teams include:

- Project Executive Oversight Committee
- Project Operations and Implementation Team
- Research and Evaluation Team
- Communications Team
- Practice Model Team

Significant events through September 30, 2010:

- Development of initial practice model framework
- Gathering of broad-based, statewide input into the practice model, resulting in a finalized model
- Development of a plan for a phased-in implementation of the practice model
- Selection of a representative group of counties for phase one installation
- Development and design of implementation evaluation and support.

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