

**Statewide Strategic Use Fund Grant to Implement the:
 DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ACTION PLAN**

The Mental Health Center of Denver in partnership with the Colorado Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing were funded from September 2009 – June 2011 to implement the training and technical assistance center described in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Mental Health and Substance Abuse Action Plan. The funding supports:

- A coordinator position to work with the Implementation Team;
- Communication access for implementation team and other key meetings (interpreters and CART providers);
- An assessment of training and technical assistance needs among mental health and substance abuse providers;
- Technology assistance for providers throughout the state;
- Training and technical assistance on appropriate delivery of services for providers throughout the state; and
- Stipends for family and consumer participation.

The four goals of the Action Plan, guiding the implementation of this grant, will lead to a long-term, sustainable approach to providing services. The goals include developing a long-term governance structure, establishing a technical assistance and education center that partners with a statewide network of competent providers, developing standards for providing services to deaf and hard of hearing individuals, and establishing and engaging a network of consumer and family leaders.

Months	Activity
All	Engagement of key stakeholders on the implementation team & subcommittees.
1-4	Partnership with Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council, the Providers Network, & the Colorado School of the Deaf & Blind to identify, outreach to, & recruit providers.
1 – 4	Evaluation design completed through participatory process with Implementation Team.
5- 8	Survey & focus groups with providers and consumers receiving services to identify TA, training, & technology needs.
9 – 12	Distribution of assistive communication technology to participating providers who report gaps in technology access.
13 - 22	Development, delivery, & evaluation of regional trainings & incorporation of d/hoh curricula into existing training opportunities.
16 - 22	Sustainability planning in partnership with providers & the Division of Behavioral Health to ensure long-term availability of training, TA, & technology support.
22	Completed evaluation report documenting activities and outcomes of the grant.