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Name of Federal Stimulus Funding Source: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for Colorado's Part C/Early Intervention Program.

Total ARRA Part C Funds: \$7,954, 827

Progress on Activities:

- CDHS/DDD has received 100% of the ARRA Part C award.
- Approximately 76% of the funds will be allocated to twenty Community Centered Boards (CCBs) who will be using the funds for direct services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and for activities to improve the infrastructure for the early intervention programs.
- CDHS/DDD expects to complete the allocation plan for the funding to CCBs and provide reporting and accountability rules and guidelines by September 21, 2009.
- The remaining 24% of the funds are in the process of being allocated to programs and contractors to improve the statewide early intervention system primarily through personnel development initiatives.
- Below is a summary of the funded projects to date:

Project Name	Agency/Contractor	Amount	State/End Dates	Purpose	Jobs Created or Retained	Jobs Impacted
<i>Autism Early Guidelines and Improvement Project</i>	University of Colorado-Denver, School of Education & Human Development Phil Strain, Project Director	\$399,997	July 28, 2009- December 31, 2011	To develop state guidelines for the delivery of appropriate services for children under three years of age who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder or other severe communication, social emotional and behavior impairments and to increase the number of qualified personnel trained to work with young children.	1.35 FTE	32 FTE estimated
<i>Comprehensive Training Opportunities for Paraprofessionals in Early Intervention Services (CO-TOP*EIS)</i>	University of Colorado-Denver, School of Education & Human Development/PAR2A Center Ritu Chopra, Project Director	\$201,869 (Year 1) \$200,000 (estimated Year 2)	July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010 (Year 1)	To develop and implement a statewide system of training for paraprofessionals who will assist other professionals to provide developmental intervention services to infants and toddlers and their families.	1.9 FTE	60 FTE estimated

<i>Pyramid +: Center for Social Emotional Competence and Inclusion</i>	University of Colorado-Denver, School of Education & Human Development Barbara Smith, Project Director	\$300,000	October 1, 2009 - December 31, 2011	To serve as a centralized point of contact, coordination, training and technical support for early childhood social-emotional intervention for early care and education settings including family child care and in-home providers.	3 FTE	40 FTE estimated
<i>Professional Development Project</i>	Community College of Denver, Colorado Office of Professional Development Kathleen Stiles, Project Director	\$82,000	July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010	To maintain a statewide database for early intervention professionals and develop and conduct online training for early intervention service coordinators and providers.	1 FTE	75 FTE estimated
<i>Teaming Through Technology</i>	University of Colorado-Denver, Assistive Technology Partners Maureen Melonis, Project Director	\$199,998	July 1, 2009-June 30, 2011	To provide training to increase the number of Assistive Technology (AT) Specialists qualified to work in early intervention, provide technical assistance to existing AT Specialists and Community Centered Board staff, and expand available resources on AT to professionals and families	.7 FTE	27 FTE estimated
<i>Early Intervention Services</i>	20 Community Centered Boards (CCBs)	\$3,560,482 (Year 1) \$2,000,000 (estimated Year 2)	September 2009- December 31, 2011	To provide funds for service coordination and direct services to infants and toddlers which are not covered by other available funds in order to avoid a waiting list for early intervention services	32 FTE estimated	TBD
<i>Early Intervention Infrastructure Activities</i>	20 CCBs	\$500,000	October 1, 2009- December 31, 2011	To provide funds to CCBs to carry out professional development activities that will increase job creation and job retention, improve services to infants and toddlers in early intervention services, and ensure sustainability of innovative practices	TBD	TBD
<i>CDHS Administrative Fee (.05%)</i>		\$39,774	September 1, 2009			
<i>Two projects in process</i>	Pending open bid process	\$110,000	February 1, 2010- December 31, 2011	Develop AV materials for parents & Training providers for newborn assessments	TBD	TBD
<i>Unencumbered</i>	TBD	\$363,107	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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