



Using ARRA Funds to Support Early Intervention



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ARRA Principles



- ❖ Spend funds quickly to save and create jobs
- ❖ Improve student achievement through school improvement and reform
- ❖ Ensure transparency, reporting and accountability
- ❖ Invest one-time ARRA funds thoughtfully to minimize the “funding cliff”

OSEP Framing Questions

- 1) Use of funds results in improved outcomes
- 2) Use funds to increase capacity
- 3) Use funds to accelerate systems change
- 4) Use funds to avoid the cliff and serve as a bridge to improved productivity
- 5) Use of funds to foster continuous improvement



Colorado's FY 2009-10
Award = \$14,947,557



including

ARRA funds = \$7,954,827

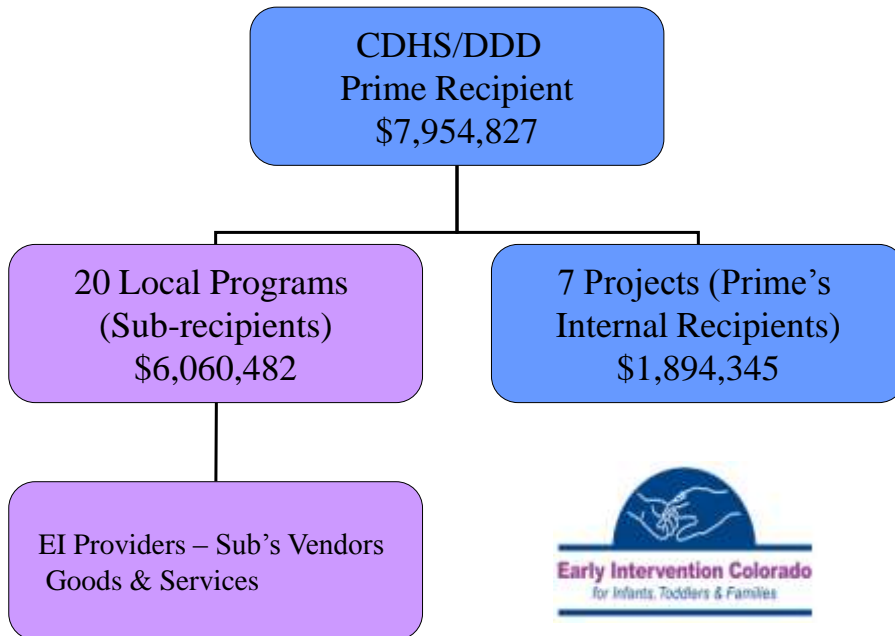


What Is Being Funded



76% of ARRA Funds: To local programs for direct services, infrastructure & personnel development activities

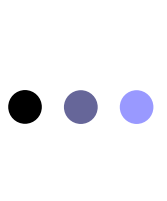
24% of ARRA Funds: To interagency partners and contractors for personnel development initiatives



EI Colorado ARRA CSPD Projects

- Autism Early Guidelines and Improvement Project
- Comprehensive Training Opportunities for Paraprofessionals in Early Intervention Services (CO-TOP*EIS)
- Pyramid +: Center for Social Emotional Competence and Inclusion
- Professional Development Project (provider database)
- Teaming Through Technology and Tech for Tots
- Two pending projects (audio-visual training materials for families and training for providers serving newborns and young infants)

Pyramid +: Center for Social Emotional Competence and Inclusion



1. Improved outcomes: Support healthy social emotional development in young children
2. Increase capacity: Increase the number of early intervention professionals who are trained to support young children with social emotional delays
3. Accelerate systems change: Interagency collaboration between three divisions and higher education



Pyramid +: Center for Social Emotional Competence and Inclusion



4. Avoid funding cliff and bridge to improved productivity: Increase state and local collaboration to achieve sustainability
5. Foster continuous improvement: Embeds quality assurance and fidelity of services



Additional Information



<http://www.eicolorado.org>

<http://www.colorado.gov/recovery>

http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/dfp/sco/contracts/ARRA/ARRA_Main_Page.htm

