

Powering the Comeback Resource Guide

RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS and FAMILIES

Skills Training for Job Seekers



Through the Colorado Recovery Plan, funding is available to support job seekers, workers, and students in getting the skills, training, work experience, and support services needed for in-demand jobs and careers.

Whatever your previous education or training, the opportunities in the Colorado Recovery Plan can support you in completing the credential or degree needed for a quality job. [Find resources and learn more by visiting this website.](#)

Housing Assistance

Coloradans in need of financial assistance for housing can access it [here](#). Those in need of general assistance with housing support can access free housing counseling services [here](#).

Tenants facing eviction can apply for legal assistance [here](#).



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Dial 2-1-1 for help accessing resources

2-1-1 is a confidential, multilingual service connecting people to vital resources in their local communities across the state. The [Colorado 2-1-1 Collaborative](#) provides referrals to behavioral and mental health services, resources for individuals seeking work, assistance in paying rental and utility bills, access to food and clothing banks, and GED and English as a second language classes, and much more.

Call 2-1-1 on your phone to access this critical service today!



SNAP Employment First Program

SNAP recipients will soon be able to access employment, training and other job search services to find and retain a living wage career. [Colorado's SNAP Employment and Training program](#), known as Employment First (EF), provides SNAP recipients with employment, training, and other job search services to find and retain a living wage career.

To be eligible for the Employment First program, you must be receiving SNAP benefits. There are several ways to apply for SNAP: Apply online using the [Colorado PEAK website](#), or with your smartphone by downloading the MyCOBenefits app. Then, to request Employment First services, current SNAP recipients can make requests through their PEAK Benefits Account.

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Displaced Workers' Grant

The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) funded six colleges across the state to support Colorado workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and support them in accessing and completing their credential or degree and get Back to Work.

Interested applicants must be displaced workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and complete a credential or degree by June 2023. Learn more [here](#).

Assistance to Weatherize Your Home

If you currently receive assistance from any of the following programs below, you automatically qualify for weatherization services, a variety of measures that improve the home's energy efficiency.

1. Aid to the Needy and Disabled (AND)
2. Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP/LIHEAP)
3. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
4. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
5. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Households not currently enrolled in these programs can also be eligible if they meet required income guidelines.

Contact your [local agency](#) for financial qualifications.

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State Victim Compensation Program

You may be eligible to receive crime victim compensation if you or your family are the victim of a violent crime in Colorado OR you or your family are residents of Colorado who have been victimized in a state or country that does not have a victim compensation program, or will not cover your loss. Victims may be eligible to receive up to \$30,000 for out-of-pocket expenses not covered by insurance or other collateral resources, or up to \$2,000 in emergency funds directly related to the crime.

Victims of a violent crime in Colorado may apply for victim compensation by contacting the administrator in the judicial district where the crime occurred. Use [this map](#) to find the district you need to contact then download and fill out the [Victim Compensation Application](#) and send it to the appropriate administrator.

Address Confidentiality Program

The [Colorado Address Confidentiality Program](#) (ACP) is a statewide program that provides survivors of stalking, sexual assault, and domestic violence with a legal substitute address and mail forwarding. ACP services are intended to enhance a comprehensive safety plan and contribute to increased survivor safety. Survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence or stalking/harassment who fear for their safety are encouraged to apply at any time. To begin the enrollment process, contact an application center in your area and request a meeting with an Application Assistant using the [Application Center Locations](#) page.

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Domestic Abuse Program

The Colorado Domestic Abuse Program supports community-based domestic violence advocacy programs and services that intervene, prevent and respond to domestic violence, including 24-hour crisis line services; emergency housing options; support groups, counseling, and advocacy; safety planning and information and referrals for victims and their families; community education and prevention efforts; and children's programming and advocacy.

If you are in need of domestic violence resources, please refer to the [Domestic Abuse Program website](#) or the [Violence Free Colorado website](#) to access an array of free and confidential services 24/7.

Agriculture Drought Resiliency Grant Program

The Agricultural Drought Resiliency Program was created in response to the 2020 drought season, which resulted in record-high temperatures, low humidity, extremely dry conditions, and rampant wildfires. These conditions have caused deep economic and ecological costs to agriculture, severely impacting our farmers and ranchers. The program is intended to support drought and climate resilience efforts for agricultural producers.

Learn more [here](#). Applications close September 30, 2021.

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Incentives for Weddings, Events, and Conferences



The Meeting and Events Incentive provides a 10% cash rebate against eligible hard costs for hosting meetings and events in Colorado that take place between July 1, 2021 and December 31, 2022 and have total eligible hard costs at or above \$35,000.

The primary event host or organizer may apply for the rebate. Learn how to get a rebate [here](#).

Support for Arts, Artists, and Creative Industries

The Colorado Arts Relief Fund provides funding to support the arts, cultural and entertainment artists, crew members, and artistic organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Independent music venues, non-profit or for-profit community theaters, galleries, art museums, performing arts venues, production companies, radio stations, and individual artists or entertainment crew members may apply. Learn more [here](#). Applications close October 15, 2021.



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COMING SOON! Free Mental Health Services for Youth



The Youth Mental Health Services program will facilitate access to mental health services for youth. An initial mental health screening on a newly created web portal will help mental health providers respond to mental health needs. The program pays for up to three mental health sessions for youth up to 18-years-old, either in-person or by telehealth. More information will be available soon. Read the new law [here](#).

COMING SOON! Area Agency on Aging Grant Program

The [Area Agency on Aging Grant Program](#) supports projects that help older Coloradans, including community services, infrastructure improvements, health promotion, transportation services, home modification, and fall prevention and chronic disease management programs.

Grant applications close January 1, 2022. More information coming soon on how older Coloradans can access these programs.