



CDHS Family Voice Council Budget/Funding Request EXAMPLE

1. What is the Family Voice Council (FVC)?

FVC is made up of 20 members who have been involved with, or are currently engaging in, at least two CDHS services or programs. Council members meet monthly to learn, give input and ultimately affect positive systems change. The Council's mission is to share their voices to advocate for improved availability, access and delivery of equitable human services for all Coloradans now, and for future generations. Childcare, transportation costs and stipends for their time are given for members' participation.



2. Why is the Family Voice Council important?

- CDHS wants to recognize the value of family participation and engaging the voices of those with lived systems experience.
- CDHS is quickly becoming the state model for organizing and facilitating family voice councils.
- There is power in bridging the gap between those who are designing services and those who are receiving them.

3. What has the Family Voice Council accomplished?

- Recommended more family friendly language on the Families First Prevention Services Act Survey
- Changed language on the Division of Youth Services: Bill of Rights
- Provided guidance on trainings for the Child Welfare Regional Training Advisory Committee
- Recommended more diversity in the Lift the Label opioid campaign
- Provided feedback on the production of Child Support Services new website to add a section for grandparents and resources for fathers

4. What's next?

- Providing input on Office WIGs and interoperability discussion in August
- Incorporating a professional development leadership curriculum
- Presenting to the CDHS Performance Management Academy in October
- Engaging in policy and rule making
- Continuing support for local and other state agency advisory councils
- Presenting at upcoming meetings and conferences



5. How much funding is needed?

- This funding request primarily includes FTE and compensation/travel costs for members to co-design and attend meetings. Providing compensation to members is a best practice for family and community engagement and leadership development.
- See the detailed budget request [here](#).