




JEFFERSON
COUNTY COLORADO
Human Services
Steps to a better, safer life

PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

ABOUT THIS RESOURCE GUIDE

Jefferson County Human Services employs talented, passionate professionals who empower people and communities to thrive. We are dedicated to supporting our community in taking steps to better, safer lives. We continue to work on prevention by strengthening and supporting families, seniors, and our community, together, in a meaningful way.

This guide is a comprehensive resource for our community, our partners, and our team. Each service area highlights the range of services available. You will find an explanation of the program, who may benefit, and how to learn more.

No one entity such as government, non-profit, faith community, or business can, by itself, cure the ills in the community. We can do things together that we could never do alone. This is why you will also find a variety of helpful community resources that can offer additional assistance to individuals and families in Jefferson County. We seek to serve customers by leveraging the power of creative collaboration. Many of our innovative collaborations are also detailed in this guide.

We hope you will find this a useful resource and beneficial guide. If you have any questions or comments please send them to hscommunications@jeffco.us.



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ELIGIBILITY

PEAK

WHAT: The fast and easy way to access benefit information - anytime and anywhere. PEAK is an online service for Coloradans to screen and apply for medical, food, cash, and early childhood assistance programs. PEAK is an all-encompassing online portal for individuals to check eligibility, apply for public assistance, check their benefits status, and report changes to their cases.

WHO: Individuals and families interested in applying for public assistance

HOW: Visit <https://coloradopeak.secure.force.com/>

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/2720/PEAK>



Connecting Colorado *Connecting Talent with Opportunity*

WHAT: Connecting Colorado is part of a state and county-run system that delivers immediate, tangible results for your future.

WHO: Job Seekers - You can post your résumé, apply for a specific job or do a self-directed job search through our jobs database. Employers - We can help you find and hire the right people for your business. Connecting Colorado offers a more cost-effective way of recruiting and hiring. Here, you can post job openings, review résumés, and connect with qualified workers.

HOW: Visit <https://www.connectingcolorado.com/>



Jefferson County Website

WHAT: Find more information on eligibility for each specific program at <https://www.jeffco.us/Human-Services> or about all Jefferson County services at <https://www.jeffco.us/>.



AGING AND ADULT

Adult Protection

WHAT:	Investigates reports of abuse, neglect/self-neglect, or financial exploitation of at-risk adults. Assesses need for protective services and provides services to reduce risk.
WHO:	At risk adults age 18 and older who are susceptible to abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
HOW:	24/7 screening: 303-271-4673
LENGTH:	As long as needed
LEARN MORE	www.jeffco.us/2718/Hotlines

Burial Assistance

WHAT:	Assistance to help pay for funeral, burial, and/or cremation costs.
WHO:	Deceased individuals whose estate and persons legally responsible are unable to pay for such services
HOW:	See application instructions and learn more at https://www.jeffco.us/2635/Burial-Assistance

Home Care Allowance

WHAT:	Provides financial assistance to elderly and disabled individuals for services paid directly to a home care provider. The home care provider assists with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, transfers, and supportive services such as money and appointment management.
WHO:	Income guidelines vary based on age and disability
HOW:	Visit https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/in-home-support-services#hca
LENGTH:	Varies
LEARN MORE	https://www.jeffco.us/2640/Home-Care-Allowance

Aid to the Disabled / Aid to the Blind

WHAT:	Provides cash assistance to disabled individuals with very little or no income. Programs are temporary and applicants must also apply for Social Security Income (SSI). alcohol abuse; intensive case management.
WHO:	Jefferson County residents ages 18 to 59, certified as disabled, and unable to work for 6 months.
HOW:	Apply online through PEAK, by phone at 303-271-4006, mail, or in person at Human Services Building
LENGTH:	Until SSI is approved
LEARN MORE	www.jeffco.us/2623/Aid-to-the-Needy-Disabled or www.jeffco.us/2621/Aid-to-the-Blind

Health First Colorado (Medicaid)

WHAT:	In Colorado, Medicaid is now known as Health First Colorado. Health First Colorado is public health insurance for Coloradans who qualify and offers free health and dental insurance.
WHO:	Individuals who meet the income guidelines
HOW:	Apply online through PEAK or in person at Human Services Building
LENGTH:	As long as qualified (eligibility reviewed annually)
LEARN MORE	www.jeffco.us/2649/Health-First-Colorado-Medicaid

Health Insurance Assistance

WHAT:	Connect for Health Colorado is Colorado's Health Insurance Marketplace, the only place to apply for financial assistance to help reduce your costs and get access to free, in-person help available statewide.
WHO:	Coloradans who meet specific monthly income requirements can get insurance through Health First Colorado.
HOW:	Visit https://connectforhealthco.com/
LENGTH:	Varies
LEARN MORE	www.jeffco.us/2650/Health-Insurance-Assistance



AGING AND ADULT

Long Term Care

WHAT: Provides extra benefits to help individuals remain in their home and community. Covers a variety of mental and physical health conditions.

WHO: Individuals needing ongoing medical or social support and meet financial and program requirements.

HOW: Apply online through PEAK or in person at Human Services Building

LENGTH: As long as qualified

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2626/Long-Term-Care

Vocational Rehabilitation

WHAT: Helps individuals with disabilities prepare for, obtain, advance in, and maintain employment by providing a range of services based on individual employment needs and goals.

WHO: Individuals experiencing disabilities

HOW: Call 303-271-4006 or [visit https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dvr/](https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dvr/)

LENGTH: Varies

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2628/Vocational-Rehabilitation

Old Age Pension

WHAT: Provides financial assistance and in some cases medical benefits for older persons with limited income and resources. Depending on the age of the applicant, application for Social Security benefits may be required as part of the eligibility determination.

WHO: County residents age 60 or older.

HOW: Apply online through PEAK, by phone or mail, or in person at Human Services Building

LENGTH: As long as qualified

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/2276/Old-Age-Pension>



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Adoption

WHAT: Provides tools to assist in the journey to adopt and raise children.

WHO: Pre and post-adoptive families

HOW: Call 303-271-4423

LENGTH: Varies

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2327/Adoption

Child Care Assistance

WHAT: Provides subsidized child care to parents who are working, going to school, or job searching; parent pays co-pay directly to provider and county pays another portions (varies based on family size, income, hours of care, and more).

WHO: Jefferson County families with children from birth through age 12 or children with additional care needs under the age of 19; parents must be working, looking for a job, a teen earning a high school diploma or GED, earning first college degree, enrolled in technical training/GED/Adult Basic Ed, or receiving TANF

HOW: Apply online through PEAK or in person at Human Services Building; to find a provider call 1-877-338-CARE (2273)

LENGTH: As long as qualified

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2495/Child-Care-Assistance

Children's Health Plan Plus (CHP+)

WHAT: Low-cost health and dental insurance.

WHO: Children (0 – 18) and pregnant women whose families make too much to qualify for Health First Colorado/Medicaid.

HOW: Apply online through PEAK, visit <https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/how-to-apply>, or in person at Human Services Building

LENGTH: As long as qualified (eligibility reviewed annually)

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2649/Health-First-Colorado-Medicaid

Child Protection

WHAT: If you suspect child abuse or neglect call the Jefferson County Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at **303-271-HELP (4357)** or the statewide Colorado Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at **1-844-CO-4-KIDS**.

WHO: Everyone plays a role in preventing child abuse and neglect. Caseworkers and social workers are helping strengthen families and protect children, but they need your help. To end child abuse and neglect, all Coloradans need to educate themselves and be willing to get involved to help a parent or a child.

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2718/Hotlines

Chafee Foster Care Independence Program

WHAT: Assists youth in transitioning into adulthood and offers the skills and support needed to become self-sufficient. Provides independent living services such as skill building, coaching, resources, housing, employment, money management, and more.

WHO: Jefferson County youth with experience of foster care, are in out of home placement, or have aged out of the system

HOW: Referrals through case manager

LENGTH: Varies

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2465/Chafee-Program

Child Support

WHAT: Works with parents and guardians to ensure children have financial and medical supports from each parent.

WHO: County residents needing to establish paternity to obtain a child support order; custodial parents or legal guardians needing assistance in establishing child support order; custodial parents or legal guardians in need of enforcing a child support order; non-custodial parents wishing to receive credit for child support payments.

HOW: Apply online, in person at Laramie Building, or by mail.

LENGTH: As long as case is open

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2643/Child-Support-Services

Colorado Works / TANF

WHAT: Financial assistance, job preparation, and work opportunities for families with dependent children. Child care assistance and other supportive services available for job seekers. Requires participation in case management, work-related activities, and cooperation with Child Support Services.

WHO: Jefferson County residents who meet resource and income guidelines and have a dependent child. The amount of financial aid provided is based on family size and income.

HOW: Apply online through PEAK

LENGTH: Families with minor children are eligible for 60 months (5 years) over a lifetime.

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2687/Colorado-Works-TANF



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Fatherhood Program

WHAT: Provides education and coaching for mothers and fathers who want to support the best interest of their children. Through our classes and services, we provide peer-based engagement, motivation, and on-going support for the parents in our community.

WHO: Serves fathers, mothers, and families.

HOW: Call 303-271-4550

LENGTH: Varies

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2693/Fatherhood

Foster Care

WHAT: Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties work together as the Collaborative Foster Care Program to recruit, train, certify, and support foster families throughout the metro-Denver area. More families are needed. On average, there are more than 1,000 children in foster care and 40 children awaiting an adoptive family combined in all three counties at any given time.

WHO: Individuals or families provide temporary care of a youth until they can return home, emancipate, or are adopted (if parental rights are terminated).

HOW: Information Night will provide you with a brief overview of the youth in foster care, the role of a foster parent, and the process to becoming certified with the Collaborative Foster Care Program. Attendance at Information Night is required before you will be provided pre-application paperwork and before you begin the Pre-Service Training.

LENGTH: Varies for each case

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/head-start

LOCATIONS: 1690 W Littleton Boulevard, Littleton, CO 80120

Family Integrated Treatment (FIT) Court

WHAT: Intensive voluntary program for families who are court-ordered and / or in dependency and neglect system. Provides specialized drug and alcohol services to adults with a history of drug and alcohol abuse; intensive case management.

WHO: Jefferson County adults with children 0 to 18 and involved in the child welfare system

HOW: Referrals to screening team by intake, ongoing case, or the Court.

LENGTH: Approximately 12 months to completion

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/3662/FIT-Court

Head Start

WHAT: Comprehensive, no-cost preschool program providing a range of support and services for children and families.

WHO: Serving children 3 to 5 years old in Jefferson County (excluding Lakewood) and their families. Services including education, family support, health services, mental health services, meal and nutrition services, transportation, special education, and resources are all available to families at no-cost.

HOW: Apply year round through PEAK, in person at either of our two locations, or call 720-497-7900.

LENGTH: No-cost half day morning and afternoon classes, full day classes, and before/after school care.

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/head-start

LOCATIONS: Arvada Head Start, 5150 Allison Street, Arvada, CO 80002 or Wheat Ridge Head Start, 12725 W 42nd Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Kinship Relative Care

WHAT: The full-time nurturing and protection of children by kin or by someone with a significant relationship to the child.

WHO: Kinship relatives

HOW: Contact 303-271-1388

LENGTH: Varies

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2705/Kinship-Relative-Care



EMPLOYMENT

JEFFERSON | Business & Workforce Center
COUNTY COLORADO | Matching business and talent

*Description: **Business & Workforce Center** promotes economic vitality by identifying, developing, and matching a talented workforce to business.*

Employers

WHAT: Business Services offers talent recruitment, pre-employment candidate evaluations, screening and referral of qualified candidates, subsidized on-the-job training, wage analysis, reduction in force, hiring events, an internship program, and customized services for employee transitions all at no-cost for local businesses.

WHO: Businesses operating or hiring in Jefferson County

HOW: Call 303-271-4800

LENGTH: Varies

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/1777/Business-Services>

Employment Services

WHAT: Business & Workforce Center provides enhanced employment services to assist adults in strengthening their skills. Individualized services include one-on-one employment counseling, career assessments, and specialized workshops.

WHO: Additional job search support or training opportunities available to individuals who have recently been laid off; who do not have employable skills or current certifications; who need support finding and keeping employment; who are displaced workers seeking a career.

HOW: Drop in at Laramie Building or call 303-271-4755

LENGTH: Varies

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/1775/Employment-Services>

Training and Workshops

WHAT: A variety of free workshops and quality trainings, tools, and resources are offered to assist individuals in their pathway to employment and personal growth. Topics include resume writing, interviewing, social media, and more.

WHO: Participation is open to all Colorado residents, such as individuals who are unemployed, under-employed, or looking to change careers.

HOW: Call 303-271-4700

LENGTH: Varies

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/1783/Workshops>

Career Center

WHAT: Business & Workforce Center operates a full-service career center in Jefferson County, but also serves residents of Gilpin County and Clear Creek County. All services are free to Colorado residents. Computers with internet access, courtesy telephones, fax and copy machines, job postings, notice of hiring events, and reference materials are available.

WHO: Individuals experiencing unemployment and underemployment or seeking new opportunities

HOW: Drop in at Laramie Building

HOURS: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/1773/Career-Services-Center>

Hiring Events/Career Fairs

WHAT: Business & Workforce Center will host and help to plan general or industry-specific networking opportunities, hiring events, or career fairs in order for employers to hire and allow businesses and job seekers to connect

WHO: Job seekers and employers

HOW: Businesses can call 303-271-4768. Employers can visit <https://www.jeffco.us/773/Business-Workforce-Center> for a list of upcoming events.

LENGTH: Varies

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/773/Business-Workforce-Center>

Young Adults

WHAT: Offers numerous free services to help youth develop job readiness skills and get connected with employment opportunities

WHO: Individuals, ages 14 to 24, in Jefferson, Gilpin, and Clear Creek Counties

HOW: Call 303-271-4613 or email youthservices@jeffco.us

LENGTH: Varies

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/1780/Youth>



EMPLOYMENT

Colorado Works / TANF

WHAT: Financial assistance, job preparation, and work opportunities for families with dependent children. Child care assistance and other supportive services available for job seekers. Requires participation in case management, work-related activities, and cooperation with Child Support Services.

WHO: Jefferson County residents who meet resource and income guidelines and have a dependent child. The amount of financial aid provided is based on family size and income.

HOW: Apply online through PEAK

LENGTH: Families with minor children are eligible for 60 months (5 years) over a lifetime.

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2687/Colorado-Works-TANF

Employment First

WHAT: Helps individuals secure jobs and improve employment status through job skills workshops, training, tuition assistance, support groups, and work experience. For some, participation in Employment First is a requirement to receive Food Assistance. For others, it is voluntary

WHO: Individuals receiving Food Assistance

HOW: Apply online through PEAK or in-person at Human Services Building

HOURS: Orientations are held each Monday at 9am and 1pm. Participants are assigned a specific day and time to attend. Orientations last about three hours.

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/2644/Employment-First>

Veterans Employment

WHAT: Works with Veterans to utilize, promote, and expand upon training, work ethic, and skill sets to find the perfect career. Services include, but are not limited to: registration, counseling, referral to supportive services, referral to job openings, job development, or training. Provides Priority of Service for military Veterans and spouses seeking employment or job training services.

WHO: All eligible veterans and their spouses.

HOW: Call 303-271-4700

LENGTH: Varies

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/1779/Veterans>



FINANCIAL

Burial Assistance

- WHAT:** Assistance to help pay for funeral, burial, and/or cremation costs.
- WHO:** Deceased individuals whose estate and persons legally responsible are unable to pay for such services
- HOW:** <https://www.jeffco.us/2635/Burial-Assistance>

Energy Assistance (Low Income Energy Assistance Program/LEAP)

- WHAT:** Helps individuals and families with a portion of home heating costs.
- WHO:** Individuals and families who pay home heating costs to an energy provider, fuel dealer, or as part of rent. The amount of the energy assistance benefit varies depending on a variety of factors, including the primary heating fuel costs and income.
- HOW:** Call 866-HEAT-HELP (432-8435) or visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/leap>
- LENGTH:** Winter heating season, available November 1 through April 30.
- LEARN MORE** <https://www.jeffco.us/2637/Energy-Assistance-LEAP>

Colorado Works / TANF

- WHAT:** Financial assistance, job preparation, and work opportunities for families with dependent children. Child care assistance and other supportive services available for job seekers. Requires participation in case management, work-related activities, and cooperation with Child Support Services.
- WHO:** Jefferson County residents who meet resource and income guidelines and have a dependent child. The amount of financial aid provided is based on family size and income.
- HOW:** Apply online through PEAK
- LENGTH:** Families with minor children are eligible for 60 months (5 years) over a lifetime.
- LEARN MORE** www.jeffco.us/2687/Colorado-Works-TANF

Home Care Allowance

- WHAT:** Provides financial assistance to elderly and disabled individuals for services paid directly to a home care provider. The home care provider assists with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, transfers, and supportive services such as money and appointment management.
- WHO:** Income guidelines vary based on age and disability
- HOW:** Visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/in-home-support-services#hca>
- LENGTH:** Varies
- LEARN MORE** <https://www.jeffco.us/2640/Home-Care-Allowance>



FOOD

Employment First

WHAT: Helps individuals secure jobs and improve employment status through job skills workshops, training, tuition assistance, support groups, and work experience. For some, participation in Employment First is a requirement to receive Food Assistance. For others, it is voluntary.

WHO: Individuals receiving Food Assistance

HOW: Apply online through PEAK or in-person at Human Services Building

LENGTH: Orientations are held each Monday at 9am and 1pm. Participants are assigned a specific day and time to attend. Orientations last about three hours.

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/2644/Employment-First>

Food Assistance (SNAP)

WHAT: Food Assistance, also known as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), offers nutrition assistance and helps individuals and families buy food that is healthy and nutritious.

WHO: Jefferson County residents who: work for low wages; are unemployed or work part-time; receive TANF / Colorado Works benefits; are elderly or disabled and live on a small income; or are homeless.

HOW: Apply online through PEAK or in-person at Human Services Building

LENGTH: As long as household is qualified; most must recertify every 6 months.

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/2641/Food>

Colorado Quest Card (EBT)

WHAT: Food Assistance benefits are issued on an electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card, called the Colorado Quest Card. It looks like a credit or bank card and can be used at any authorized store across the country.

WHO: Individuals receiving Food Assistance

HOW: Apply for food assistance online through PEAK or in-person at Human Services Building

LENGTH: As long as household is qualified; most must recertify every 6 months.

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/2636/Colorado-Quest-Card-EBT>



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Aid to the Disabled / Aid to the Blind

WHAT: Provides cash assistance to disabled individuals with very little or no income. Programs are temporary and applicants must also apply for Social Security Income (SSI).

WHO: Jefferson County residents ages 18 to 59, certified as disabled, and unable to work for 6 months.

HOW: Apply online through PEAK, by phone at 303-271-4006, mail, or in person at Human Services Building

LENGTH: Until SSI is approved

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2623/Aid-to-the-Needy-Disabled or www.jeffco.us/2621/Aid-to-the-Blind

Health First Colorado (Medicaid)

WHAT: In Colorado, Medicaid is now known as Health First Colorado. Health First Colorado is public health insurance for Coloradans who qualify and offers free health and dental insurance.

WHO: Individuals who meet the income guidelines

HOW: Apply online through PEAK or in person at Human Services Building

LENGTH: As long as qualified (eligibility reviewed annually)

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2649/Health-First-Colorado-Medicaid

Long Term Care

WHAT: Provides extra benefits to help individuals remain in their home and community. Covers a variety of mental and physical health conditions.

WHO: Individuals needing ongoing medical or social support and meet financial and program requirements.

HOW: Apply online through PEAK or in person at Human Services Building

LENGTH: As long as qualified

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2626/Long-Term-Care

Children's Health Plan Plus (CHP+)

WHAT: Low-cost health and dental insurance.

WHO: Children (0 – 18) and pregnant women whose families make too much to qualify for Health First Colorado/Medicaid.

HOW: Apply online through PEAK, visit <https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/how-to-apply>, or in person at Human Services Building

HOURS: As long as qualified (eligibility reviewed annually)

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2649/Health-First-Colorado-Medicaid

Health Insurance Assistance

WHAT: Connect for Health Colorado is Colorado's Health Insurance Marketplace, the only place to apply for financial assistance to help reduce your costs and get access to free, in-person help available statewide.

WHO: Coloradans who meet specific monthly income requirements can get insurance through Health First Colorado.

HOW: Visit <https://connectforhealthco.com/>

HOURS: Varies

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2650/Health-Insurance-Assistance

Medicare Savings

WHAT: Helps individuals with limited income and resources pay for some or all Medicare premiums and may also pay Medicare deductibles and co-insurance.

WHO: Eligible Colorado residents who currently receive Medicare. Which program you qualify for depends on income and resources.

HOW: Apply online through PEAK or in person at Human Services Building

HOURS: As long as qualified

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2653/Medicare-Savings

Vocational Rehabilitation

WHAT: Helps individuals with disabilities prepare for, obtain, advance in, and maintain employment by providing a range of services based on individual employment needs and goals.

WHO: Individuals experiencing disabilities

HOW: Call 303-271-4006 or visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dvr/>

LENGTH: Varies

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2628/Vocational-Rehabilitation



HOUSING

Community Development

WHAT: Administers a variety of grants and programs through community partnerships. Connects people with resources from HUD and helps ensure Fair Housing compliance within Jefferson County.

WHO: Low-income, moderate income individuals and families; community partners such as developers, faith, nonprofit, businesses, and local government

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/2657/Community-Development>

Homelessness Resources

WHAT: A collection of resources in the community, such as shelters, food banks, and other services.

WHO: Individuals and families experiencing homelessness

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/2674/Homelessness-Resources>

Housing Assistance Resources

WHAT: Collection of non-emergency housing services, rent/mortgage payment assistance, utility assistance, and affordable housing search.

WHO: Varies by program

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/2679/Housing-Assistance-Resources>



VETERANS

Veterans Employment

WHAT: Works with Veterans to utilize, promote, and expand upon training, work ethic, and skill sets to find the perfect career. Services include, but are not limited to: registration, counseling, referral to supportive services, referral to job openings, job development, or training. Provides Priority of Service for military Veterans and spouses seeking employment or job training services.

WHO: All eligible veterans and their spouses.

HOW: Call 303-271-4700

LENGTH: Varies

LEARN MORE <https://www.jeffco.us/1779/Veterans>

Veterans Services Office

WHAT: VA administers a variety of benefits and services that provide financial and other forms of assistance to Veterans, their dependents, and survivors. Major benefits include Veterans' compensation, Veterans' pension, survivors' benefits, rehabilitation and employment assistance, education assistance, home loan guaranties, and life insurance coverage.

WHO: Jefferson County Veterans Services Office assists Jefferson County residents who served in the United States armed forces obtain any and all Veterans Administration (VA) benefits for which they may be eligible.

HOW: Call 303-271-4574 or complete online form at <https://www.jeffco.us/FormCenter/Human-Services-13/Veterans-Services-Form-180>

LENGTH: Varies

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2685/Veterans-Services



COLLABORATIONS

Aging Well

WHAT: Aging Well in Jefferson County is a strategic planning project focused on developing and implementing strategies to create inclusive, livable communities through sustainable partnerships and integrated services.

WHO: Focuses on what Jefferson County needs to do to prepare for the increase in seniors in the next 20 years. A Leadership Committee includes interested citizens and professionals from all areas of senior issues including affordable housing, caregiving, legal issues, social and civic engagement, health and mental health, congregate meal sites and home delivery, transportation, planning and zoning, and more.

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/Aging-Well

Jeffco Connections

WHAT: Collaborative management program comprised of 22 family serving entities and jurisdictions within the county who develop innovative and collaborative initiatives together.

WHO: The Commission supports programming that focus on the whole person, recognizes success not just compliance, and provides integrated, family centered services for all age groups. The mission is to increase the health and well-being of children, youth, and families by establishing collaborative leadership, accountability, and efficient and cost effective coordinated systems, through streamlining services and reducing duplication.

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2713/Child-Youth-Leadership-Commission

Jeffco Prosperity Partners (JPP)

WHAT: JPP is a community, supporting families in moving from poverty to prosperity by supporting multi-generational, whole-family outcomes - students to diploma and parents to self-defined prosperity.

WHO: JPP was created by the community, for the community, and cannot do this work alone. JPP has grown to include over 60 community partners including government, schools, early childhood, faith groups, nonprofits, foundations, community mental health, fatherhood, businesses, community members, volunteers, and many more. No individual organization can provide all the answers to the complex situations families encounter on their path to prosperity.

LEARN MORE www.jeffcoprosperity.org

Collaborative Foster Care Program

WHAT: Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties work together to recruit, train, certify, and support foster families throughout the metro-Denver area. These families provide care for children who cannot remain safely in their home.

WHO: More families are needed. On average, there are more than 1,000 children in foster care and 40 children awaiting an adoptive family combined in all three counties at any given time.

LEARN MORE www.collaborativefostercare.com

Jeffco Human Services Foundation

WHAT: A 501(c)3 nonprofit agency complementing Jefferson County Human Services. The Foundation was founded to incubate and promote innovations that fuel prosperity for all families. Jeffco Human Services Foundation steps outside typical government services with vision and innovation.

WHO: Jeffco Prosperity Partners (JPP) is the transformative change model the foundation has embraced, embodying new strategies for families to achieve success.

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2717/Jeffco-Human-Services-Foundation

Outreach Services

WHAT: Helping customers access/manage food, cash, and medical benefits at various community locations.

WHO: Any eligible Jefferson County residents.

LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/3436/Outreach-Services

Power of Partnership

WHAT: Partnership between faith-based organizations and Jefferson County government agencies that weaves together faith organizations to be better and stronger for the communities they serve. Since 2006, this partnership has established trusting, working relationships in which each can call on the other to assist an individual in need or address a larger community concern.

WHO: Group of stakeholders, faith based, government, non-profits and businesses, with an interest in improving the lives of people and the community in Jefferson County, Colorado, with a focus on vulnerable and underserved populations.

LEARN MORE www.jeffcopop.org



HOTLINES

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LEARN MORE www.jeffco.us/2718/Hotlines

Welfare Fraud

WHAT: Fraud is defined as the intentional deception or misrepresentation made by a person knowing the deception or misrepresentation could result in some type of benefit to them for which they were not eligible. To report Welfare Fraud, please complete and submit the **Welfare Fraud Complaint Form** at www.jeffco.us/FormCenter/Human-Services-13/Welfare-Fraud-Complaint-Form-65

WHO: By reducing welfare fraud, Jefferson County increases public confidence in the welfare system and those who administer it, saves taxpayer dollars, and ensures funds are available to those who need assistance.

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Mandatory Reporters

WHAT: Certain professionals are required by law to report suspected abuse and neglect of children, at-risk elders, and at-risk adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

WHO: Find out if you are a mandatory reporter and what to do when faced with suspected child abuse or neglect at <http://co4kids.org/mandatoryreporting>. Find out if you are a mandatory reporter for Older Adult Abuse or Abuse of those with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities at <https://www.coloradoaps.com/about-mandatory-reporting.html>

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Adult Protection

WHAT: If you suspect abuse or neglect report to law enforcement or the **Adult Protection Hotline** at **303-271-4673** within 24 hours.

WHO: Adult Protection provides assistance to at risk adults age 18 and older who are at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. An at-risk elder is any person age 70 and older.

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Colorado Housing Connects Hotline

WHAT:

WHO: The Colorado Housing Connects phone line specializes in helping people navigate non-emergency housing services and resources. Our free bilingual helpline provides information about a wide range of housing services and topics of interest to renters, landlords, first-time homebuyers, seniors, persons with disabilities and anyone with fair housing concerns.

LEARN MORE 1-844-926-6632

Mental Health

WHAT: Access the statewide **Mental Health Crisis Hotline** at **1-844-493-TALK (8255)**.

WHO: Research shows that individuals experiencing a mental health crisis who know how to access supportive services get more effective help sooner than those who struggle to find the help they need. The line is staffed with trained professionals and peer counselors 24/7, providing counseling and referral sources to Coloradans experiencing a mental health crisis.

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RESOURCES

HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS

Business and Workforce Center	303-271-4755
Child Care Assistance Program	303-271-4484
Child Support Services	303-271-4300
Food Assistance/Colorado Works/TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)	303-271-1388
Foster Care & Adoption	303-636-1KID
Head Start (early education for ages 3-5)	
	Arvada 720-497-7900
	Wheat Ridge 720-497-7680
	Lakewood Only 303-987-2490
Health Insurance Assistance: Connect for Health Colorado	1-855-752-6749
Kinship/Caretaker Relative Program	303-271-4172
Low-Income Energy Assistance Program	1-866-432-8435
Long Term Care	303-271-4216
Medicaid	303-271-1388
Responsible Fatherhood Program	303-271-4284
Veterans Services	303-271-4574
More information can be found on www.jeffco.us/human-services	

FOOD & FOOD BANKS

Community Table	303-424-6685
Evergreen Christian Outreach	303-670-1796
Hunger Free Colorado	720-328-1284
Jefferson County Food Assistance	303-271-1388
Jeffco Eats	720-231-8337
Light of the World Holy Family Center Food Bank	303-973-3969
Metro Caring	303-860-7200
Mountain Resource Center	303-838-7552
Salvation Army	303-922-4549
The Action Center	303-237-7704
United Way 211	2-1-1 or 303-561-2111
WIC (Women, Infants, Children) Family Health Line	1-800-688-7777 or 303-692-2400
CACFP (Children & Adult Care Food Program)	303-692-2330

HOUSING & RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Arvada Housing Authority	720-898-7494
Brothers Redevelopment	303-202-6340
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	303-293-2217
Colorado Homeless Families	303-420-6634
Colorado Housing Assistance Corporation (CHAC)	303-572-9445
Colorado Housing Connects	1-844-926-6632
Family Promise	303-675-0713
Family & Seniors Homeless Initiative	303-313-2440
Family Tree Housing	303-467-2604
Jefferson County Homeless Family Navigator	ygallego@jeffco.us
Jefferson County Housing Authority	303-422-8600
Metro West Housing Solutions	303-987-7580
Salvation Army – Family Services	303-295-3366
The Action Center	303-237-7704

HOUSING & RENTAL ASSISTANCE CONT'D

The Gathering Place	303-321-4198
Urban Peak	303-974-2900
More information on Homeless Resources can be found on www.jeffco.us/2674/Homelessness-Resources	

MEDICAL, DENTAL & MENTAL HEALTH

Carin' Clinic for children with no health insurance	303-423-8836
Colorado Crisis Services	1-844-493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255
HIV Testing	303-232-6301
Jefferson County Public Health	303-239-7040
Jefferson Center for Mental Health	303-425-0300
Kids in Need of Dentistry (KIND) Clinic	303-733-3710
Medicaid, Family Medicaid, CHP+	303-271-1388
Stride Community Health Center	303-239-9964
Suicide Prevention	1-800-273-TALK

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Arc for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities	303-232-1338
Catholic Charities	303-742-0828
Colorado Affordable Legal Services	303-996-0010
Colorado Unemployment Insurance Benefits	303-318-9000
Denver Asset Building Coalition (taxes)	303-388-7030
Developmental Disabilities Resource Center (DDRC)	303-233-3363
Easter Seals	303-233-1666
Energy Resource Center (insulation)	720-236-1330
Family Promise of Greater Denver	303-675-0713
Jeffco Schools Community & Family Connections Program	303-982-1144
Jefferson County Public Library	303-235-5275
Juvenile Assessment Center	720-497-7770
Mean Street Ministry	303-232-2500
Mediation	303-271-5060
Porchlight	303-271-6831
Resource Directory for Help www.mothercabrinishrine.org/about-us/resources	
Roots of Courage	303-420-6752
Senior Resource Center	303-238-8151
Senior Support Services	303-832-1622
Severe Weather Shelter Network	720-515-9313
Social Security Office	1-800-772-1213
Vocational Rehabilitation	303-866-4121
Child Abuse Hotline	303-271-HELP (4357)
Adult Protection Hotline	303-271-4673
Welfare Fraud Hotline	303-271-4287
United Way 211	2-1-1 or 303-561-2111

Disclosure—Prior to seeking services from any of the agencies listed we recommend that you call the individual agency to verify eligibility and availability of services.

CONTACT US

Through early childhood education, adult and child protection, job training, food assistance, Medicaid, and other programs, Human Services helps people build better, safer lives. To learn more about JCHS, visit www.jeffco.us/human-services. Follow JCHS on Facebook [@jeffcohumansvcs](https://www.facebook.com/jeffcohumansvcs), Twitter [@jeffcohumansvcs](https://twitter.com/jeffcohumansvcs), and Instagram [@jeffcohumansvcs](https://www.instagram.com/jeffcohumansvcs).

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Lakewood, CO 80215



