

# THE CHILD MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT

## WHAT IS THE CHILD MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT?

- Also known as CMHTA, HB-1116, or SB-230
- Managed by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health
- Helps pay for mental health treatment for at-risk children who cannot afford the care
- It's an alternative to having Social Services pay for the care when they don't need to be involved



## WHO CAN USE THE CHILD MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT?

- Any child between 0-18 who has a mental illness, is at-risk, and requires mental health care
- The child must be non-insured or underinsured (insurance will not cover needed treatment or only partially cover it)
- Medicaid children: the Child Mental Health Treatment Act guarantees an assessment and decision for children seeking residential care



## WHAT CAN THE CHILD MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT PAY FOR IF I DON'T HAVE INSURANCE OR I'M UNDERINSURED?

- The Child Mental Health Treatment Act has paid for:
  - Outpatient Therapy
  - Family Therapy
  - Intensive In-Home Therapy
  - Day Treatment
  - Equine Therapy
  - Psychiatry
  - Residential Treatment
  - Respite and Many Others



## HOW CAN I ASK FOR HELP OR GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT?

- Each of the 17 Colorado mental health centers has a designated trained liaison
- The liaison list and much more information can be found at our website <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-BehavioralHealth/CBON/1251581518087>
- Or do an internet search for "Child Mental Health Treatment Act, Colorado" and click on the state website
- Contact Andrew Gabor, Manager of the Child Mental Health Treatment Act at 303-866-7422 or [andrew.gabor@state.co.us](mailto:andrew.gabor@state.co.us)