Child Welfare Financing in Colorado: Current Landscape and Recommendations

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In Colorado, child welfare funding is intricate and involves multiple funding streams from various State agencies like the Department of Human Services (DHS) and external departments such as Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) and Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Funding allocations to counties are managed through block grants, including the Child Welfare Services block, Family and Children's Programs block, and Child Welfare Staffing block, with adjustments made annually based on county expenditures. This complexity underscores the need for comprehensive understanding and strategic allocation to effectively support children and families within the child welfare system. Child welfare agencies in Colorado also use Medicaid to finance their work. The majority of Medicaid expenditures flow through HCPF, which administers Medicaid for the state.

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