

Family Satisfaction Surveys Results FY 2009-2010

Executive Summary

Families of children and adults receiving services in all programs were given the opportunity to rate the services and supports they currently receive. We also asked families who are currently waiting for services or are waiting for adult programs but receiving services through children's programs (i.e. FSSP) to rate Intake/Waiting List case management. Surveys were sent to families in July 2010, of which 31% were returned. Families rated each question on a scale from 1 (not at all satisfied) to 5 (highly satisfied).

The overall satisfaction index for FY 09-10 is 4.62/5.00. This is the overall average for every answer we received. It represents a high level of satisfaction, on average, for all clients served across Larimer County, and includes all service providers and all service types. This is a significant increase from FY 08-09 (4.51). We are proud that families continue to show such a high level of satisfaction, and we will continue to work very hard to exceed their expectations and maintain their trust.

The following shows the satisfaction index per program area:

- Comprehensive Services 4.65
- Supported Living Services 4.56
- Early Intervention Services 4.70
- Family Support Services 4.67
- Children's Extensive Support (CES) 4.28
- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) 4.71
- Intake 4.81
- Waiting List 4.60

The following shows the satisfaction index per service type:

- Case Management 4.62
- Residential 4.60
- Activities/Work Program 4.63
- Direct Supported Living (PAS) 4.57
- Other 4.61

The following shows the overall satisfaction index per question category:

- Choice 4.47
- Community Inclusion 4.42
- Quality of Life 4.51
- Relationships 4.46
- Safety 4.72
- Communication 4.62
- Rights 4.77
- Quality of Care 4.61
- General 4.65

Families are very appreciative of Foothills Gateway and the staff who support their family member. Families commented on their high satisfaction with services provided and the benefits those services provided for their family member. Families feel that Case Managers/Service Coordinators are very helpful, knowledgeable, and easy to talk to.

The following are a few of the suggestions and/or concerns made by families:

- Families think there should be increased funding for services
- Waiting list families feel their family member should not have to wait for services
- Families of adults in services would like additional opportunities for their family members to develop living skills, become more independent, and to be a part of community activities
- Families would like additional play groups and activities for children

An appropriate staff member will contact families that request to be contacted regarding their answers or comments on surveys. Additionally, families who have rated items on surveys “not at all satisfied” or “poorly satisfied” are contacted if they have identified themselves on the survey. All comments are reviewed and if needed, follow up takes place.