



## **MESA DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES** A Not-for-Profit Agency

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### **Mesa Developmental Services - STRiVE** **History**

The roots of our combined organizations stretch back to 1966 when a few big-hearted people started a private nonprofit organization with the hope of helping people with developmental and intellectual disabilities in Grand Junction. This humble project grew steadily into something truly extraordinary – a full-service organization known as Mesa Developmental Services (MDS).

With a mandate from the State of Colorado and the help of many generous citizens, businesses and governmental organizations, MDS developed a wide array of programs, services and supports that have changed and developed over many decades.

In the year 2012, with the movement of conflict free case management- MDS split into two separate entities. Strive was created as the service provider, and MDS remained as the community center board (CCB) case management agency. Both agencies, one roof, one CEO, CFO, Board of Directors, human resources, and accounting department- all supporting essentially one mission: We support people who strive to meet their full potential.

### **CCB - Case Management - MDS**

The role of a CCB is to support the access to long term services and supports through Medicaid waivers for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) or through State Plans. CCBs have been designated as the functional eligibility and utilization review contractor that have the responsibility to determine appropriateness for long term service programs for persons interested in receiving services. The responsibilities of the CCB case manager includes assessing a person's long-term care needs and developing and implementing a long term support plan for them. Once a plan is developed, the case manager is responsible for authorizing, coordinating with any persons desired service agency, and monitoring delivery of the services, evaluating their effectiveness and periodically reassessing their needs.

MDS serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for the following HCBS waivers and State plans:

- Home and Community Based Services Children's Extensive Support Waiver (HCBS-CES)
- Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Persons with a Developmental Disability (HCBS-DD)
- Home and Community Based Supported Living Services Waiver (HCBS-SLS)
- State Plan (State-SLS)
- Family Support Services (FSS)

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