

# Center for People With Disabilities

## 2018 Annual Report



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# Who We Are

CPWD is a **Center for Independent Living (CIL)**.  
Our Mission is to provide resources, information  
and advocacy to assist people with disabilities in  
overcoming barriers to independent living

Founded in 1977

## **4** Locations:

Boulder  
Longmont  
North Metro  
Broomfield

Serving all people with **all disabilities**,  
including supporting families and caretakers.

All services offered at no cost to consumer.

## **Last Year We...**

- served **1,596** consumers
- with **8,744** services
- and over **19,185** service hours
- in **9** counties
- through **9** programs



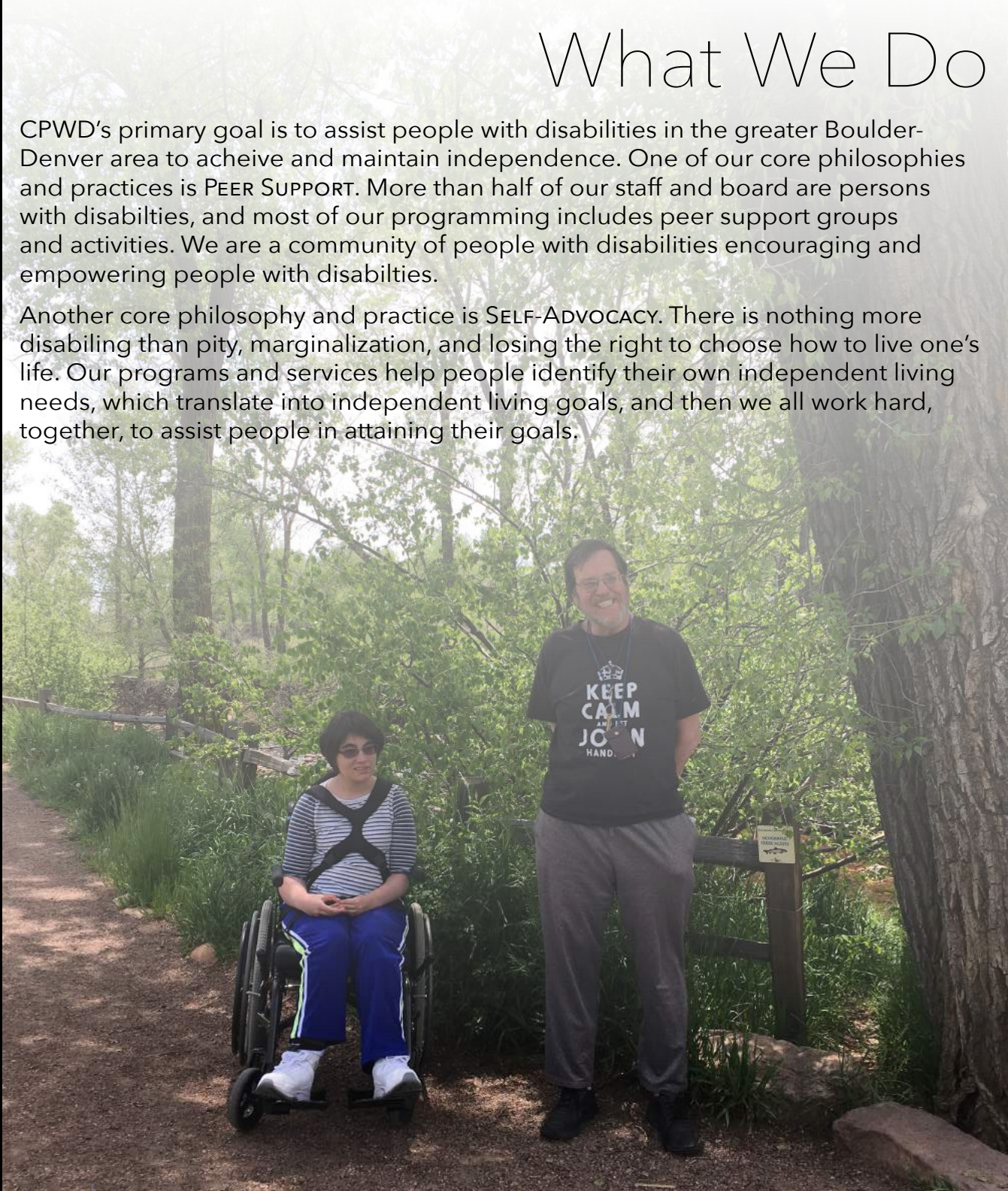


# What We Do

CPWD's primary goal is to assist people with disabilities in the greater Boulder-Denver area to achieve and maintain independence. One of our core philosophies and practices is PEER SUPPORT. More than half of our staff and board are persons with disabilities, and most of our programming includes peer support groups and activities. We are a community of people with disabilities encouraging and empowering people with disabilities.

Another core philosophy and practice is SELF-ADVOCACY. There is nothing more disabling than pity, marginalization, and losing the right to choose how to live one's life. Our programs and services help people identify their own independent living needs, which translate into independent living goals, and then we all work hard, together, to assist people in attaining their goals.

INDEPENDENCE





# 2018

## Overcoming barriers to Independent Living since 1977

Thanks to advocacy from CPWD, the other Colorado Centers for Independent Living (CILs) and Adapt, in an emergency ruling through the state's Medical Services Board, Colorado Choice Transitions (CCT) Program was transitioned into the state Medicaid program. CCT was formerly supported by a federally funded grant that ended (Money Follows the Person), and we are proud that Colorado transitioned this program to Medicaid. This means that we can continue to successfully transition individuals from nursing homes to their own homes.



Six of our staff traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the NCIL conference (National Council on Independent Living). They and other people with disabilities advocated on "the Hill" for the proposed *Disability Integration Act*, legislation that seeks to end institutional bias against people with disabilities and provide seniors and people with disabilities home and community-based services (HCBS) as an alternative to institutionalization (nursing homes). We are proud that currently all of our Colorado Representatives are co-sponsors of the bill and are making efforts to bring the bill to vote.





# HIGHLIGHTS

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## The Center for People With Disabilities [www.cpwd.org](http://www.cpwd.org)

Our longest time staff member, Diane Groff, who manages our Longmont location received the Shining Star Award from the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for the statewide work that she does in support of assisting people with disabilities in achieving independence. Diane has been with CPWD for 35 years and we are proud to have her on our team!



CPWD formed a collaboration with Adams County by bringing an on-site presence to and providing direct services out of their Community Partner Space in their Human Services Building. This has been a great effort to meet increasing demand for a variety of services, including benefits applications, identifying and working towards Independent Living Goals, and accessing additional services from CPWD and our collaborating partners.

# Success Story

Mary, who is 77-years-old, is legally blind with some residual vision. She was at risk of losing her home and being relocated to assisted living or nursing home. She didn't have access to any technology or skill development that could support her independence. Therefore, she had limited communications and mobility, and was also at risk of isolation and injury.

Mary contacted CPWD and started working with us. She was determined to remain independent. With our help and her commitment and diligent work, she qualified for short-term assistance funds through the local Area Agency on Aging, and was able to purchase a magnifier. Our staff trained her on the new equipment to read everything from mail and newspapers to prescription labels and doctors' notices. She also attended one of our tactile labeling workshops to learn how to label medication, food, and other household goods correctly and accurately.

Mary is thrilled that she can now read important communications, including prescriptions and doctors' letters, and is well underway at learning how to become more mobile safely and independently.





# Where We Work

We provide services throughout the greater Boulder-Denver and rural Boulder mountain areas.

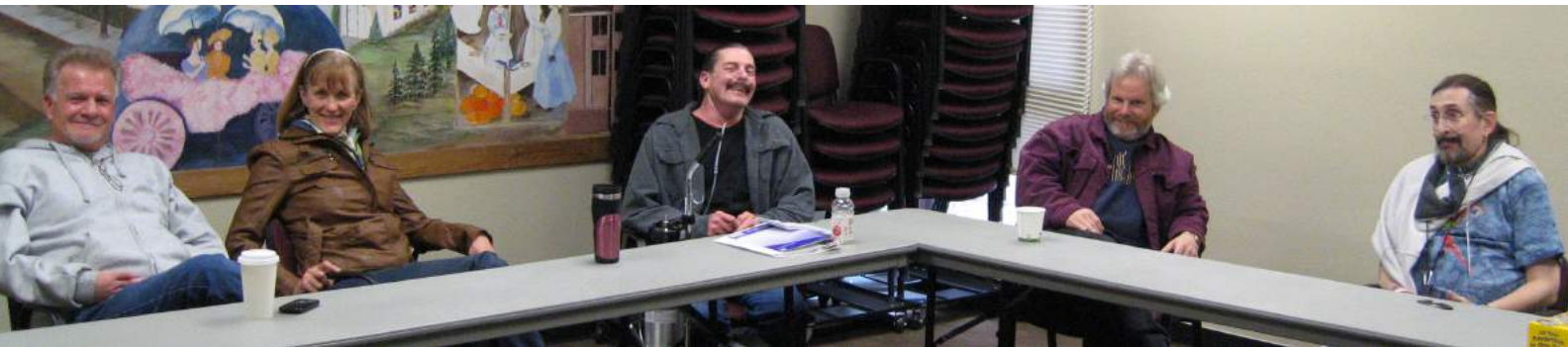
CPWD assists people with ALL disabilities, families, schools, employers and other related parties, through 5 Core Services:

1. Information and Referral
2. Independent Living Skills Training
3. Individual and Systems Advocacy
4. Peer Support
5. Transitions (for youth, from nursing home, institutional diversion)



CPWD serves the Hispanic/Latino Community by sharing resources and information, increasing access by hiring bilingual staff, and collaborating with:

- Audio Information Network
- Latino Chamber
- Cinco de Mayo
- Latino Task Force
- Intercambio Uniting Communities
- Concentric Clinic
- Centro Amistad
- Colorado Immigration Rights Coalition



Mike worked construction most his life, running crews, doing remodels and builds. He lived in the foothills near Nederland, and loved the mountain life. One day in 2014, his roommate came home to find him helpless on the floor. He had been there for 2 days. He had a stroke. After some time in the hospital, and with no resources or family nearby, he was send to a nursing home in Longmont.

We met Mike in the Spring of 2018. Over the next 6 months, we and Mike worked hard to complete the steps, requirements, paperwork, set up supports and benefits to get Mike out. In August, 2018, he moved into his own home, an accessible apartment in Louisville.

Ready to get back to life, here he is getting fitted for a specialized bicycle so he can ride again!



Success Story!

TRANSITIONING  
HOME



# Featured Program

## Veterans Independence Program (VIP)

They championed our independence, now we champion theirs

CPWD was approved to run the Veterans Independence Program by the VA at the end of December, 2017. In April, 2018, we assisted our first veteran, and the program has been growing ever since.

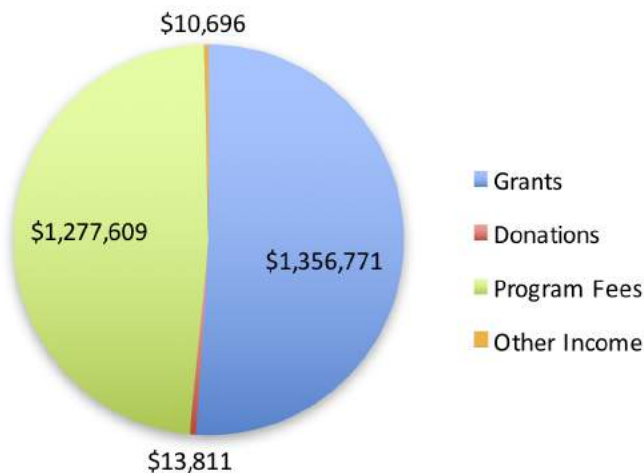
VIP is a special program that is funded by the VA and allows the veteran to receive in-home services and manage their own care and budget. It helps veterans with disabilities live with independence, in their own homes, and not in nursing care. We are proud to support our veterans, and proud to assist those who have disabilities in maintaining their independence.



# Financials

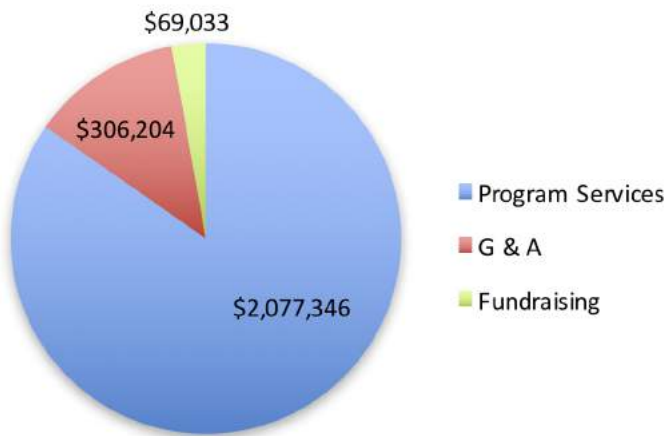
## INCOME

Total Support and Revenue \$2,658,887



## EXPENSES

Total Expenses \$2,452,583



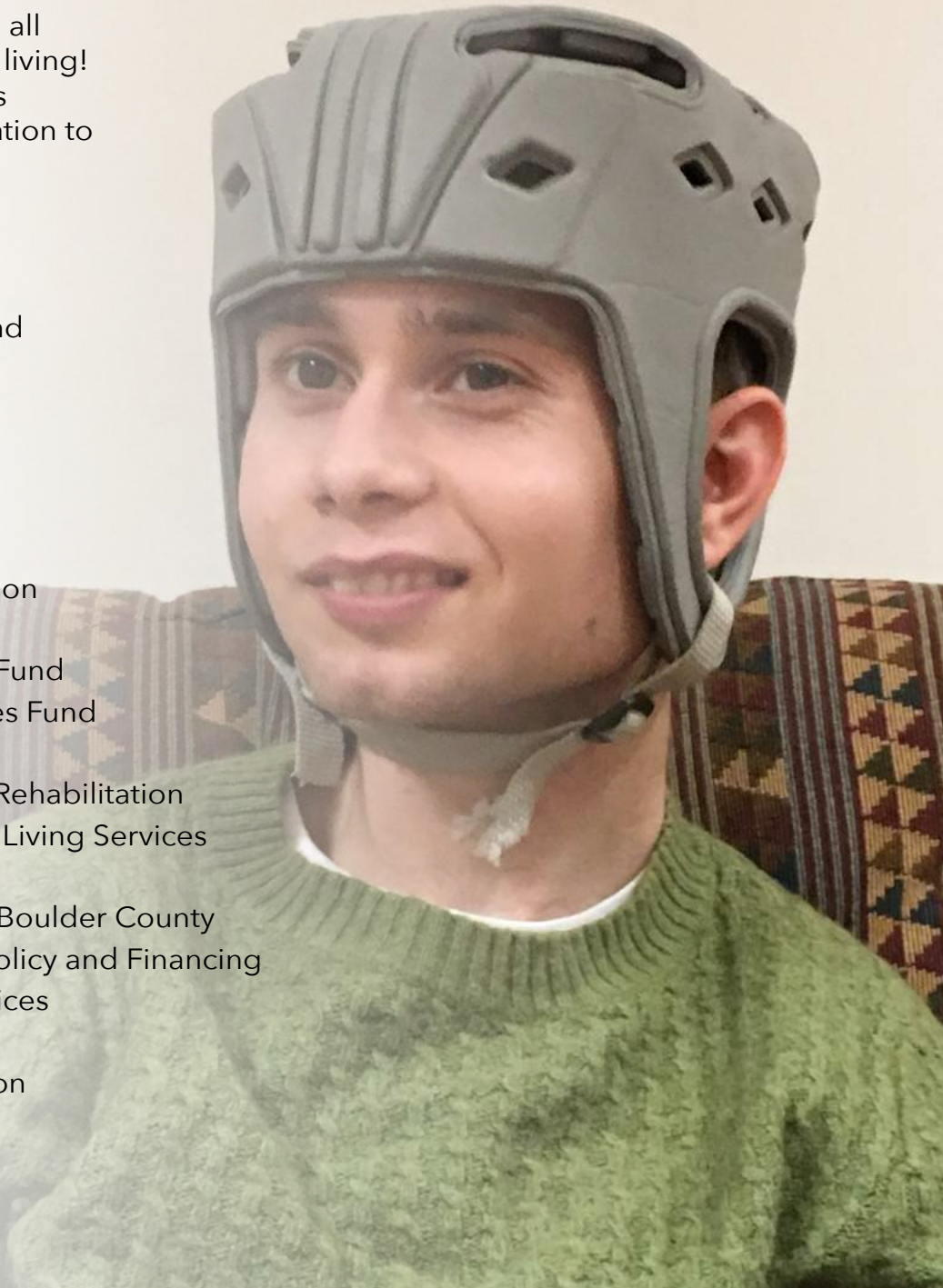


# Thank You

Thank you to our consumers and all those who support independent living! Your courage and commitment is powerful and gives us the inspiration to carry out mission forward!

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The VISION of CPWD is to build a community of resources, services, caregivers and consumers that collectively form a foundation of support for independent living. We encourage an integrated community that equally welcomes all members, all disabilities and cross-disabilities.

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