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## Myth Busters

**Fact** = the Colorado Legislature has authorized new resources so that 667 adults with IDD can choose to get off the waiting list for the HCBS-DD/Residential/Comprehensive waiver.

**FICTION** = If my son or daughter decides to access this waiver, they will be required to move out of the family home.

**FACT** = Your son or daughter will NOT have to move out of the family home, they can receive these services in the family home.

**FICTION** = I don't have to think about this right now. We have been on the waiting list for a long time, and everything is going OK.

**FACT** = You and your loved one will only have about 30 days to accept the new resource. If you don't take it, someone else will. Get the facts now as these resources will be released July 1, 2021.

**FACT** = Your chapter of The Arc of Pueblo always recommends that the person accept the HCBS-DD waiver resource when it is offered because it offers access to more services as the family caregivers get older and are less able to help their son or daughter.

**FICTION** = If we accept this resource all of the providers will change.

**FACT** = More than likely, everything will remain the same as it is now. The only thing that will change is that if something happens and your son or daughter needs more services, they will be able to get them.

**FICTION** = My son or daughter will not be able to live in their own home or in a home that is held by a trust.

FACT = HCBS-DD services can be provided in a variety of places i.e.: the family home, an apartment that my loved one rents, a home that the family owns, a home that is in a trust, a host home, a group home, etc.

FICTION = In order for services to be provided in the family home, the parents have to become employees of an agency.

FACT = The parents or other family can be paid to provide services in the family home by becoming an employee of a service agency, but they don't have to.

FICTION: If a family member is being paid as the Family Caregiver, there would not be other residential services available.

FACT: A service agency will be paid a daily rate to provide your loved one access to care 24/7. If something happens to you, it is the service agencies responsibility to care for your son or daughter.

FICTION = If my loved one's needs change and they need other services (like behavioral), they would have to lose other services to get what they need. (In SLS there is a monetary cap on the amount of services that can be provided).

FACT = If your loved one's needs change the service plan can be changed and services that they need added. There are still caps on day program, but if they need day program and behavioral services, they can get that.

FICTION = My loved one uses massage therapy or movement therapy under SLS, and they can't get that under this waiver, so they will not get the service.

FACT = Your case manager or advocate should be able to help your loved one keep those services. They will not be paid for under the waiver, but can be paid for in other creative ways.

FICTION = As a family, we would have to do a lot more paperwork and training.

FACT = If you want to be paid to provide services, you will have to go through training and do paperwork. If you do not want to be paid, it will be the same as it is under SLS.

FICTION = The HCBS-DD waiver requires a lot of people being in and out of the home.

FACT = There will be some home visits to ensure that your son or daughter is safe and being well-cared for, but it is usually only once a month from the service agency. Providers might come work with your loved one in the home, but they may take them out into the community. You will be able to plan this out in a way that makes sense for you and your family member.

FICTION = We will never be able to use respite.

FACT = A service agency will be paid a daily rate to provide your loved one access to care 24/7. If you need respite, it is the service agencies responsibility to care for your son or daughter. You may not be paid to go on vacation, but you will be able to take a break.