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## Don Schlesinger joins Jewish Family Service as Director of Community and Government Affairs

**DENVER, Colo. — April 4, 2013** — Jewish Family Service of Colorado (JFS) named Don Schlesinger as director of community and government affairs. Schlesinger will focus in the emerging public policy areas of homeless prevention and mental health service, representing JFS in public forums and identifying new government grant opportunities that will enable the agency to serve more clients.

“I was delighted when Don expressed to me last year that he hoped one day to join an agency that provides direct support and vital services to enhance the quality of life for so many in our own community,” says Yana Vishnitsky, JFS’s President & CEO. “Since he relocated to Denver in 2009, I have admired Don’s leadership skills in bringing people together and creating collaborative coalitions. With his professional experience in law, elected office, and public affairs, Don will serve as a great advocate for JFS.”

Schlesinger earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from the State University of New York at Albany and a law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. He practiced law for two decades in Las Vegas, where he was elected to public office as a member of the Clark County Commission. Since 2005, Schlesinger has served in the Jewish nonprofit field, most recently as AJC Colorado regional director. He is a member of the Coordinating Council of the Allied Jewish Federation of Colorado and the Denver Council on Foreign Relations.

### **About Jewish Family Service of Colorado**

Jewish Family Service of Colorado (JFS) believes in strengthening the community by providing vital services to people in need. Every day, JFS helps people overcome life’s challenges to live fuller, more meaningful lives. Founded in 1872, JFS is a nonsectarian, nonprofit human services agency serving metro Denver and Boulder. JFS helps seniors live independently at home, provides quality mental health counseling, offers training and job placement to those with developmental disabilities and other barriers to employment, and provides food and financial aid to people in crisis. Every year, the agency benefits more than 20,000 people of all ages, faiths, incomes, and abilities. For more information, call **303.597.5000** or visit [www.jewishfamilyservice.org](http://www.jewishfamilyservice.org). Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!