

**Think big. Be bold.**  
**Stay focused. Accomplish more.**

THE WOMEN'S  
FOUNDATION  
OF COLORADO

## Documentary Discussion Questions

1. How did your perception of women receiving work supports change after watching *Losing Ground: The Cliff Effect*?
2. Were you surprised to hear about the role that Colorado's 64 counties play in state government? What is your experience in interacting with county leaders?
3. So far, only one county is taking steps toward a pilot program that allows for a gradual lessening of public subsidies as personal income increases. How can county officials be convinced to sign up for this pilot program?
4. In the documentary, Louise Atkinson mentioned the high percentage women in Colorado who are poor. Did this surprise you?
5. How can individual women prepare to deal with the Cliff Effect if they anticipate a slight increase in income that would disqualify them from public subsidies?
6. Senator John Kefalas mentioned that solving the Cliff Effect problem will benefit Colorado taxpayers in the long run. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
7. Rachel, one of the single moms in the documentary, said she was on a 19-month waiting list for childcare. Have you experienced problems finding or paying for childcare in Colorado? If so, how did you deal with those problems?
8. If you were on a welfare reform committee, what changes would you suggest regarding how work supports are distributed in Colorado?
9. What sort of government programs could help women enroll and stay in school part-time or full-time?
10. What do you think can be done to solve the Cliff Effect?

