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CCHA Awards \$1.3 Million to 16 Community Organizations, Enhancing Services for Health First Colorado Members

Colorado Community Health Alliance (CCHA) recently awarded more than \$1.3 million to 16 innovative community organizations across Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, El Paso, Gilpin, Jefferson, Park, and Teller counties through the 2024 CCHA Community Incentive Program.

Developed in line with our commitment to supporting and reinvesting funds in community programs, the CCHA Community Incentive Program supports community entities that improve health, reduce costs and increase access to services for Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) members. The Community Incentive Program is funded using incentive payments earned by CCHA for achieving key performance indicators set by the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF). Since 2019, CCHA has given more than \$8.6 million to organizations to enhance services for Health First Colorado members.

"To successfully coordinate care and services for approximately 341,630 Health First Colorado members, we must build upon and maintain a network of strong community support," said Amy Yutzy, executive director of Medicaid Programs, CCHA. "Each of this year's recipients aligns closely with CCHA's goals and addresses social determinants of health. We are honored to support these recipients as they care for vulnerable populations, including those facing homelessness and members requiring non-covered dental and eye care. This year's awardees also tackle obstacles related to diversity, equity, and inclusion in health care, such as addressing transportation issues, mental health barriers, and improving access to care."

2024 CCHA Community Incentive Program recipients

Ascending to Health Respite Care

- Amount: \$59,600
- County: El Paso County
- Focus: Helping break the cycle of homelessness through quality health care, sheltering, and case management. Ascending to Health Respite Care aims to incorporate routine mental health/substance use care into the existing primary medical care model by the end of 2024.

Boulder County Public Health: GENESIS/GENERATIONS Programs

- Amount: \$75,000
- County: Boulder County
- Focus: Expanding hours for crucial staff and improving current services and education during home visits for Health First Colorado members around preventive care, immunizations and dental health for children.

Boys and Girls Club of the High Rockies

- Amount: \$30,000
- County: Park County
- Focus: Enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens by offering high-quality services to 375 youth with regular programs and an additional 550 youth through community outreach events.

Carin' Clinic

- Amount: \$26,900
- County: Broomfield County
- Focus: Helping children of Health First Colorado families with limited access to health care by bridging the gap and increasing the number of children and teens completing well visits.

Julissa Soto Latino Health Equity Consulting

- Amount: \$70,000
- Counties: Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, El Paso, Gilpin, Jefferson, Park, and Teller counties
- Focus: Empowering Latino immigrant youth and families throughout Colorado and nationwide to achieve total health equity through advocacy, education and consulting. Julissa's proposal aims to increase health equity among Spanish-speaking and immigrant populations for COVID-19 care, routine childhood vaccines, preventive care, behavioral health and addressing social determinants of health.

CHPG Primary Cafe Idaho Springs

- Amount: \$3,600
- County: Clear Creek County
- Focus: Giving each child an age-appropriate book when they are seen for their routine well-child visits.

Colorado Springs Fire Department

- Amount: \$75,000
- County: El Paso County
- Focus: Helping people receive the proper care at the right time, in the right setting and with the right resources by providing integrated navigation for 150 members. Colorado Springs Fire Department also intends to continually add new members as enrollees achieve stability.

Deserving Dental

- Amount: \$133,700
- Counties: Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, El Paso, Gilpin, Jefferson, Park, and Teller counties
- Focus: Providing underserved populations with high-quality, on-site, preventive and therapeutic dental care through mobile dental clinics.

Eye Love Care

- Amount: \$150,000
- Counties: Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, El Paso, Gilpin, Jefferson, Park, and Teller counties
- Focus: Offering eye care services and financial assistance to qualifying adults to help them get needed eyewear. Eye Love Care aims to provide eyewear to 2,500-3,000 Health First Colorado members over 21 who cannot afford to purchase essential eyewear.

Family Support Navigation Pilot

- Amount: \$150,000
- County: El Paso County
- Focus: Removing barriers preventing kids from getting quality, integrated psychiatric, medical, and tangible support.

Inside Out Youth Services (IOYS)

- Amount: \$75,000
- County: El Paso County
- Focus: Building access, equity, and power with LGBTQIA2+ young people through leadership, advocacy, community-building, education and peer support. IOYS aims to increase clinical mental health support for LGBTQIA2+ youth at its drop-in and programming hours, both in-person and virtually.

Jefferson County Public Health

- Amount: \$37,500
- County: Jefferson County
- Focus: Jefferson County Public Health aims to implement the Family Connects Colorado (FCC) Demonstration Project, an evidence-based, upstream approach to achieving optimal child and family well-being through universal newborn home visitation in Jefferson County.

Mission Arvada of the Rising Church

- Amount: \$148,480
- County: Jefferson County
- Focus: Addresses homelessness through the Mission Arvada Day Shelter and Housing Navigation Center. Funding will be applied to direct-to-member support and services, transportation vouchers, winter items, sleeping bags, clothing bank items, and personnel expenses.

The Reentry Initiative

- Amount: \$103,820
- County: Boulder County
- Focus: The Reentry Initiative aims to bring non-insurance-covered activities to members, including yoga, acupuncture, animal-assisted therapies, art therapy, music therapy, health and nutrition coaching, gym memberships, couples therapy, and spiritual care.

The Refuge

- Amount: \$26,000
- Counties: Jefferson and Broomfield Counties
- Focus: The Refuge aims to remove as many barriers as possible for members by hosting partner organizations and special events that bring services, referrals, and education to members in relatable and accessible ways. Funding for this project will apply to transportation vouchers, health fair vouchers, personnel expenses, and administrative costs.

Wee Cycle

- Amount: \$135,400
- Counties: Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, El Paso, Gilpin, Jefferson, Park, and Teller counties
- Aims to recycle essential baby gear and match it to Colorado families in need. Wee Cycle will use funds to expand baby supplies (diapers, wipes, formula, baby food).

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