



EQUALITY IN HEALTH Grantees & Focus Areas

The Colorado Trust's Equality in Health initiative is dedicated to reducing racial and ethnic health disparities by increasing the cultural competency of individuals and organizations who serve diverse populations. Below is an overview of specific work being conducted by each of the 26 grantee organizations.

Cycle 1 (beginning in 2005)

Asian Pacific Development Center (*Metro Denver*)

Contact: Ivy Hontz, 303-365-2959 x107

The center is training health care providers in the cultural practices of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, as well as providing hepatitis screening and education to members of these communities.

Boys & Girls Club of Craig “Comunidad Integrada/Integrated Community” (*Moffat County*)

Contact: Tatiana Achcar, 970-871-4599

This Boys and Girls Club is expanding its health education services to Spanish-speaking populations, most of who live in Craig and work in the service industry in Steamboat Springs.

Clayton Family Futures (*Northeast and far-Northeast Denver*)

Contact: Cathy McCarty, 303-355-4411

A Family Liaison Specialist is developing and coordinating the delivery of culturally-relevant mental health services for children and families served by Clayton Early Head Start and Head Start programs.

Colorado Community Health Network (*Colorado statewide*)

Contact: Molly O'Fallon, 303-861-5165 x224

CCHN is expanding its immunizations initiative to 46 clinic sites across Colorado, including tracking immunizations by race and ethnicity.

CU School of Medicine (*Colorado statewide*)

Contact: Paritosh Kaul, MD, 303-724-7740

The school is incorporating cultural competency training throughout its existing curriculum for medical students.

Full Circle Inter-Generational Project, Inc. (*Northeast and far-Northeast Denver*)

Contact: Anita West-Ware, 303-333-7595

Full Circle is expanding its outreach into area African American and Hispanic/Latino communities, as well as strengthening existing health services for youth, families and seniors through check-ups and screenings, health education and support groups, exercise classes and education.

Marillac Clinic (*Mesa County*)

Contact: Kristy Schmidt, 970-244-2877 or Steve Hurd, 970-244-2235

The clinic's key focus is on strengthening its outreach to Spanish-speaking populations, as well as providing a diversity coordinator to organize ongoing cultural competency training for health care providers and staff.

Metro Community Provider Network (*Arapahoe and Jefferson counties, and City of Aurora*)

Contact: Pamela Craig, 303-761-1977 x129

MCPN is working to expand its diabetes self-management education services to include cultural competency training within its primary care systems in Arapahoe and Jefferson counties, and the City of Aurora.

Rural Communities Resource Center (*Washington and Yuma counties*)

Contact: Patricia Brewster-Willeke, 970-848-3867

The center provides access to preventive, primary and specialized care for Hispanic/Latino populations.

Summit County Care Clinic (*Summit County*)

Contact: Megan Margelofsky, 970-668-4056

The clinic's primary objective is to increase the accessibility of health care services for the growing immigrant community in Summit County.

Telluride Foundation (*San Miguel, West Montrose and Northeastern Dolores counties*)

Contact: Paul Major, 970-728-8717

For the Hispanic/Latino communities, the foundation strengthens the health care services provided by three clinics located in San Miguel, West Montrose and Northeastern Dolores counties.

The Center for African American Health (*Metro Denver*)

Contact: Grant Jones, 303-355-3423

Using techniques proven to work in African American communities, the center is strengthening its diabetes self-management program with follow-up efforts that are designed to keep participants fully engaged.

The Children's Hospital (*Colorado statewide*)

Contact: Marcia Carteret, 303-887-1002

Working together, The Children's Hospital and Colorado Nonprofit Development Center are providing a cultural competency training program for pediatricians throughout Colorado who are expanding their practices to include services for Medicaid and CHP+ patients.

Women's Resource Center (*Larimer County*)

Contact: Annette Zacharias, 970-407-7034

The Women's Resource Center supports existing services for Hispanic/Latina women through primary health care and dental care programs in Larimer County.

Cycle 2 (beginning in 2007)

Denver Indian Family Resource Center (*Metro Denver*)

Contact: John Jewett, 303-871-8035

For American Indian and Alaskan Native families – especially children and youth that show symptoms of serious emotional and behavioral disorders – the center provides culturally appropriate therapy.

Fort Collins Family Medicine Residency Program, Poudre Valley Hospital

(*Fort Collins*)

Contact: Carol Pfaffly, MD, 970-495-8839

To accomplish systemwide objectives for increased cultural awareness, the Family Medicine Residency Program provides staff language and interpreter training, and develops partnerships with community agencies.

Inner City Health Center (*Metro Denver*)

Contact: Carolyn Goers, 303-296-1767

The center is expanding its comprehensive health care services with an emphasis on disease management and treatment of chronic medical conditions – from delivering patient education, navigator assistance and health screenings to staff cultural competency training.

Jefferson Center for Mental Health (*Clear Creek, Gilpin and Jefferson counties*)

Contact: Mindy Klowden, 303-432-5170

To better serve its diverse communities, the center is developing an agency-wide cultural competency assessment and strategic plan, including mental health outreach to Latinos and other ethnic and racial populations.

Kids in Need of Dentistry (*Metro Denver and Eastern Plains*)

Contact: Julie Collett, 303-733-3710

Through community and hospital partnerships – including culturally competent, community-based dental health counseling and healthy diet education – KIND addresses the overall oral and dental health for pregnant women, children and families.

Montrose County School District (*Montrose County*)

Contact: Jennifer Danielson, MSN PNP-BC, 970-240-6438

To address the mental and physical health needs of preschool and elementary school students at Northside Elementary School, the Montrose County School District is developing a school-based health center. In addition to providing comprehensive health care, the center facilitates family outreach, advocacy, translation services and culturally competent health promotion.

Prowers Medical Center (*Prowers, Baca, Bent and Kiowa counties*)

Contact: Diana Krausnick, 719-336-6783

The center aims to increase the cultural competency of its staff and health care providers, including community outreach to diverse populations and stronger collaborations among agencies. The center will also develop a phone conferencing system to serve clients in outlying communities.

Second Wind Fund (*Metro Denver and Boulder, Douglas, El Paso, Mesa and Park counties*)

Contact: Jeff Lamontagne, 303-988-2645

To reduce health disparities among Hispanic teens at risk of attempting suicide, bilingual therapists serve as liaisons to schools and provide counseling services and best-practice programs for teens. The fund also aims to incorporate program results to develop additional services for troubled teens.

Total Oral Prevention Strategies “TOPS” (*Clayton, Cole, North Capitol Hill and Whittier neighborhoods*)

Contact: Melissa Guzman, 303-394-0231

To develop, implement and sustain a continuum of care for preventing oral disease in children, TOPS is establishing a dental facility to serve the Clayton, Cole, North Capitol Hill and Whittier neighborhoods. This program calls for five dentists to offer their volunteer services in these communities.

Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments (*Chaffee, Custer, Fremont and Lake counties*)

Contact: Laurie Mendon, 719-275-1580

To overcome language barriers in serving diverse populations, council staff are learning Spanish and working with interpreters. Additionally – to identify and address health barriers not related to language, such as poverty among minority communities – the council is designing programs and processes at all organizational levels to better serve its clients.

Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. (*Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande and Saguache counties*)

Contact: Marguerite Salazar, 719-589-5161

To encourage patient participation and self-management of their care, Valley-Wide Health Systems aims to increase understanding between providers and patients about their respective roles in the care process. A newly-hired health educator will serve as a patient navigator, liaising with physicians on patient needs and concerns.

Western Colorado Health Network, d/b/a Western Colorado AIDS Project (*Archuleta, Delta, Dolores, Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Jackson, La Plata, Lake, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, San Juan, San Miguel and Summit counties*)

Contact: Joan “Jo” Rosenquist, 970-243-2437

Goals of the network are to improve the quality of treatment for minority clients, provide more equal access to care for Latino and West African communities, improve environmental conditions by making signage and artwork that reflects the cultures of their clients, attend more community events, and train and equip members of target populations to serve and educate their own communities.

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