



Since 1992, CHP has been transforming community health and wellbeing in the Pikes Peak region. We use collective action to disrupt the ways we work together to solve complex issues such as homelessness, behavioral health, suicide prevention, and LGBTQ+ health.

As a collective impact organization, CHP acts as a container of change. Rather than providing direct services to communities, we work across sectors to coordinate, facilitate, and co-create innovative solutions. We stand up and administer collaborative governance structures, comprised of diverse groups of people representing organizations and communities, to change the conditions that hold a problem in place. This collective community power builds movements, restructures systems, and leads to better health outcomes for our region.

By creating an environment of belonging, cultivating shared purpose, and facilitating a process of inclusive, dynamic problem-solving, CHP acts as the conduit for the exchange of ideas, experience, energy, and resources that are necessary for true transformation.

## Our Collective Impact Work



### Homelessness

Pikes Peak Continuum of Care (PPCoC)

#### Vision

Make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring in Colorado Springs and El Paso County.

#### Solutions

- Rare: Create affordable housing campaigns to address housing gaps for seniors, people who are disabled, and workforce families to prevent increasing First Time homelessness.
- Brief: Support and advance collaboration between street outreach workers and the City Fire and Police departments to “meet people where they are at” in connecting unsheltered people experiencing homelessness to emergency shelter and permanent housing solutions.
- Non-recurring: Invest in permanent supportive housing targeted towards helping emergency shelters improve their housing placement rates out of shelter.
- Systematic Challenge: Diversify the geographic location of housing and homeless service hubs outside of downtown Colorado Springs to help people experiencing a housing crisis.



## Suicide Prevention

The Suicide Prevention Collaborative of El Paso County (The Collaborative)

### Vision

Reduce isolation, suicide attempts, and deaths by creating caring communities that are resilient, connected, and capable of supporting every person, regardless of the struggles they face.

### Solutions

- Prioritize overall community wellbeing, reduce criminalization and stigma of mental illness, and promote participation in mental health first aid for City employees and community members.
- Develop safe spaces (physical spaces, pop-up events, recreational opportunities) for youth to gather, connect, and learn healthy communication and coping skills.
- Promote safely storing firearms in all public safety and public health messaging.
- Support economic stability measures like permanent supportive housing and employers who follow family-friendly business practices (flexible schedules, work/life balance, childcare, comprehensive health care).



## Behavioral Health

Behavioral Health Action Network (BHAN)

### Vision

Ensure affordable, accessible, and equitable behavioral healthcare for every person in the Pikes Peak Region.

### Solutions

- Increase and develop the behavioral health workforce by supporting accessible pathways to attain credentials and making it easier for behavioral health organizations to connect with individuals seeking employment.
- Expand access to crisis treatment and intervention, including youth detox, medical detox (especially those that accept Medicaid), and locations where individuals can deescalate outside of an ER or jail.
- Reduce stigma surrounding substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health with the help of elected leaders speaking to the systemic barriers and causes of behavioral health (trauma, lack of resources) rather than personal choice or moral failing.



## LGBTQIA2+ Health

LGBTQIA2+ Health Equity Project

### Vision

Ensure that LGBTQ+ people and their families have reliable access to safe and affirming mental and physical healthcare. Through this effort, CHP is leading a collaborative, community-centered response to support survivors of the Club Q tragedy in healing.

### Solutions

- Build the capacity of local mental and physical health providers to provide high quality, affirming healthcare to Colorado Springs' LGBTQ+ community.
- Work across public, private, and social sectors to connect with neighbors, raise awareness of issues facing the LGBTQ+ community, and foster support for inclusion, connectedness, and shared problem solving.
- Support the survivors of Club Q and the larger LGBTQ+ community amidst an already existing gap in resources. Provide a space that offers mental health support, connection with peers, and the opportunity to build joy and resilience in the midst of upcoming trial proceedings.