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*Listening, Accountability & Action:
How Community Voice Shapes Caring for Denver's Work*

Welcome & Purpose

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Share what we've heard from Denver residents and partners

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Show how that shaped the 2026–28 Strategic Funding Plan

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Brief update on audit



Community Voice in Action

How we work

Direct how we
evolve & adapt

- Shape our funding priorities
- Help us identify gaps in funding, resources, and connections
- Keep our work relevant to emerging issues

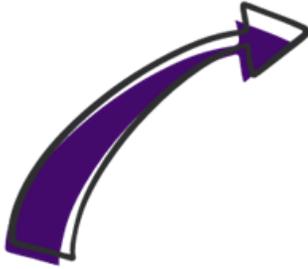
Define our desired
outcomes

- Provide community context to see where we can make meaningful change
- Help us interpret progress & results, and success measures

Shape our calls
for proposals

- Share experiences to inform what we're asking from organizations
- Provide input on applications

COMMUNITY
MEMBERS



How we listen

Year-round engagement model

District-level conversations

Surveys (always-on)

Grantee check-ins

Community events and trusted spaces

Data + lived experience integration



456
Recorded
engagements



What We've Learned



Access Matters Most

Care that fits:

- Trusted providers
- Cultural responsiveness
- Youth & family voice
- Safety & dignity

Support in care transitions:

- Gaps during discharge
- Fragmentation across systems
- Safety & dignity

Stronger Care Systems:

- Workforce shortages
- Capacity constraints
- Long-standing geographic and demographic gaps

*Across all conversations, people pointed to the same truth:
What matters most is being able to access trusted care and stay connected to it.*

What We're Doing As a Result

Expanding culturally grounded care models

Investing in workforce pipeline & diversification

Supporting transition-focused navigation models

Funding system capacity and innovation

Aligning grants with documented community priorities



Across all funding priorities, we will continue to center:

- Community-led, trauma-informed care
- Underserved communities with limited access to care
- Youth and families affected by trauma or violence
- LGBTQIA+ individuals
- Older adults
- People experiencing substance misuse or severe and persistent mental illness
- Immigrant, linguistically diverse, and/or unhoused communities





Accountability and Community Voice Work Together





Questions?

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