



caring forDenver FOUNDATION

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About Us



Founded by and for Denver
in 2019



Independent, non-profit
foundation funded by sales
tax dollars



Addresses Denver's
mental health &
substance misuse needs

13 Board members appointed by the Mayor, District Attorney, and City Council

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Board Chair
*Appointed by the District
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Denver Health
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2023 Annual Report

102,334

Denverites impacted

\$45+
million

107 approved grants
grantees
serving Denver



<https://bit.ly/C4D2023AR>

Our Impact



INCLUSIVE ACCESS

Care that resonates, in places that feel comfortable, at times that work.



ATTENTION TO FIT

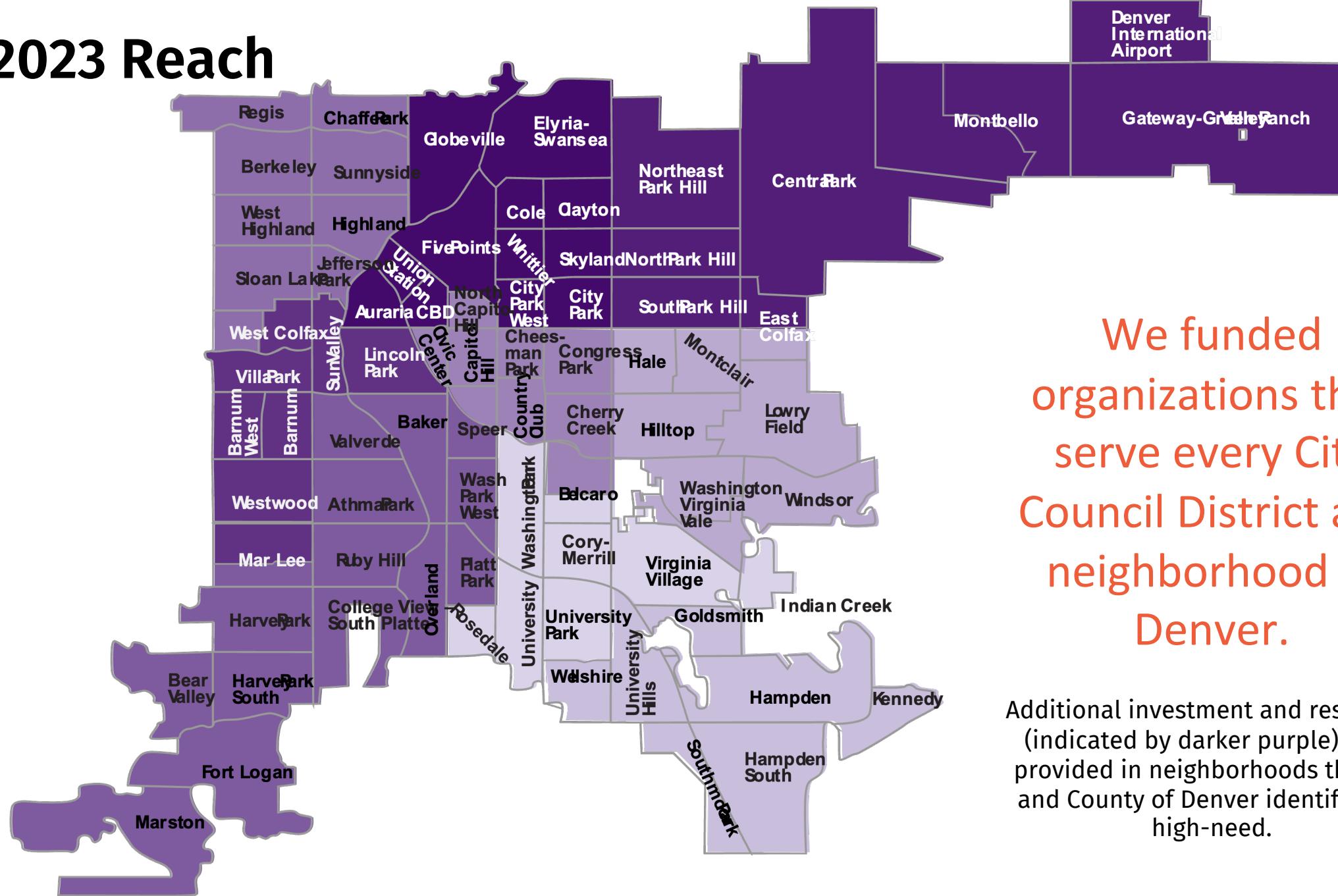
Being understood, connected, and respected by those providing care.



CARE OVER TIME

Consistent, flexible care options throughout the healing journey.

2023 Reach



We funded organizations that serve every City Council District and neighborhood in Denver.

Additional investment and resources (indicated by darker purple) were provided in neighborhoods the City and County of Denver identified as high-need.

Factors for Grant Selection

Prioritize Programs/ Services that:

- Align with Caring for Denver's mission and founding Ordinance
- Provide increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health and substance misuse challenges
- Engage the people being served as partners in the work
- Reach communities who have been impacted by trauma and inequitable access to resources and supports
- Are meaningful to the community, where they are, and in the forms that work for them
- Engage more individuals in ongoing support that stays aligned with their needs, even as needs change
- Are driven by entities that are the "right" fit given the community context, shown through partnership



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Because of grantee efforts to create inclusive access:

- **8,517 Denverites** increased engagement or retention in supports
- **10,132 Denverites** increased their connections for help and support
- **3,052 Denverites** increased skills or awareness for addressing mental health and substance misuse issues
- **2,082 Denverites** increased resilience and ability to cope with challenges

Because of grantee efforts to create better fit of care:

- **4,877 Denverites** that haven't been traditionally seen or served got care
- **3,163 Denverites** reported Increased trust, satisfaction, comfort with care
- **281 Denverites** reported reduced stigma
- **263 caregivers and providers** were more able to stay engaged in their role and/or feel valued and supported

Because of grantee efforts to strengthen care options:

- **2,753 Denverites** experienced increased options for crisis care and acute care needs
- **104 Denverites** experienced improved coordination of their care, particularly across types and levels of care
- **1,070 Denverites** were able to retain care through transitions in their care needs or circumstances
- **407 Denverites** engaged in services that connected them with resources to support their ongoing wellbeing and stability in community

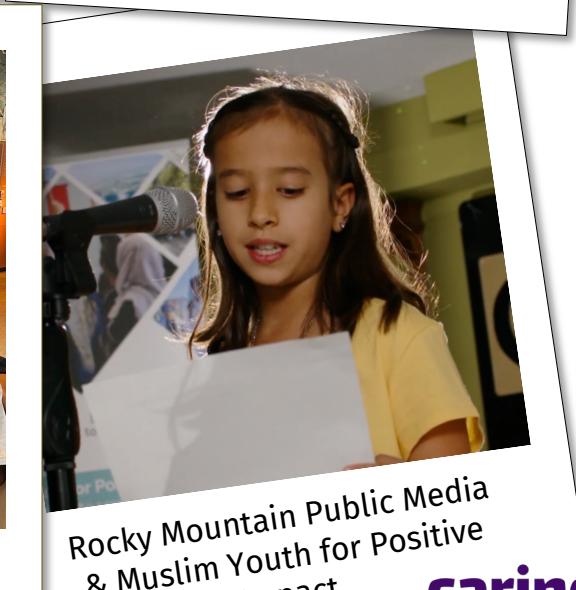
Alignment with DDPHE Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Recommendations

- Partnering with organizations who provide education, employment, and social supports to co-locate mental health, trauma, and substance misuse supports (BHA recommendations 4, 5)
- Supporting and recognizing the crucial role of established community care systems (BHA recommendations 1, 2, 6,7)
- Fostering more care access points between stability and crisis, especially for youth and communities of color (BHA recommendations 3,4)

People are ready to talk about and seek help, especially if they can find support that reflects and affirms their cultures, identities, and values.

Our grantees are making it possible:

Demonstrate increased engagement with people who haven't accessed help before, and success with trained peer support and culturally responsive approaches.



Innovation Grants

GRANTEE CAPACITY BUILDING

- Training and support for collecting and using data for sustainability
- Building nonprofit infrastructure and data management for program implementation and sustainability
- Strengthening storytelling skills to increase support and influence and reduce stigma

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

PBS12

- I Am More Than...Docuseries. Explores the stories of individuals through the unique lens of mental health.

STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS

Crisis Text Line

- Anonymous, 24/7, live text services in English and Spanish
- Partnering with local MSW students for pipeline diversity

Denver Health

- Three (then 4) on-demand therapists at high-need schools (in school-based health centers)
- Two licensed addiction counselors at middle schools

Struggle of Love

- To increase access to formal and informal mental health supports.

EMERGING NEEDS/ GAPS

El Centro Humanitario

- Creation of The Newcomers Integration Program to provide case management, trauma, and wellness supports to newcomer immigrants

Denver Civic Ventures

- Outreach to unhoused populations and case coordination with treatment and services within the Downtown Denver Business Improvement District

Urban Institute

- to implement a series of in-depth interviews with Housing to Health participants to better understand mental health and substance misuse experiences, identify strengths and gaps, and provide systems level insights.

Questions?



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