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for Denver
FOUNDATION

Key Facts



**Founded by and for Denver
in 2019**



**Independent, non-profit
foundation funded by sales
tax dollars**



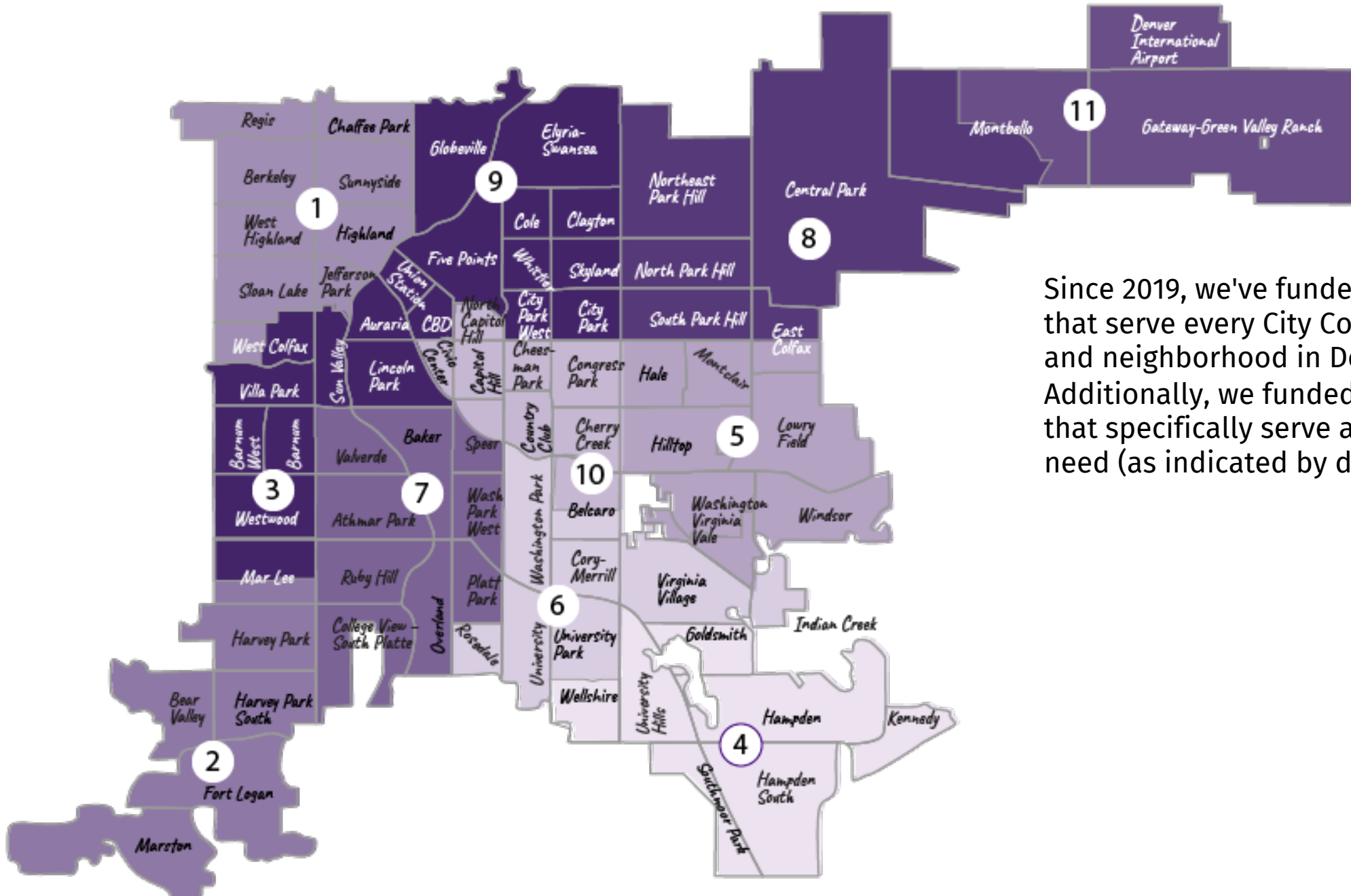
**Addresses Denver's
mental health &
substance misuse needs.**

\$69.8 million in funding to 183 unique organizations since our founding.



Caring For Denver is really trying to engage community and meet community where they are at. It's a powerful thing and really, great to see.

- Community Member



Since 2019, we've funded organizations that serve every City Council District and neighborhood in Denver. Additionally, we funded organizations that specifically serve areas of higher need (as indicated by darker purple).

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\$35.5+ million to 131 unique organizations in 2021:



\$8,603,592

Alternatives to Jail

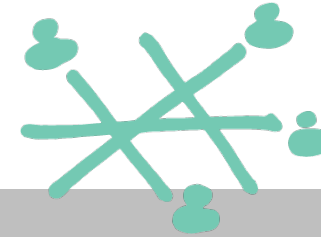
Care for individuals who might otherwise be entering or re-entering the criminal



\$9,790,073

Care Provision

Access to care that reflects, represents, and values unique cultures and needs



\$4,267,056

Community-Centered Solutions

Community-based care that prioritizes cultural relevance, and community collaboration



\$10,818,452

Youth

Care for Denver's youth, to reduce crisis and increase resilience for coping with life stressors

\$2,035,827
Responsive/Innovative
Building capacity and responding to emerging needs in our communities.

Access the full 2021 Annual Report:
<https://bit.ly/C4D2021Report>





Funding

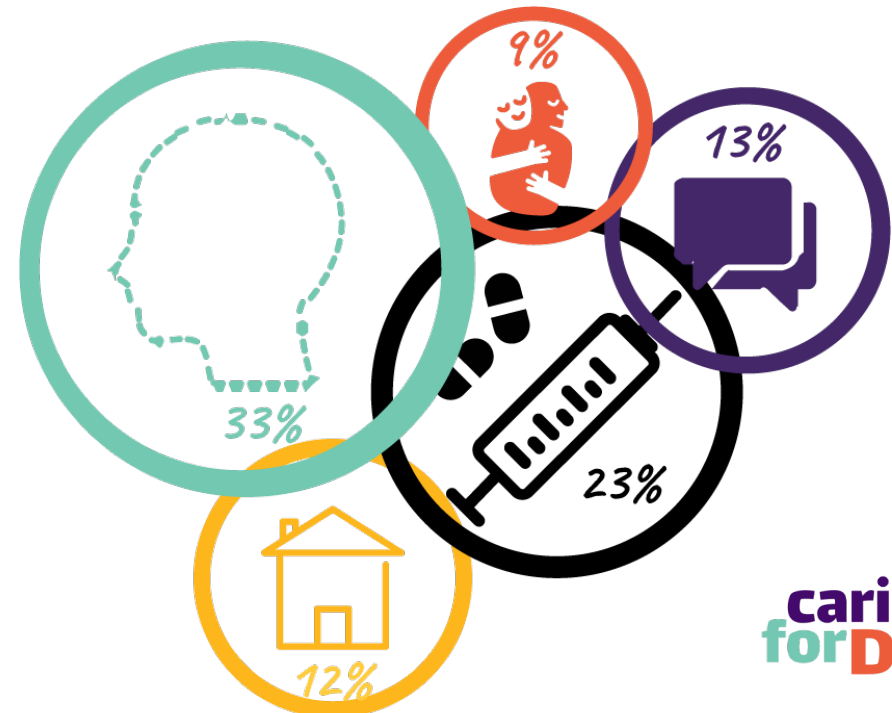
Three funding cycles in a year

- Youth
- Alternatives to Jail
- Community Centered and Care Provision

Board sets grant making allocations in Feb/March after we receive reconciled numbers from the City's budget office for the previous year

Charitable organizations and City agencies/ entities are eligible

-  Mental health services and treatment for children and adults
-  Opioid and substance misuse prevention, treatment, and recovery programs
-  Housing and case management services to reduce homelessness, improve long-term recovery, and reduce the costly use of jails and emergency rooms for those with mental health and substance misuse needs
-  Suicide prevention programs
-  Co-responder and alternative response program funding, and training on how to properly assess and handle people with mental health and/or substance misuse needs



What We've Learned

To address Denver's mental health and substance misuse challenges, we must see changes in Access, Fit, and Care Over Time across our funding areas.



Inclusive Access

People need access to care in ways that make sense for them, in places that feel comfortable, and at times that fit their schedules.



Attention to Fit

When people seek care, they should feel understood, connected, and respected by those providing that care.



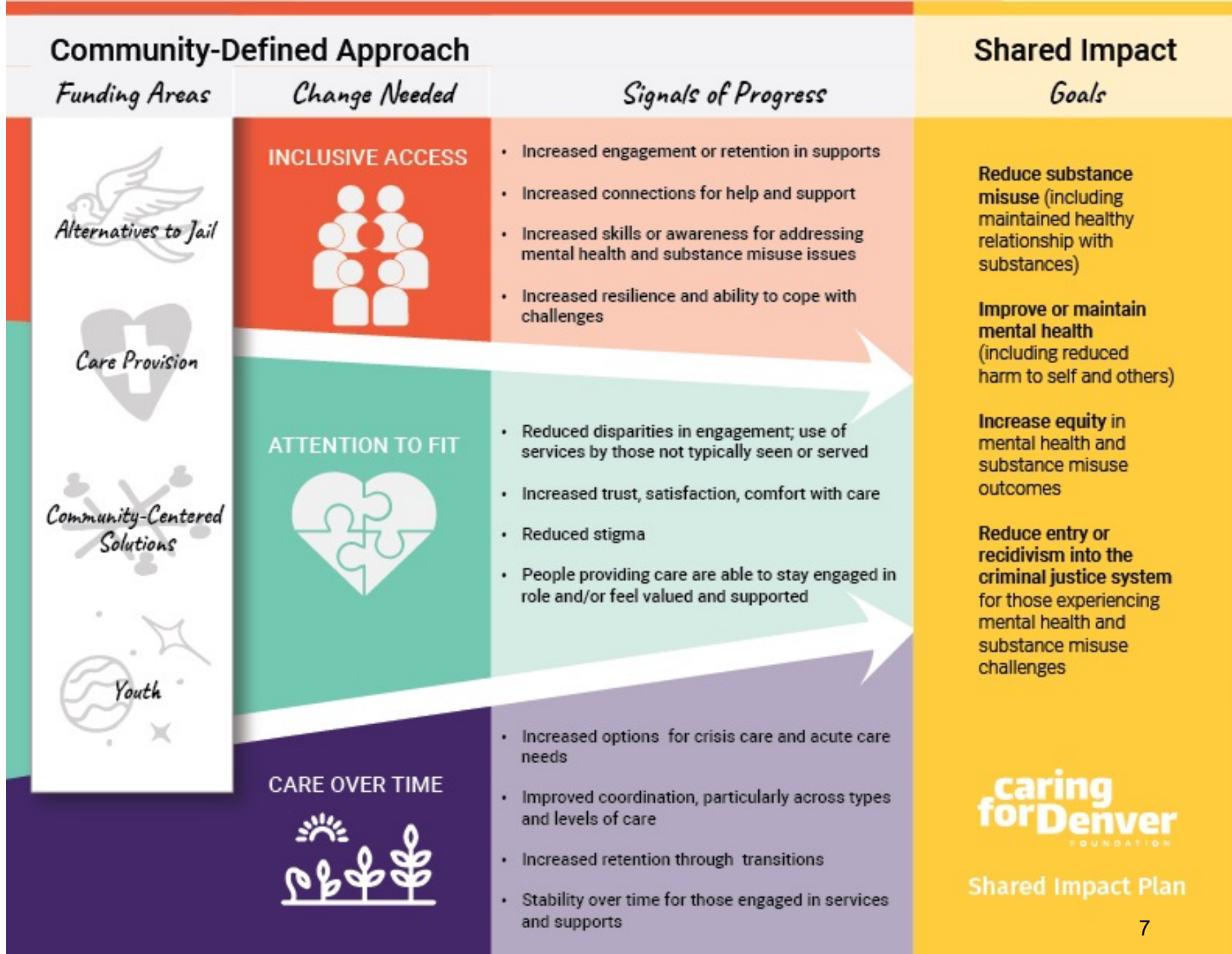
Care Over Time

People need to know and experience care options that are consistent, dependable, and flexible.

Measuring What Matters

Our Shared Impact Framework identifies what we need to track to make changes that matter to the community. It is built from:

- Public data
- Denver's Road to Wellness framework
- Grantees
- Community Partners



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Shared Impact Plan

Shared Impact

Goals

45 grantees have reached the one-year mark for their grant. All had rich data to report for Signals of Progress, and 21 were ready to report on our Shared Impact Goals.

Reduce substance misuse (including maintained healthy relationship with substances)

70%

of 687 participants demonstrated or reported reduced substance use or a maintained healthy relationship with substances that met criteria of the program.

Improve or maintain mental health (including reduced harm to self and others)

83%

of 113 participants reported improved or maintained positive mental health.

Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes

99%

of 215 participants met program criteria for not entering the justice system, either because of no charges leading to incarceration during the grant period; or by completing a diversion program.

Reduce entry or recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges

86%

of 891 participants did not return to the justice system.

Support for our Unhoused Community

Chronic homelessness is a major issue for people across the Denver metro region. Stability also relies on other equally important factors – the right housing, financial stability, physical health and other social supports and employment.

We fund solutions to support mental health and substance misuse stability: Peer counseling services, Culturally aligned services, Care that is accessible and trusted, Community-authored care -- in a way that aligns with reality on the ground

66 grants totaling more than \$16.2 million in funding that supports people experiencing homelessness, or on the verge of it, with trauma-informed care

Strategic Plan Progress

We continue building a trusted, effective, and sustainable organization in alignment with the goals in our [strategic plan](#).

Below are some of the ways we advanced our organizational priorities in 2021.

| COMMUNITY AUTHORED & DRIVEN | ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONAL INTEGRITY & STEWARDSHIP | PROMOTE EQUITY | DEMONSTRATE MEANINGFUL ACTION & LEARNING |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We engaged more than 90 individuals, those in the work and those with lived experience, as community thought partners.• Staff participated in more than 180 events and conversations in the community. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We developed and implemented financial, organizational, and grant policies and practices that demonstrate organizational accountability.• An independent certified public accounting firm conducted an audit of our 2020 and 2021 financial statements and controls; there were no material recommendations. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We implemented three capacity building projects supporting 32 grantees. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We worked with all grantees to develop project frameworks that define grant project strategies, intended changes, and measurement plans.• We published two learning briefs• 45 grantees completed the first year of their grants by December 2021. |



Questions

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