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Founded in 1982, Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) represents the 20 Colorado Community Health Centers, the largest primary care network in the state, serving one in seven Coloradans. CCHN is committed to:

- Educating policy makers and stakeholders about the unique needs of Community Health Centers (CHCs) and their patients.
- Providing resources to ensure that CHCs are strong organizations.
- Supporting CHCs in maintaining the highest quality care.

## The Five Pillars of Community Health Centers:

- CHCs serve all patients regardless of ability to pay for services.
- CHCs are located in medically underserved communities or populations.
- CHCs provide comprehensive primary health care.
- CHCs are run by community boards: 51% of board members must be patients.
- CHCs are community-based nonprofits or public agencies with a mission to provide health care to low-income, working families.



Community Health Centers (CHCs) provide affordable care to working families in communities that would otherwise not have adequate access to health care services. But that's not the whole story.

## CHCs keep communities healthy.

CHCs provide a health care home for more than 832,000 Coloradans.<sup>1</sup> That's one in seven people in the state, including 20% of Medicaid enrollees<sup>2,4</sup> and 19% of CHP+ enrollees.<sup>2,4</sup> Colorado's 20 CHCs are an important part of the state's health care system; promoting wellness; preventing and treating illness; helping patients and communities respond to infectious disease; and integrating medical, dental, and behavioral health care.

Colorado CHCs have a plan called Access for All Colorado, which aims to provide a health care home for more than one million low-income uninsured and medically underserved Coloradans.

Colorado CHCs provided 2.6 million clinic and virtual visits in 2022.<sup>2</sup> This includes:

- Operating 243 clinic sites in 48 Colorado counties and caring for patients living in 63 counties.<sup>2,3</sup>
- Offering dental at 128 sites in 43 counties.<sup>3</sup> In 2022, CHCs provided dental services to 148,000 patients.<sup>2</sup>
- Offering behavioral health at 196 clinics in 43 counties.<sup>3</sup> In 2022, CHCs provided behavioral health and substance use disorder (SUD) services to 103,000 patients.<sup>2</sup>

*"We treat people when they are healthy, not just when they are sick."*

## CHCs serve working families.

At Colorado CHCs, 88% of patients have family incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$55,500 per year for a family of four in 2022). CHCs provide primary and preventative care to 204,000 Colorado children.<sup>2,7</sup>

CHCs provide care for thousands of people who would otherwise slip through the cracks of our health care system, including 37% of Colorado's uninsured.

*"We believe that everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity."*



## CHCs are innovative.

CHCs are leaders in delivering high quality primary and preventive care. CHCs have integrated medical, behavioral, and dental health care; offer extended hours; and work to engage patients as partners in their own health care. CHCs are the future of health care: digitized, integrated, cost-effective, and patient-focused.

A 13-state study including Colorado found that Community Health Center Medicaid patients had 24% lower total costs of care when compared to similar patients cared for in other settings.<sup>5</sup> CHCs demonstrate equal or better performance on select quality measures, despite serving patients who have more chronic disease and socioeconomic complexity.<sup>6</sup>

*"We don't stand still.  
We're always looking for ways to improve."*

## CHCs create jobs.

CHCs provide more than 6,100 jobs in high-need communities around the state.<sup>2</sup> An analysis of 2021 data indicated that CHCs also support more than 5,000 additional jobs in other businesses in Colorado.<sup>8</sup>

*"People who work here stay here,  
because we can see what a difference we make every day."*

## CHCs provide exceptional care.

One hundred percent of Colorado CHCs have achieved official Patient Centered Medical Home recognition. That means they focus on system and team redesign, care coordination and communication, improving the patient experience, providing quality care, and reducing costs.

*"We provide affordable, efficient, coordinated care all under one roof."*

<sup>1</sup>Fact source: CHC data on patients served over an 18-to-24 month period of time, reported to CCHN in Spring 2023.

<sup>2</sup>Fact source: 2022 Colorado Community Health Center data.

<sup>3</sup>CCHN All Sites Lists, June 2023.

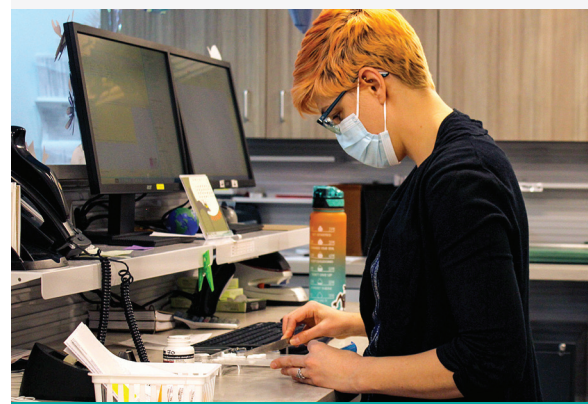
<sup>4</sup>Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's FY2022-2023 Medical Premiums Expenditure and Caseload Report. <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/premiums-expenditures-and-caseload-reports>.

<sup>5</sup>Robert S. Nocon et al., "Health Care Use and Spending for Medicaid Enrollees in Federally Qualified Health Centers Versus Other Primary Care Settings," *American Journal of Public Health*, published online September 15, 2016, ahead of print Nov. 2016.

<sup>6</sup>L. Elizabeth Goldman, MD, MCR, et.al., "Federally Qualified Health Centers and Private Practice Performance on Ambulatory Care Measures," *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* Vol. 43, Issue 2, pages 142-149.

<sup>7</sup>Persons age 0 through 18 (up to 19th birthday) are classified as children for purposes of eligibility for Colorado's Medicaid and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) programs.

<sup>8</sup>Capital Link, 2021 *Value and Impact of Health Centers: Colorado's Community Health Centers*, January 2023.

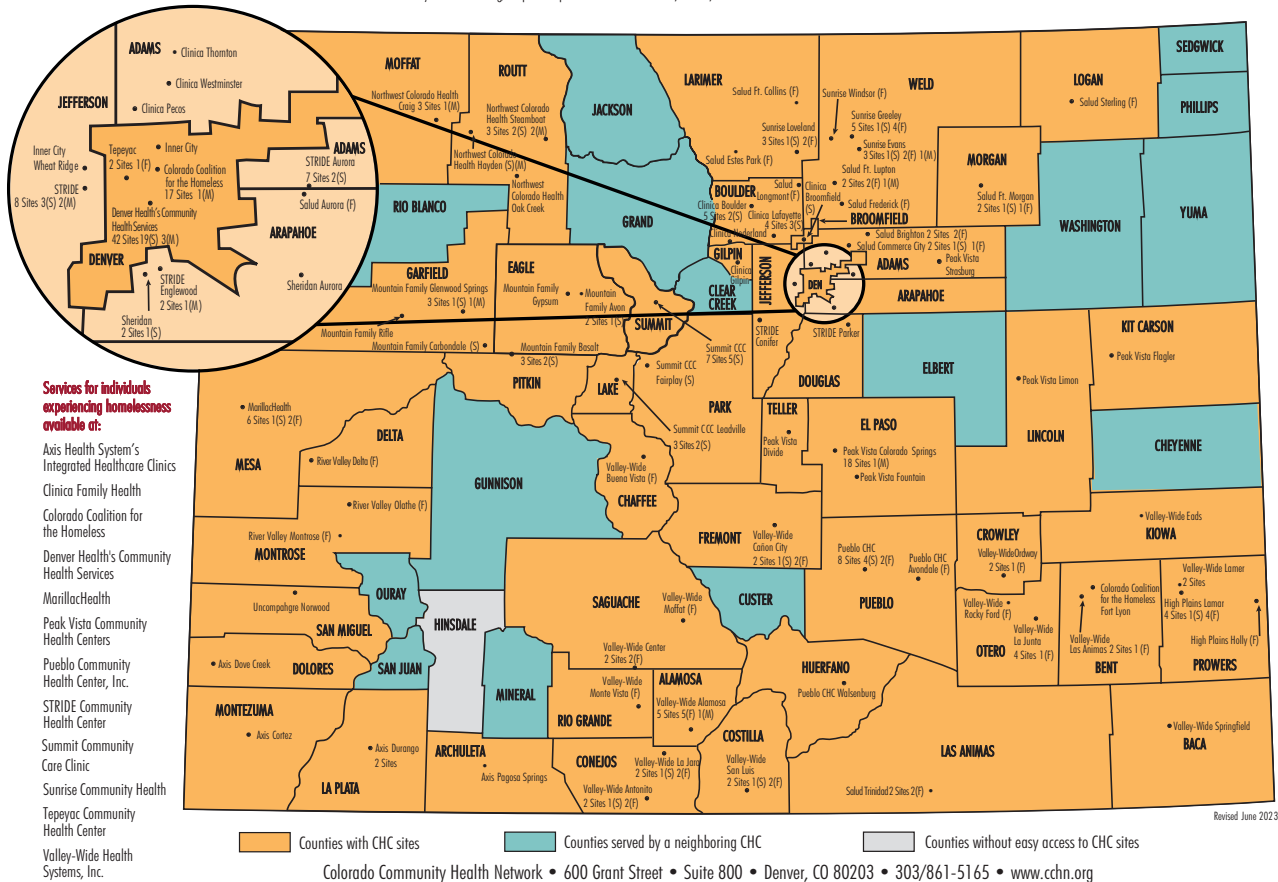


## COLORADO'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

(F) = Farmworker/Migrant Site (M) = Mobile Health Care Unit (S) = School Clinic, limited services

Forty-eight counties have Community Health Center (CHC) sites, and patients from a total of 63 counties receive care at CHCs. CHCs provide integrated primary care services.

Contact the CHC directly or visit [cchn.org/map](http://cchn.org/map) for specific details on medical, dental, and behavioral health services available at each location.



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# Colorado's Community Health Centers

## Axis Health System's Integrated Healthcare Clinics

La Plata Integrated Healthcare: (970) 335-2288  
Cortez Integrated Healthcare: (970) 565-7946  
Dove Creek Integrated Healthcare: (970) 677-2291  
Archuleta Integrated Healthcare: (970) 264-2104  
[www.axishealthsystem.org](http://www.axishealthsystem.org)  
Serving Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and Archuleta counties

## Clinica Family Health

(303) 650-4460 • [www.clinica.org](http://www.clinica.org)  
Serving Adams, Boulder, Broomfield, and Gilpin counties

## Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

Health Care: (303) 293-2220 • Administration: (303) 293-2217  
[www.coloradocoalition.org](http://www.coloradocoalition.org)  
Serving the Colorado community

## Denver Health's Community Health Services

Health Care: (303) 436-4949 • Administration: (303) 602-4954  
[www.denverhealth.org/dchs](http://www.denverhealth.org/dchs)  
Serving the City and County of Denver

## High Plains Community Health Center

(719) 336-0261 • [www.highplainschc.net](http://www.highplainschc.net)  
Serving Prowers, Baca, Cheyenne, Kiowa, and Kit Carson counties

## Inner City Health Center

(303) 296-1767 • <https://innercityhealth.org/>  
Serving the Metropolitan Denver Area

## MarillacHealth

(970) 200-1600 • [www.MarillacHealth.org](http://www.MarillacHealth.org)  
Serving Mesa County and neighboring communities

## Mountain Family Health Centers

(970) 945-2840 • [www.mountainfamily.org](http://www.mountainfamily.org)  
Serving Garfield, Eagle, and Pitkin counties

## Northwest Colorado Health

Craig: (970) 824-8233 • Steamboat Springs: (970) 879-1632  
<http://northwestcoloradohealth.org/>  
Serving Moffat and Routt counties

## Peak Vista Community Health Centers

(719) 632-5700 • [www.peakvista.org](http://www.peakvista.org)  
Serving El Paso, Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Park, and Teller counties

## Pueblo Community Health Center

(719) 543-8711 • [www.pueblochc.org](http://www.pueblochc.org)  
Serving Pueblo and Huerfano counties

## River Valley Family Health Centers

(970) 323-6141 • [www.rivervalleyfthc.com](http://www.rivervalleyfthc.com)  
Serving Montrose and Delta counties

## Salud Family Health

(303) 892-6401 • (303) MYSALUD (697-2583)  
[www.saludclinic.org](http://www.saludclinic.org)  
Serving Weld, Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Larimer, Las Animas, Logan, Morgan, Sedgwick, Phillips, Washington, and Yuma counties

## Sheridan Health Services

(303) 315-6150 • <https://nursing.cuanschutz.edu/sheridan>  
Serving Arapahoe, Adams, Denver, and Jefferson counties

## STRIDE Community Health Center

Customer Care Center: (303) 7STRIDE (778-7433)  
<https://stridechc.org/>  
Serving Arapahoe, Adams, Douglas, Jefferson, and Park counties

## Summit Community Care Clinic

(970) 668-4040 • [www.summitclinic.org](http://www.summitclinic.org)  
Serving Summit County and neighboring communities

## Sunrise Community Health

Health Care: (970) 353-9403 • Administration: (970) 350-4606  
[www.sunrisecommunityhealth.org](http://www.sunrisecommunityhealth.org)  
Serving Weld and Larimer counties

## Tepeyac Community Health Center

(303) 458-5302 • [www.tepeyachealth.org](http://www.tepeyachealth.org)  
Serving Denver, Adams, Arapahoe counties, and neighboring communities

## Uncompahgre Medical Center

(970) 327-4233 • [www.umclinc.org](http://www.umclinc.org)  
Serving San Miguel, Montrose, and Ouray counties

## Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.

(719) 587-1001 • <http://valley-widehealth.org>  
Serving Alamosa, Baca, Bent, Chaffee, Cheyenne, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Delta, Fremont, Garfield, Kit Carson, Kiowa, Mesa, Mineral, Otero, Prowers, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties

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