

Recent Grants Awarded

February 2019 – January 2020

February 2019	\$130,000	Latino History Project Community Workshops
June 2019	\$112,840	CU Denver Collegiate Recovery Community
July 2019	\$75,000	Supporting Manufactured Housing Resident Leadership in Implementation of the Colorado Mobile Home Park Act Oversight Program and Stakeholder Feedback Process
January 2020	\$77,610	UCCS Department of Counseling and Human Services Campus Connections Community-Based Youth Mentoring Program

Thank you for your dedication and partnership with the University of Colorado. Because of your steadfast commitment to the health and well-being of Colorado communities, you are improving lives.

THANK YOU

With continued generosity from the Colorado Health Foundation, we are powering programs that reach communities throughout Colorado. Our shared goal of improving lives throughout the state is made possible through our partnership. In this report, you will see the impact of your giving and a hopeful vision for the future.



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CU School of Medicine Rural Track

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MD, PA, Pharmacy, and Physical Therapy students participated in the 2019 Interdisciplinary Rural Immersion Week hosted in Trinidad, CO

The Rural Track attracts, admits and supports students interested in living and working in rural communities. Our students come from a wide range of both rural and urban backgrounds. Since its founding in 2005, nearly 200 students have completed the rural track. Of those who have completed residency and entered practice, 40% are practicing in rural communities such as Craig, Rifle, Montrose, Cortez, Lake City, Del Norte, Gunnison, Walsenburg, Springfield and Sterling as well as rural towns in other states. Most are in primary care. Rural Track graduates enter rural practice and primary care at rates several-fold greater than students who are not in the Rural Track.

The Rural Track starts with a pre-matriculation interdisciplinary rural immersion week learning about how education, agriculture, businesses, law enforcement, etc. interface with healthcare. This helps our students understand how serving in a rural community along with other health professionals will feel. During school, they attend frequent rural-focused workshops and seminars, spend several months in rural communities for clinical experience and receive mentorship from faculty and staff.

The School of Medicine is revising its curriculum including transitioning the Rural Track from an elective experience to a full program. Our students will soon complete the majority of their clinical experience in rural communities. To accomplish this, we are developing 15-20 rural sites to host students for up to 12 months. This will further strengthen the rural focus of their training and our connections with rural communities.

Latino History Project

CU Boulder

The Latino History Project works with local partners throughout Colorado to help correct the limited awareness of Latino experiences and contributions to our state. Our goal is to increase knowledge and understanding of local Latino history and culture to promote respect and cooperation. We believe that achieving this goal will lead to healthier social communities. The Latino History Project joins with community groups, libraries, museums, schools and colleges to combine forces in pursuit of our shared vision. By gathering information about Latino history and culture, disseminating this information to the public and sharing it with educators, we are infusing our communities with valuable new knowledge.

With support from the Colorado Health Foundation, we have been able to expand beyond workshops with teachers to include new trainings for community members, high school students and university students. This has exponentially increased our reach in Colorado.

In the coming year, we will double our programming opportunities and hire a full-time director of the program. Because of your support, CU Boulder has decided to make the Latino History Project a formal part of the School of Education, which will ensure the program's stability as we expand and reach even more communities.

Colorado Coalition of Manufactured Home Owners & Community Engagement, Design and Research Center

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Our work through the Colorado Coalition of Manufactured Home Owners (CoCoMHO) and the Community Engagement, Design and Research Center (CEDaR) is helping renters and owners of manufactured housing in Colorado play an active role in policy discussions regarding protections of Colorado's 900+ mobile home parks. Manufactured home parks are the largest source of unsubsidized affordable housing in the U.S. and are home to a large percentage of low-income Latino families, fixed income seniors and single parents. Evictions, unexpected rent increases, poor physical conditions and inadequate services threaten the mental and physical health of residents, and contribute to ongoing housing insecurity. CoCoMHO was formed in 2017 by manufactured home park residents in response to abuses in these parks. Our work to support these residents culminated in the Mobile Home Park Act Oversight bill, which passed during the 2019 legislative session.

Funding from the Colorado Health Foundation has allowed us to develop a network of community leaders in key regions of the state and establish a training and communication framework to identify leaders to engage in policy discussion. We also held a major policy conference attended by policymakers, residents and advocates from around the state, and organized a local policy workshop. We were also able to build core elements of an information clearinghouse targeted to manufactured home residents. This web-based effort helps us disseminate information about manufactured housing policy initiatives, program rules, model legislation, case studies and community opportunities. This information is made available in both Spanish and English when possible.

In 2020, we are focusing our efforts on rulemaking and legislative priorities, and will be holding additional workshops for residents in Colorado. In the spring, we will launch the information clearinghouse and work with manufactured home park residents to assess the effectiveness of this website.

Culture of Wellness in Preschools

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The Culture of Wellness in Preschools (COWP) Program: Whole Child Expansion project adapted the five components of the COWP Program so that, in addition to promoting positive physical development, preschools also promote social, emotional and cognitive development. This new whole child model is being implemented in Jefferson County Head Start, City of Lakewood Head Start, Adams County Head Start and Colorado Early Education Network. These efforts collectively reach approximately 5,500 children and adults annually.

Since 2011, when we received your original funding for COWP, we have successfully garnered an additional 19 grants totaling more than \$11 million to expand our critical work and reach children in a variety of early child care settings throughout Colorado. With your generous support, we have reached over 48,000 children, parents and educators in approximately 150 low-income early child care education settings in 14 counties in Colorado. We believe that our efforts have likely contributed to the decline in childhood obesity in Colorado over the last five years.

We are excited to continue expanding our reach, with support from the Colorado Health Foundation, to include family, friends and neighbor childcare providers who generally have fewer resources than center-based providers.

