

Colorado Opportunity Project

Making Government Work to Break the Cycle of Poverty

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Our Mission

Improving health care access and outcomes for the **people** we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial **resources**



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Medicaid Culture Inversion

- From Acute Treatment to Prevention
- Opportunities to help clients reach self sufficiency
- Safety-net functions are still critical



Colorado Opportunity Project

Providing low-income Coloradans a pathway to the middle class.

The Colorado Opportunity Project is a life cycle model from family formation to older adult with 9 life stages and benchmarks of success for each life stage.



Colorado Opportunity Steering Committee (COSC)

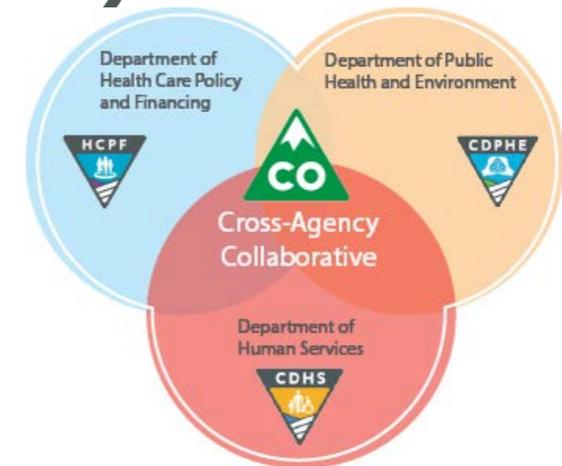
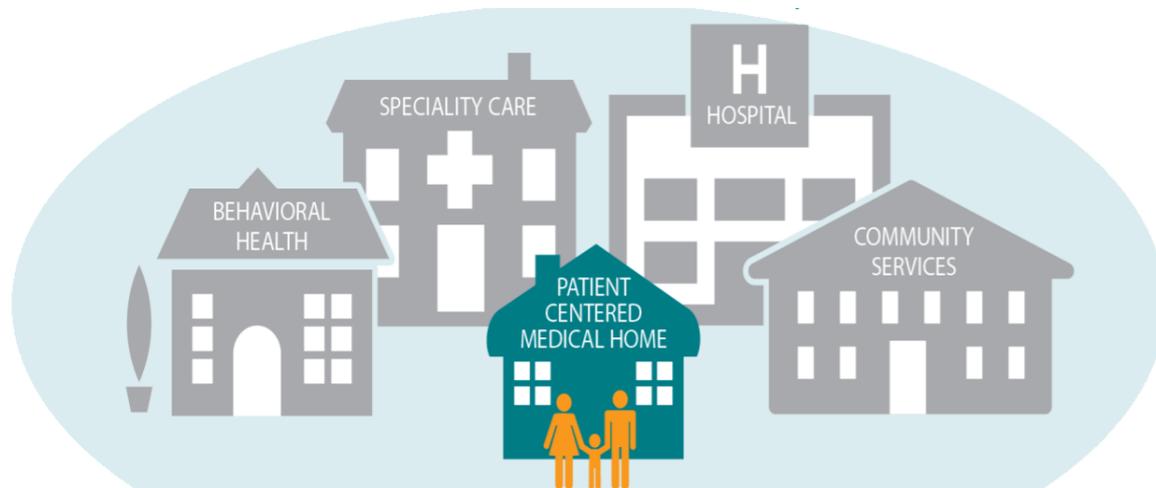
- Subject matter experts from HCPF, DHS, CDPHE, and Non-profits
- Opportunity Framework:
 - vetting evidence-based indicators for the opportunity framework.
 - Identifying interventions that align with the indicators.
- Currently expanding to many more partners: Higher Ed, DOC, DOL/workforce development, advocacy groups, community partners



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Aligning state initiatives to move disadvantaged Coloradans up the economic ladder and towards self-sufficiency

Accountable Care Collaborative



Two-Generation Approach



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Identifying evidence-based & promising programs that help clients reach the important milestones to life success



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Evidence-Based Interventions

- National and state movement to measuring the effectiveness of public programs
- Important to identify and replicate best practices
- Opportunity for many “promising programs” to build evidence to support their program, initiative, benefit, service, etc.

Colorado Opportunity Project- key concepts

- Aligning and leveraging resources
- Aligning with State/Department initiatives (Healthy People 2020, Winnable Battles, Collective Impact, ACC KPI's)
- Incorporation of the Social Determinants
- Supporting and increasing the pool of evidence based interventions
- Creating economic opportunities for self-sufficiency
- Shared goals/data metrics



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Creates a shared understanding of what opportunity looks like in Colorado. Common performance indicators & evidence based interventions.

INDICATORS (measures) include:



- ▶ Intended Pregnancies
- ▶ Emotional Well-being of Parents
- ▶ Access to Affordable Food
- ▶ School Readiness & High School Graduation
- ▶ Family Income
- ▶ Grade Level Advancement

INTERVENTIONS (programs) may include:



- ▶ Family Planning Nurse Home Visiting Programs
- ▶ Early & Periodic Screening Diagnosis & Treatment
- ▶ Healthy Communities
- ▶ Early Literacy and Math Programs
- ▶ Workforce Development & Job Training

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Family Formation (positive circumstances at birth)

A planned pregnancy, born at healthy birth weight, to a dual parent household without maternal depression.

- Interventions at this life stage may include home visiting programs for pregnant women and postpartum families, and programs that connect parents to employment opportunities and child care.



Early Childhood (ages 0 – 5)

School readiness, healthy social emotional skills and the families access to affordable, nutritious food

- Interventions at this life stage may include early literacy and prevention programs, medical homes and consistent well-child checks, and programs to help children with physical, emotional or intellectual risks.

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Middle Childhood (ages 6 – 11)

Math/Reading Skills and healthy social emotional skills.

- Interventions at this life stage may include tutoring and literacy support for children, parenting support programs, and job training and job opportunity for parents.



Adolescence (ages 12 – 17)

Graduates from high school on time, has developed healthy social emotional skills and has not been convicted of a crime, nor become a teen parent.

- Interventions at this life stage may include behavioral health screening, substance abuse disorder prevention and treatment, pregnancy prevention programs, and mentoring programs for those at-risk for dropping out of school.

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Transition to Adulthood (ages 18 – 29)

Currently sustainably employed having attended post-secondary education and has good physical/mental health.

- Interventions at this life stage may include math and writing remediation programs at high school and community colleges, job training and opportunity programs, and transition to new health care coverage for those who had been covered by Medicaid.



Adulthood (ages 30 – 40)

Employment status, has good physical /mental health and is a middle class household (300% FPL)

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Older Adulthood (ages 41 - 64)

To be determined...



Older Adulthood (65+)

To be determined...



Older Adulthood (Older)

To be determined...



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Colorado Opportunity Project Framework

Life stage	Indicators	Example Interventions
Family Formation (conception-birth)	Rate of low birth weight	Women Infants and Children (WIC)
	% FPL/Family Income	Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
	Maternal Depression	Incredible Years (IY)
	Single or Dual parent household	EITC,
	Unintended vs Intended pregnancy	Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)
Early Childhood (0-5)	% of parents with concerns about child's social emotional development	
	% of families relying on low cost food	
	Children ages 1-5 whose family read to them less than 3 days a week - School Readiness	
Middle Childhood (5-12)	Math test scores	
	Reading test scores	
	% of parents with concerns about child's social emotional development	



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		PROGRAMS
Adolescence (12-19)	High School Graduation status (on time)	
	Juvenile property and crime data	
	Become a teen parent?	
	% sad/hopeless , % suicidal, % depressed	
Transition to Adulthood (19-29)	Employment status	
	% FPL/Family Income	
	Attended post secondary education/training	
	Average days of poor physical/mental health	
Adulthood (29-40)	Average days of poor physical/mental health	
	% FPL/Family Income	
	Employment status	



Next Steps

- Finalize the Family Formation life stage interventions
- Create the regional work plans
- Continue to reach out to partners around Colorado
- Work with Federal and State counterparts to develop payment reform strategies to support the work and leverage resources (braided and blended funding strategies)



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Questions or Concerns?

