

Resulting from the 2008 merger of the county's then-Social Services and Housing Departments, the **Boulder County Department of**



Housing and Human Services (BCDHHS) has, over the past decade, evolved into a 500-person integrated services delivery organization that is focused on supporting whole families and individuals through a Two Generation, Social Determinants of Health approach. Over an average 12 months, we now serve more than 90,000 distinct clients with a wide range of wrap-around services, including food, housing, health coverage, child care, safety, education and skill building, parenting supports, and much more.

In the most recent 12 month period, BCDHHS oversaw:















5,149

27,000

\$283M

80,775

1,100

1,500

\$6M

1,460

referrals

(SNAP) clients

benefits

Child Welfare Food assistance In Medicaid People served Households with Medicaid

w/ housing adults coordiassistance

Homeless nated entry screenings

In Child Care Assistance benefits

Adult Financial Counseling Protection sessions & parenting referrals home visits

The Social Determinants of Health demonstrate the connectedness between conditions in which people live, work, and play and their health risks and other outcomes. Research is clear that unstable housing, low income, lack of employment options, unsafe neighborhoods, and substandard education negatively impact health and well-being. We approach strategic priority development work with an eye toward identifying priorities through a Social Determinants lens. This prompts us to consider all options in terms of their potential for the biggest positive overall impact on the health and well-being of community members, and for their potential for working together to positively impact other Social Determinants areas.









Mission

Building community, empowering people, strengthening families

We are building a healthy, connected
5 to 10

Year Vision

Strengthens families by confronting

the root causes of crisis and instability

3 to 5 Year Goals

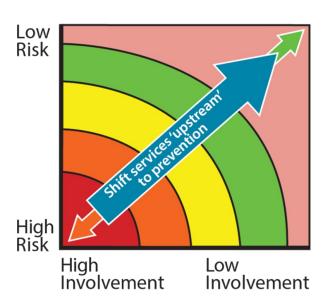
Affordable housing capacity increase (diversity of options and capacity of housing to promote family well-being and stability

Institutional services utilization reduction (detention, placement incarceration, homelessness)

Integrated Services Delivery Model implementation (agency-and community-wide)

1 to 2 Year Major Projects & Strategic Approaches

Focus on high acuity populations and affordable housing supply



We are working to identify and address the *root causes of crisis and instability* for those we serve, and in turn we are transforming ourselves into an organization proactively partnering with our community to help our neighbors live the happiest and healthiest lives possible.

Families and individuals throughout our community are threatened by stressors from increased housing costs, lack of access to adequate food or health care, inability to attain higher-paying jobs, and much more. By getting supports to people earlier, and by doing so in a way that is rooted in solid data and best practices, we are empowering people and strengthening families as we work to build a healthy, connected community.

Included in our work is leadership of a multi-jurisdictional collaboration to boost the entire region's supply of affordable housing to 12% of total housing stock by 2035. The **Boulder County Regional Housing Partnership's** *Regional Housing Strategy*, which recommends tools and methods to reach our goal, was recently awarded Best in Category in Planning by the National Association of Counties (NACo). We are very proud to be on the leading edge of visionary regional collaboration to help address the housing affordability crisis our community faces. See more at www.HousingOurCommunity.org.

