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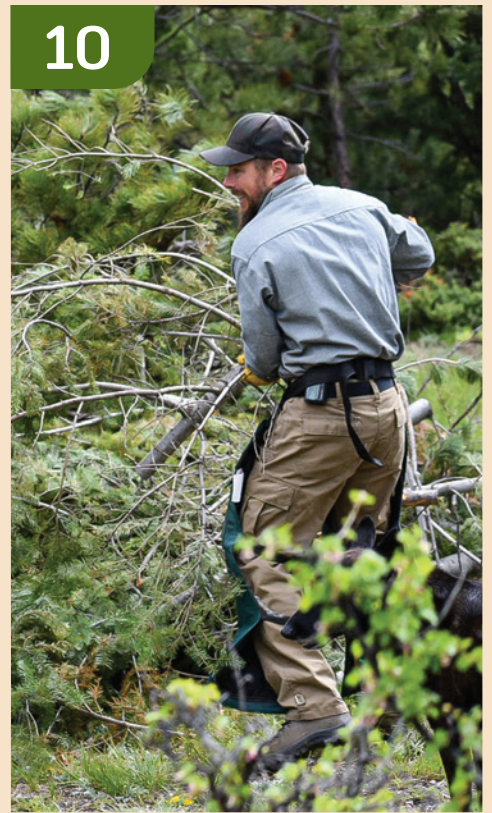
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From the Boulder County Commissioners



Welcome to Boulder County's new resource guide: a snapshot of the Boulder County Government's services, staff, and volunteers, and a great way to find out about your county government.

The Boulder County Government is committed to providing the best in public service for all Boulder County residents — including everyone in the county's cities, towns, and unincorporated areas.

In this guide, you'll find details of the amazing work taking place throughout the county. We weren't able to highlight everything, so we hope you'll visit our website, sign up for our emails, and follow our social media to receive our latest news.

We know from speaking to residents that it can be confusing about what services the cities and towns offer and what services the county provides, which is why we've included articles that bring alive the work of the county through the experiences of staff, residents, and volunteers, as well as descriptions of services and how to access them.

As commissioners, we represent all Boulder County residents, alongside the county's other elected officials. The commissioners' current strategic priorities reflect our values and include: economic security and stability, climate action and environmental stewardship, and good governance. Underpinning all of this work is the belief that good governance is impossible without racial equity.

Get in touch with us by emailing commissioners@bouldercounty.gov, calling our office **303-441-3500**, or joining us for our monthly events, meetings, and hearings. Find out more at boco.org/BOCC.

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Boulder County Event Highlights

May 12-September 8



Altona School Open House

Explore this historic schoolhouse where students studied and played from 1880 to the World War II era.

📍 Heil Valley Ranch, 257 Geer Canyon Rd., Boulder, CO 80302

📅 2nd Sunday, May-Sept. | 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

June 15-October 19



Assay Office Museum Open

Come learn about assaying, hard rock mining, and the families in the area from long ago.

📍 James F. Bailey Assay Office Museum, 6352 Fourmile Canyon Dr., Boulder, CO 80302

📅 3rd Saturday through Oct. | 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

September 28

Corn Festival

The Corn Festival will bring indigenous knowledge from First Nations peoples to the public to teach about the value and application of ancestral and cultural teachings of regenerative agriculture and societal customs.

📍 Agricultural Heritage Center, 8348 Ute Hwy, Longmont, CO 80503

📅 Saturday | Sunrise-Sunset

October 6



Vintage Baseball & Autumn Heritage Day

Enjoy an old-fashioned vintage baseball game and cheer on the Walker Ranchers as they take on their rivals!

📍 Walker Ranch Homestead, 7701 Flagstaff Rd., Boulder, CO 80302

📅 Sunday | Noon-3:00 p.m.

October 19

Junior and Senior Fishing Derby

Enjoy a beautiful fall morning fishing together for prizes and fun. Teams include one senior and one kid under 15.

📍 Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat, 3893 N. 75th St., Boulder, CO 80302

📅 Saturday | 9:00 a.m.-Noon

For a complete list of Boulder County events visit boco.org/Calendar.

October 27



Nederland Mining Museum and Agricultural Heritage Center

Last Day of Season

📅 **Sunday | 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

November 2–March 1



Agricultural Heritage Center Open

Come to the farm to learn about the agricultural history of Boulder County.

📍 Agricultural Heritage Center, 8348 Ute Hwy, Longmont, CO 80503

📅 **1st Saturday through March | 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

2024 Election Schedule

October 11

Ballots Begin Mailing

All active voters are mailed a ballot beginning this date.

October 21

Vote Centers Open

Vote Centers offer various voting services, including in-person voting, same-day registration, language assistance, and ADA accessible voting equipment.

October 28

Last Day to Mail Ballots

This is the last day to register and be mailed a ballot (after this date, you may still register but must vote in person).

It is also the last recommended day to return a ballot by mail. Otherwise, use a drop box.

October 29

National Vote Early Day

Look for special Boulder County events!

November 5

Election Day

Last day to vote or return a ballot. Remember, eligible Colorado voters can register and vote up to and including Election Day.





Being Prepared

The Office of Disaster Management shares an update on disaster preparedness in Boulder County

ABOVE: An Emergency Communications Specialist takes a call at the Boulder County Communications Center.

While Boulder County's natural beauty contributes to our quality of life, our abundant wilderness also makes the county more prone to disasters, such as wildfire, blizzards, flash flooding, and severe weather. The Boulder Office of Disaster Management (ODM) shares with the City of Boulder responsibility for planning, preparedness, and coordination during those likely disasters.

During a disaster, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated; employees from Boulder County, the City of Boulder, and partner agencies come together in the

EOC to provide support and coordination for information sharing, communication, and consequence management. As an example, ODM supports: sheltering operations for people, animals, and livestock; coordination of transportation; resources for first responders; and a call center for community members' inquiries.

"Even though we have an excellent disaster response system, it still relies heavily on individual preparedness," said ODM Director Mike Chard. "We ask that community members take whatever action they can to be more resilient ahead of times of disasters."

Alert and Warning

An important step toward being personally prepared is signing up for emergency alerts by downloading the ReachWell app and/or signing up at bocoalert.org. Some messages are sent out automatically through the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system — these are sent like an AMBER Alert; just because you receive these, it does not mean you are signed up for alerts, so be sure to keep yourself safe during disasters by using one of the following:

BOCO Alert

- Sign up to receive emergency alerts as a text, email, or voice call at bocoalert.org.
- Each person in your household that has a mobile device should create an account.
- You can add up to five addresses within Boulder County to your account (such as your home, work, school, loved one's residence, etc.). This is an important step, since you will only receive alerts when one of the addresses listed in your account is within the area that first responders determine need to receive an alert.



ReachWell App

- Download the ReachWell app to receive all emergency alerts that are sent out in Boulder County in over 100 different languages.
- No sign-up or sharing of personal information is needed.
- Learn more and download the app at boco.org/BocoReachwell.



Other Alerts

All Lumen landlines and Xfinity VOIP lines are automatically uploaded to the system. Emergency alerts will be distributed to these numbers as a voice call and to any special equipment for people with hearing challenges.

Public safety officials may send local emergency alerts to the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). This includes the following:

- Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA): a broadcast technology that is separate from the text alerts you may receive from signing up at bocoalert.org. WEA is the system that distributes AMBER Alerts and other critical life-safety alerts.
- Emergency Alert System (EAS): a broadcast technology used for over the air television and AM/FM radio.
- NOAA Weather Radio: a broadcast technology received by NOAA weather radio devices.
- Audible warning sirens are designed for outdoor warning only. Sirens are located in various parts of the county.



Staying Informed During a Disaster



After emergency alerts are received from the options listed on the previous page, you can stay informed on things like road closures/openings, shelters, large-animal shelters, and donations by:

- Texting **BOCOinfo** to **888777** to receive information via text.
- Visiting **boulderodm.gov** and refreshing the page for the latest messages.
- If you reside within Longmont city limits, follow Longmont Public Safety's Facebook and Nextdoor accounts and check **longmontcolorado.gov/publicsafety**.

Emergency Alert Terminology



Each emergency alert will include a severity level and a suggested action.

Severity Levels:

- **ADVISORY** — Information about an emergency situation that is likely to impact communities.
- **WARNING** — Prepare to take action, or take immediate action if you need extra time to mobilize.
- **ORDER** — Take immediate action due to an imminent life threat.

Suggested Actions:

- **EVACUATION** — A directive to leave the area immediately.
- **CLIMB TO HIGHER GROUND** — A directive to move to a location nearby that is higher than your current position.
- **SHELTER IN PLACE** — A directive to remain indoors until the situation is resolved.
- **MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON** — Information about a missing or endangered person that is shared to increase community awareness.
- **ALL CLEAR** — Follow-up information issued after officials have determined the hazard no longer presents a threat to the community.

Trust your instincts. If you see, hear, smell, or sense danger, do not wait for an emergency alert to take action to keep yourself safe.

Pre-determined Alerting Areas



All of Boulder County is broken into unique shapes or “polygons” in the 911 Communications Center’s emergency alerting software. There are two groups of shapes: the “all hazards” polygons can be used for any emergency (although they are commonly used for evacuation or shelter-in-place alerts). The “flood polygons” are designed with predictive hydrology data, intended for alerts in flood-prone areas. These pre-agreed areas of the county allow first responders to quickly identify a specific area that needs to be alerted, eliminating the need to hand-draw the boundary, and allowing alerts to launch more quickly.

For wildfires, predetermined evacuation routes aren't reliable since you don't know where a fire might start, the direction of its path, or how fast it moves. Instead of evacuation routes, ODM staff have worked with law and fire partners to identify primary traffic control points and bottlenecks. By keeping main roadway arteries open, the goal is to keep the traffic flowing and ideally prevent congestion. To personally prepare, get familiar with multiple routes you could take during an evacuation.



Following the Marshall Fire, the 911 dispatch center staff worked with local fire departments to develop responses based on weather conditions. Each day, the Sheriff's Office Fire Management staff use scientific measurements provided by climate and fire weather data to determine the level of response for wildfire. High fire danger days automatically dispatch more fire resources than low fire danger days.



Boulder County Sheriff's Office Fire Management has been piloting camera software systems that assist with early fire detection. The AI cameras can detect smoke and send notifications to fire management officials as a new tool for situational awareness. Two of the cameras can detect heat through smoke, dust, and debris, which helps with early identification of the fire's location and spread.

While county and city staff train and prepare during "blue sky days," it is important for community members to think ahead too. Take the following steps to prepare yourself:



1. Sign up to receive emergency alerts (see Alert and Warning).
 - Assess your risks. Know the hazards that exist in your community, and assess your environment and personal preparedness skills.
2. Make a plan. Create a plan for how you want to prepare before a disaster and how you'd respond during.

BEFORE:

- Sign up for alerts.
- Mitigate likelihood of property damage.
- Review insurance.

DURING:

- Trust your gut — take initiative to stay safe.
- Evacuate.
- Get your grab list.
- Communicate with your support system.



The Boulder Office of Disaster Management (ODM) offers free preparedness workshops focusing on emergency alerts, personal risk assessment, and creating your own disaster preparedness plan. Sign up at boco.org/Prepare.



Voter-Approved Wildfire Mitigation Tax Powers Expansion of Services

ABOVE: *Volunteers work on a forest wildfire mitigation project in western Boulder County.*



The Boulder County Commissioners took the next steps to strengthen the county's wildfire mitigation efforts by approving 12 new staff positions that will assist in further developing wildfire mitigation programs and provide direct mitigation assistance to residents. The positions are in part funded by the sales and use tax created by ballot measure 1A, which voters overwhelmingly approved in 2022 and went into effect on January 1, 2023.

In order to proactively address the increasing risk of climate-driven wildfires, the new county staff have created a grant program for strategic forest and grassland management projects, and expanded the county's innovative Wildfire Partners program, which supports homeowners in preparing for and protecting their homes against wildfire.

"We are grateful to voters for supporting our ability to increase the county's wildfire mitigation capacity, expand existing wildfire mitigation programs, and bring new programs and services to the plains," said Commissioner Marta Loachamin.

The staff positions are responsible for outreach and education, community mitigation planning, forestry and grassland projects, home assessments, wood chipping, community forestry sort yards, and grants administration.



Wildfire Partners Mitigation Program

With funding from the county's wildfire mitigation tax, Boulder County's wildfire mitigation program, called Wildfire Partners, helps residents and communities take climate action and prepare for future wildfires. Learn more at WildfirePartners.org.

- The county's Strategic Fuels Mitigation Grant program is funding 13 additional projects totaling \$1.5 million. This funding will leverage another \$2.94 million of "matching" contributions, bringing total project costs to \$4.37 million.
- Wildfire Partners Community Chipping Program provides free branch chipping services for all residents in Boulder County. In 2023, Wildfire Partners hosted 53 events with 473 participants.
- Wildfire Partners works with TEENS, Inc. and Mile High Youth Corps to provide free mitigation services to vulnerable individuals and communities. In 2023, a TEENS, Inc. crew of 12 members, ages 14-18, helped several residents perform critical tasks, such as removing hazardous junipers, raking pine needles, and creating noncombustible, gravel perimeters around homes.
- Wildfire Partners home assessment and certification program in western Boulder County provides homeowners with technical and financial assistance to reduce their wildfire risk. Homeowners can use their Wildfire Partners Certificate to help retain or obtain insurance. One case involved a senior with low income who was given 60 days by her insurance company to complete mitigation in order to keep her policy. Wildfire Partners conducted an assessment, provided her a list of forestry contractors, and paid for 100% of the cost of her forestry work because of her income status. The resident completed the required mitigation, received her certificate two weeks after her initial visit, and was able to retain her insurance.
- With mitigation tax funding, Louisville and Superior conducted goat grazing to reduce tall grasses in western-facing open space areas near homes.

Preventing Wildfire with Mushrooms



On a rugged hillside next to Gold Hill's Sacred Mountain Ashram, Boulder Mushroom and the Boulder Watershed Collective are testing a unique approach to wildfire mitigation with mushrooms. Funded by Boulder County's Climate Innovation Fund, this project is using native fungi to speed up the decomposition of wood waste from wildfire prevention efforts, turning it into nutrient-rich compost while cutting fire risk by breaking down potential fuel. "When we inoculate slash piles with fungal mycelium, they break down at least three times faster than their non-inoculated counterparts," said Zach Hedstrom, the leading mycologist.

This approach also reduces the need for heavy transport to haul and process waste wood. Moreover, fungi can access remote, hard-to-reach areas where mechanical removal would be impractical. As Hedstrom and his team deploy their spore-infused solutions across the Western landscape, big tech and global media are paying attention. Hedstrom has been interviewed twice by the BBC and The Times of London, and his work was profiled in The Washington Post. What captivates people around the world is the potential for a future where working with nature can transform vast landscapes to reduce climate pollution and fire risk. In a world all too often darkened by smoke, these humble fungi illuminate a path forward, gently reminding us that even in decay lies the promise of renewal — a vision of a future where the air is clear and the earth is rich.



Mom Navigates Challenges of a Newborn with Crucial Support from Family Connects

ABOVE: *Brittany Montoya, with her young daughter, became a Family Voice Ambassador to help other new parents.*

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iving in Longmont has been an exciting but challenging time for Brittany Montoya, a new parent riding the exciting yet unpredictable rollercoaster of motherhood. After relocating to a new city and settling into a new home, she welcomed her precious baby daughter, bringing both immense joy and unforeseen obstacles. Shortly after, Montoya noticed that her daughter's development wasn't progressing as expected. "My newborn wasn't gaining weight as she should, and the doctors found that she had a lip and tongue tie that needed to be addressed," Montoya shared.

Lip and tongue tie are conditions that occur when the small bands of tissue that connect lips or tongue to the floor of the

mouth are too tight. In kids, this condition can restrict tongue movement, making it difficult to breastfeed and eat.

Lack of vital nutrients can lead to failure to thrive (FTT), a condition where babies' physical development is significantly threatened. Thankfully, Montoya received crucial support through the Boulder County Public Health program, Family Connects. This voluntary program provides free nurse home visits to Boulder County families who give birth or adopt at Boulder County hospitals, empowering them to navigate the challenges of early parenthood. "We connected with Brittany as soon as possible to tailor our support to her unique needs," said Patricia Halleslevens, Family Connects Community Engagement Specialist. "The program's commitment to eliminating healthcare

barriers ensured timely intervention, allowing us to address both Brittany's baby's health concerns and her overall well-being." By offering personalized guidance and resources, Family Connects empowers families like Montoya's to thrive during their baby's first crucial month.

Family Connects offers families in their communities one to three home visits by a highly trained registered nurse as well as connections to essential resources. The program provides comprehensive support, addressing both the mother's and baby's well-being. "If any specific health concerns arise, we're prepared to offer all the necessary support," explains Aurora Ramirez, Family Connects Community Alignment Coordinator. "It's a truly hands-on approach."

Montoya discovered the program before her due date, drawn to its focus on integrated health for babies and its prompt response to family needs. The initial health assessment was crucial in designing a customized care plan for Montoya's unique situation. "Having Family Connects there for us made all the difference for me and my baby," she expresses. "I'm very grateful."

Inspired by the positive impact of Family Connects on her family, Montoya joined Family Voice Ambassadors, a community parenting group. This unique group feeds valuable insights and ideas back into the Family Connects program, empowering parents to share their experiences, learn from each other, and tackle everyday challenges as a united community. "I'm passionate about sharing my journey as a mom and hopefully helping others through my personal experiences," Montoya shared.

The group gathers monthly for two hours of resource sharing and collaborative work. This dedicated group also enjoys the opportunity to work on community-driven initiatives, contributing to positive change.

"The Family Voice Ambassadors are incredibly engaged and enthusiastic about their work," shared Halleslevens. "The meetings are always well-attended, and the group demonstrates remarkable commitment to their goals."

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— Brittany Montoya

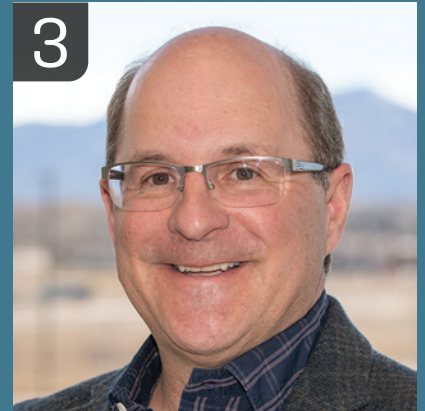
One key to Family Voice Ambassadors' success lies in its ability to empower participants. Members feel their voices are truly heard and valued, and they actively participate in crafting solutions that benefit the community. "They understand themselves as leaders," added Ramirez. "The county is actively considering their feedback to secure funding for the projects they've proposed, demonstrating the real impact of their efforts."

Last year, the Boulder County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) honored the Family Connects Colorado Family Voice Ambassadors for their leadership and active contributions to the community. Each ambassador received a certificate of recognition for their dedication and commitment. If you'd like to join the Boulder County Family Voice Ambassadors, please contact Patricia Halleslevens at phalleslevens@bouldercounty.gov.

To learn more about Family Connects, go to boco.org/FamilyConnects. You can also contact Family Connects at 303-441-3540 or familyconnects@bouldercounty.gov.

National Volunteer Week

In celebration of National Volunteer Week in 2024 from April 21-27, Program Enrichment Awards recognized two individuals and four volunteer teams who made noteworthy contributions to their programs in 2023. Volunteer managers countywide were invited to nominate volunteers for this annual enrichment award program. A selection committee chose the following volunteers to be recognized and awarded \$1,000 in funding for their programs.



1

Jenn Ochs: *Mobility for All Ambassador (M4A) — Community Planning and Permitting/Transportation Planning*

Jenn is a volunteer ambassador with the Mobility for All program. She teaches people with mobility barriers how to use smartphone apps like Lyft, Uber Ride, Google Maps, RTD, and Transit. Jenn is an outspoken advocate for people with disabilities, always ready to engage in M4A workshops, meetings, and events; onboard new ambassadors; and highlight opportunities for change, such as identifying missing cut curbs at intersections. During 2023, Jenn volunteered a total of 1,425 hours and supported 25 people while attending to her duties as Miss Wheelchair Colorado 2023!

2

Patty Rhodes: *Colorado Master Gardener — Parks and Open Space/CSU Extension*

As a master gardener, Patty educates the public on home horticulture issues. From behind-the-scenes help in the office and public education events, to working in the Food Pantry Garden, everything she tackles is done with grace and a positive attitude. Patty logged 343 hours of volunteer time for the 2023 season, while the required amount is 24!

3

Matt Henderson (pictured), Joanne Ashmun, Charles Bailey, Donna Braun, Prudence Carter, Kevin Cummings, Trish Devlin, Bob Jamieson, Gerra Lewis, Claudia Romans, Jan Sdao: *Medicare Counseling Program — Community Services, Area Agency on Aging*

These Boulder County volunteers are SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) Medicare counselors who provide nonbiased education and information to Medicare eligibles to help them with their billing issues and appeals claims. These volunteers continually train to stay current with not only Medicare rules and regulations, but also in Medicaid, so they can help clients understand their benefits and coverage and how the two programs fit together. Volunteers attend training sessions on a wide variety of topics, including Medicaid, brain injury, hospice, fraud prevention, home health, skilled nursing, etc. They work February through December each year in support of Medicare beneficiaries and their families. In 2023, the program recorded 1,303 volunteer hours! During the Medicare Open Enrollment season, these amazing volunteers had 891 service hours with 892 contacts.

For more information about Boulder County's Volunteer program, please visit BoulderCountyVolunteers.org. Boulder County government has a range of one-time and ongoing volunteer opportunities.



4 Megan Burton, Debra Summers, Natalie Clarke: Victims Assistance Program — Sheriff's Office

Lead volunteer victim advocates have three or more years of experience as volunteer victim advocates, and extensive training around the Victim Rights Act and trauma-informed services for both adult and child victims. These three team members covered direct supervision duties for volunteer victim advocates who were paged out to crime scenes — answering questions and providing on-scene support and mentorship. In addition to their own volunteer advocate shifts, during the months of June through October of 2023, these three covered 826 additional supervision hours! Their work ensured that the crime victims and our community members who experienced significant traumatic life events received the support and resources they needed.

5 Aaron Richmond and John Herring: 4-H Youth Development Program — Parks and Open Space/CSU Extension 4-H

These Livestock Sale volunteers enhance the Livestock Sale Committee's efforts and contribute to the overall success and enrichment of the program. Aaron and John engage with local businesses to secure

monetary donations, foster connections within the community, and provide valuable mentorship. Their engagement with youth participants instills important values such as responsibility, teamwork, and community engagement. The contributions of these key leaders extend beyond the livestock sale, impacting the broader 4-H community and reinforcing the program's mission to empower youth through hands-on learning and leadership development.

6 Sharla Benjamin, Renee Depew, Greg White, Maya Rudd, Sarah Gjestvang, Steven Tarr, Jennifer Bell, Christopher Smith: Robotics Mentors at Casa de la Esperanza — Housing and Human Services

This dedicated group of volunteers provided support and mentorship for the youth engaged in Casa de la Esperanza Learning Center's Robotics program. They shared their diverse mechanical, engineering, technical, and other skills to help the students build their robots and prepare for a competition. These volunteers served as passionate and inspiring role models, making a particularly positive impact on our underrepresented youth. Their leadership nurtured a sense of enthusiasm and curiosity, and instilled confidence in these aspiring STEM youth.

Alternative Sentencing Facility Opens 2025



In 2018, Boulder County voters overwhelmingly supported a 0.185% sales tax to design and build a new Alternative Sentencing Facility (ASF) at the existing county jail complex in Boulder. The facility, which will be completed in 2025, will be a community-based, minimum security, residential facility that will house low-level criminal offenders and provide space for all alternative sentencing programs offered by the county.

The Public Works Department's Building Services Division researched similar facilities that offer services

aimed at reducing the time spent in jail. Interviews with those who operate and maintain these types of facilities ensure that best practices were incorporated into the design. Architects also spoke with the county teams responsible for the day-to-day operation of the facility's programs to ensure that their needs were factored into the final building as well.

When complete, the 55,626-square-foot ASF will be able to house up to 252 offenders who have been sentenced to one of the county's community-based sentencing programs, like work release and community corrections. The building will also have classrooms, day rooms, and support spaces. Services will be provided by the Community Services Department, and day-to-day operations will be supervised by the Sheriff's Office. For more information, scan the QR code or visit the website: boco.org/AlternativeSentencingFacility.



Creating Inclusive Communities for LGBTQ+ Older Adults

In 2004, the Boulder County Area Agency on Aging (BCAAA) created Project Visibility, a documentary and accompanying training in response to the fear expressed by Rainbow Elders (LGBTQ+/50+) that older LGBTQ+ folks need to retreat into the closet to access assisted living or nursing home care.

Recognizing shifts in understanding and policy changes, BCAA updated the documentary featuring Rainbow Elders who are living and experiencing life in Boulder County and surrounding areas.

The film and training shares stories of local LGBTQ+ people and includes information on coming out, family, oppression and discrimination, history



and policy, language and terminology, and advice for providers. With the film and training, Project Visibility hopes to create more inclusive communities for LGBTQ+ older adults by educating service providers and the broader community. The project was funded by the NextFifty Initiative.

View the updated Project Visibility video at boco.org/RainbowElders.



For Sonia Vasquez, Any Door Is the Right Door

In her eight years at Boulder County, Vasquez has empowered families in need through personalized, comprehensive support.

There's a saying amongst Boulder County staff that "All roads lead to Sonia Vasquez," the lead Colorado Works support specialist for the county. Colorado Works is Colorado's name for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, which offers support to low-income families by providing monthly cash, coaching, and referral into services like counseling and job training.

"My bachelor's is in criminal justice, but my passion has always been serving the community," says Vasquez, who has more than two decades of experience working in housing and human services. "I can really relate to the people I work with because I grew up with a mom who relied on public assistance."

Boulder County's approach to TANF is unique, focusing on a two-generational strategy that addresses the needs of both parents and children, ensuring integrated support for housing, education, childcare, and food, as well as physical and mental health. "It's about

meeting each person, or family, where they're at in the moment," says Vasquez.

At the heart of her team's work are the communities they serve, including low-income Spanish monolingual families, as well as refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine. Recognizing the importance of making essential services accessible, they tirelessly advocate for those in transition, seeking to bridge gaps and provide tailored support through one-on-one check-ins, inter-agency referrals, and partnerships with community-based organizations.

"While every day is busy, no two days are the same," says Vasquez, who conducts in-person outreach several times a month to answer questions, helping people apply for public benefits and tap into the resources they need. "It's not necessarily my job to help someone get food assistance, but it also is because I'm here to serve, and for us, any door is the right door."

Visit boco.org/ColoradoWorks to find out more.

ABOVE: *Sonia Vasquez, lead support specialist for Colorado Works, assists a community member from her office in Longmont.*

Home in the Neighborhood

Willoughby Corner, a new 400-home housing development, is bringing sustainability, livability, and affordability to East Lafayette.

Drive to the corner of 120th and Emma streets in East Lafayette, and you'll find a massive construction zone with a handful of buildings in various stages of completion. This is Willoughby Corner, a new development spearheaded by the Boulder County Housing Authority (BCHA) that will offer below-market-rate rentals and permanently affordable for-sale homes across a 400-home master-planned community.

With a diverse range of housing options, Willoughby Corner is designed to accommodate families, individuals, and older adults. Because of its scale, the project is being completed in phases. The first phase is currently underway and will deliver a community building packed with amenities, as well as 192 one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments serving residents making 30%-60% of the area median income. This includes Búho Place, a 63-unit building

designed specifically for residents aged 55 and older.

Each home boasts large windows and ample storage, and includes utilities like heat, electricity, and water in the monthly rent. Plus, there are plenty of outdoor spaces for community interaction and recreation. Residents will also benefit from regional bike and walking trails, two bus routes, free transit passes, electric vehicle charging stations, and extensive bike storage facilities.

The waitlist to lease a Phase 1 Willoughby Corner property opened on June 25, 2024. While leasing for Búho Place is anticipated to start as early as October 2024, all timelines are dependent on weather and the construction process. To receive more information on income restrictions or to join our interest list, visit WilloughbyCorner.org.



Use the QR code to access our Willoughby Corner catalog, which contains sample floor plans, a comprehensive list of amenities, and answers to frequently asked questions.





Boulder County's Commitment to Address Homelessness

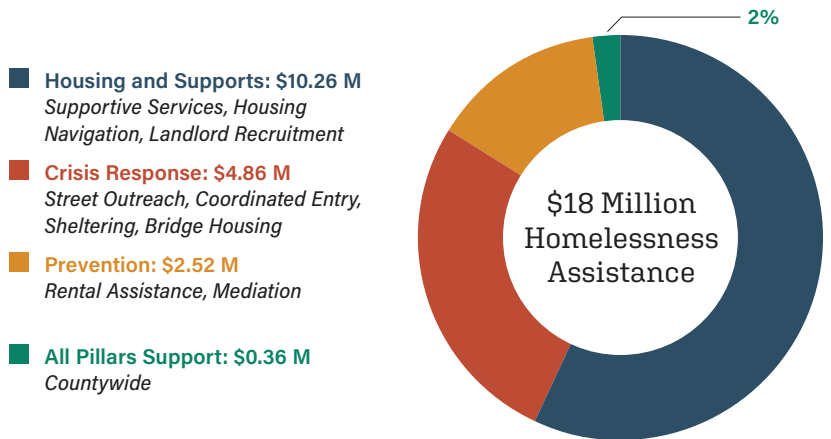
Boulder County is committed to resolving homelessness in our community by expanding both housing opportunities and access to supportive services — both of which are proven to help individuals exit homelessness.

The county's approach is an evidence-based model that provides a system of solutions, which include prevention, crisis response, and housing and supportive services. It is rooted in equity, data, and strong collaboration with county partners.

This approach to address homelessness starts at solutions for the root causes — including rental assistance to prevent individuals and families from entering homelessness, sheltering and street outreach for crisis response, and supportive case management services to help keep people housed.

Boulder County has invested \$18 million in 2024 to provide assistance to community members that have been directly impacted by homelessness (see pie chart). Since 2020,

Boulder County programs have permanently housed 1,424 community members, while also preventing many individuals and families from entering homelessness and providing support services to countless community members experiencing homelessness. Boulder County remains committed to addressing the current homelessness crisis and finding solutions for the community.



Mobility for All Highlights



Ambassador Program

Our ambassadors live in different parts of Boulder County and support Mobility for All by helping with program promotion, scheduling workshops with community partners, providing one-on-one support, and conducting workshops on transportation apps such as Google Maps, TransitApp, RTD Mobile Ticketing, Lyft, and Uber. Our ambassadors help older adults, people with disabilities, Spanish speakers, and low-income individuals improve their personal mobility. Thanks to our mobility ambassadors, we reach different populations and educate people more on their mobility options.

Bicycle Program

Mobility for All continually seeks to enhance the transportation options for Boulder County residents, ensuring that mobility isn't a barrier to accessing essential services and opportunities. This collaboration with Boulder County Housing Authority and Community Cycles focuses on empowering both youth and adults by providing them with essential cycling gear, including bikes, helmets, and locks. The initiative aims to foster independence and ease of movement within the community, offering a sustainable and healthy transportation alternative. By equipping residents with the necessary tools for biking, the program not only supports individual mobility needs but also contributes to a more environmentally friendly and connected community. Through this partnership, we're paving the way for a future where everyone has access to diverse modes of transportation, making our communities more accessible and inclusive.



Youth Leadership Academy Cultivates Future Leaders

Workforce Boulder County (WfBC) partnered with Community Action Programs (CAP) to co-develop programming focused on Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) youth that helps pave the way to different job markets and educational opportunities. The young adult program was designed to cultivate future leaders and entrepreneurs from underrepresented backgrounds, creating a pipeline of diverse talent that will shift the culture within a variety of sectors across Boulder County. Young Leaders Academy (YLA) incorporated a cohort-based programming

model, which included a six-week-long Leadership Empowerment Series of workshops on leadership, financial wellness, and career development. Participants had three paid “pathways” or tracks available to them: work-based learning, occupational skills training, and high school equivalency attainment. YLA goals were to connect BIPOC youth to education, training, mentoring, and paid employment opportunities, while helping them understand how to advocate for themselves and create a path to socioeconomic mobility.

The Youth Leadership Academy was awarded the 2022 NACo Achievement Award and chosen as the year’s Children and Youth Best in Category winner.



My major is in finance and information management, but I would say that YLA helped me become a better leader by identifying implicit bias and by knowing the importance of establishing an intersectional culture as it leads to further innovation. I think that it is crucial to identify, respect, and cherish everyone’s identity for who they are, as it could increase engagement in work/learning environments. But I wouldn’t have thought about this if it wasn’t for this program.

— **Jesus Soto-Balzan**



I am majoring in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Social Emotional Learning at the University of Portland. I was part of the first cohort in YLA back in March of 2021. YLA, leadership has been such a great experience. Since then, I’ve finished my first year of college as a first-generation student. I went through the ups and downs that college is and overall had a successful year of learning and growing. This past summer I’ve been working as a camp counselor and a lifeguard. I am so thankful for having these experiences. I’ve loved being able to work with kids, parents, and an incredible staff. As summer quickly ends, I am preparing to take on leadership opportunities on campus. As this next academic school year, I will be an FGEN ambassador! I am so excited for the fall semester to start as I count the 27 days left until school begins.

— **Haniel Morquecho Beltran**





Enjoy Your Parks & Open Space with the Whole Family!

Enjoy over 120 miles of trail, and experience the beauty of over 20 different open space properties operated by Boulder County Parks & Open Space.



Picnic Shelters/Gatherings

Gather the family at one of our 15 picnic shelters and many picnic tables throughout our parks. All shelters are available on a first-come, first-served basis, unless they've been reserved. Some shelters are available to reserve for a small, non-refundable fee. For more information about all shelters, go to boco.org/Shelters.

Hikes & Events

Enjoy group-led hikes, indoor programs, special events, senior hikes, kids' programs, and other Parks & Open Space events. From gold panning to wildlife watching, to night hikes — find them all at boco.org/Hikes.

Fishing

Enjoy fishing at seven parks throughout the county! Explore dedicated fishing spots at Stearns Lake at Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm and Bass and Wally Toevs ponds at Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat. For more information about fishing on county open space, go to boco.org/Fishing.

Museums

Explore the rich history of Boulder County through our four cost-free museums. Discover more at boco.org/Museums.

Nature Detectives Kids Club

This self-guided program is geared toward children 4-11 years old. Kids are invited to join the Nature Detectives by participating in self-guided tours and activities. Each Mystery Guide takes you on an exploration of a specific open space property. Mystery Guides are available at trailheads in English and Spanish during summer months or anytime at boco.org/NatureDetectives.

Left Hand Outdoor Challenge

The Left Hand Outdoor Challenge (LHOC) is an outdoor youth program scheduled during the school year for ages 14-18. LHOC is designed to inspire teens to appreciate natural resources at a deeper level and to encourage them to challenge themselves, contribute to their community, pursue environmental stewardship, and explore outdoor careers. For more information, visit boco.org/LHOC.

Youth Corps

The Youth Corps provides summer employment opportunities for Boulder County teens ages 14-17. Corp members develop a sense of community involvement through personal accomplishment, teamwork, and service to the county. The Youth Corps works exclusively on outdoor service projects, including trail building, landscaping, forestry work, historic preservation, fence building, and noxious weed removal. For more information, visit boco.org/YC.



Refreshing Parks & Open Space Signs — A Welcome to All



Parks & Open Space staff recently completed a Sign Standards and Messaging Manual to standardize signs in all county open space parks for a more friendly and welcoming experience for all visitors.

Staff's primary focus for the manual included setting standards for numerous forms of public-facing signs and finding the most clear and effective ways to communicate onsite messages to park visitors, regardless of their primary language. The manual provides standards for updating all the signs in the parks to include Spanish and English and use universal icons whenever possible. The manual includes a glossary of common icons and messages in English and Spanish to be used for consistency across all public-facing communications, including printed brochures and newsletters as well as web-pages and social media posts. Using consistent terminology and pictograms across all touchpoints helps maintain continuity and provide an exceptional visitor experience well beyond the bounds of the trails.

Completion of this project — updating hundreds of signs — will take several years, but will result in consistent and clear messages, easy-to-follow trails, and a more inclusive and welcoming experience.

Boulder County Resource Guide



This resource guide outlines services offered by Boulder County, including services for families and children, housing and homelessness, financial assistance, services for older adults, health coverage, education and skill building, and more. Each service area highlights the range of services available, an explanation of the program, and how to learn more. If you have any comments, please scan the QR code above and leave your feedback or visit boco.org/ConnectionsFeedback.



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Services for Family and Children



Boulder County Head Start (BCHS)

BCHS promotes school readiness for children, ages 3 to 5, in families with low income by offering educational, nutritional, health, social, and other services. Head Start programs enhance the social and cognitive development of children and actively engage families in their children's learning, setting children up for success in kindergarten.

boco.org/Headstart 720-564-2206 hscrollment@bouldercounty.org

Healthy Youth Alliance (HYA)

HYA ensures that all youth, parents, caregivers, and community members have the knowledge and skills to support youth in healthy, positive choices and behaviors. This is accomplished through supporting programs to reduce youth substance use, including Parents Involved in Education, agencies funded through the Substance Education and Awareness Fund, and partnering with community-based organizations to support parenting classes.

boco.org/HYA

Child Welfare

The Family and Children Services team in Boulder County offers comprehensive support focusing on child welfare, including protection services, foster care, kinship support, and mental health referrals, all aimed at ensuring safe and supportive environments for children and families. Concerns about child safety can be reported to the Colorado Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline or the Boulder County Child Welfare screening line, with emergency situations directed to 911.

boco.org/ChildWelfare

Adult Protection Services (APS)

Services provided include case coordination, short-term management, and assistance with guardianship, along with offering necessary information and referrals to reduce risk and support the vulnerable. Concerns about adult safety can be reported by calling the number below.

boco.org/AdultProtection 303-441-1309





Parents as Teachers (PAT)

PAT is designed to empower families with the skills and knowledge needed for effective parenting and early childhood development, including school readiness, identifying developmental, and positive parenting techniques. While joining requires a referral, all Boulder County families can access advice and resources from the PAT team.

🌟 boco.org/ParentsAsTeachers ✉️ parentingadvice@bouldercounty.gov

Child Support Services

We work with both custodial and non-custodial parents and guardians in ensuring children receive financial and medical support from both parents. Services include applying for child support, modifying support orders, and facilitating making and receiving payments.

🌟 boco.org/ChildSupport

Immunizations for Children

The Boulder County Public Health Immunization program offers routinely recommended immunizations for children from birth to 18. See program requirements on our website.

🌟 boco.org/Shots

Nurse-Family Partnership

Nurses from the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program visit women in their homes during their first pregnancy and throughout the first two years of their children's lives.

🌟 boco.org/NFP

Pregnant & Parenting Teens (GENESIS)

GENESIS promotes healthy parenting practices within teen parent families in Boulder County. Services are provided to teen parents from pregnancy through the child's third birthday.

🌟 boco.org/GENESIS

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

WIC promotes and maintains the health and well-being of nutritionally at-risk pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children by providing supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition and breastfeeding information, and referrals to other health and nutrition services.

🌟 boco.org/WIC



LGBTIQ Youth Support

OASOS (Open & Affirming gender identity & Sexual Orientation Supports) aims to increase healthy behaviors and decrease risky behaviors among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and questioning (LGBTIQ) youth through support, advocacy, and education.

 boco.org/OASOS

Tobacco Education & Prevention Partnership

The Tobacco Education & Prevention Partnership (TEPP) works through community coalitions to reduce tobacco use by youth and adults in an effort to create a healthy, smoke-free environment for all residents of Boulder County.

 boco.org/Tobacco

Youth Pregnancy Prevention (GENERATIONS)

GENERATIONS is a partner program to the award-winning GENESIS Program for pregnant and parenting teens. GENERATIONS was developed in response to the high number of GENESIS siblings who become teen parents themselves.

 boco.org/Generations

Children with Special Needs Program (CSNP)

The Children with Special Needs Program provides care coordination services for families of infants and children who have special health care needs by supporting and linking families to the appropriate community resources.

 boco.org/CSNP

Community Action Programs (CAP)

CAP advocates for and helps organize programs that foster self-sufficiency for individuals, families, and people of color with low income. Boulder County Community Action Programs focuses on community organizing and advocacy on low-income issues.

 boco.org/CAP  303-441-3975  cap@bouldercounty.org

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-  email



Housing and Homelessness

Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

Also known as “Section 8,” this program provides rent subsidies for individuals and families on very low incomes — including the elderly and those with disabilities — in Boulder and Broomfield counties. Participants contribute about 30% of their income toward rent and can choose their own housing. Eligibility applies, and vouchers are distributed through a lottery when available.

 boco.org/HCV

Housing Helpline

The Boulder County Housing Helpline provides information that can help residents find housing and stay in their homes. This support includes rental assistance, mediation services, financial coaching, and free legal assistance.

 boco.org/HousingHelpline

Affordable Rentals

The Boulder County Housing Authority (BCHA) offers a variety of rental homes ranging in size from studios to four-bedroom units in Lafayette, Longmont, Louisville, Lyons, and Nederland. BCHA is a not-for-profit organization committed to providing quality homes at affordable prices. Eligibility requirements apply.

 boco.org/NowLeasing

Project-Based Voucher (PBV) Program

Under the PBV program, housing assistance is tied to the unit rather than the individual. BCHA owns and manages several properties throughout Boulder County and offers these units to eligible residents at a cost that is affordable to them. Eligibility requirements apply.

 boco.org/PBV

Healthy & Resilient Mobile Homes Program

This program is devoted to the repair and rehabilitation of manufactured and mobile homes throughout the county, focusing on health and safety measures, energy efficiency, code compliance, and accessibility.

 boco.org/MobileHomesProgram



Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)

Over the course of five years, the FSS program empowers participants with low incomes to achieve educational, career, and financial goals. Support includes guidance on public assistance, savings opportunities, academic achievement, and methods for increasing financial stability. Eligibility requirements apply.

[FSSBoulderCounty.org](https://www.fssbouldercounty.org)

Willoughby Corner

Currently in development, Willoughby Corner in East Lafayette will offer 400 below-market rental and affordable homes that emphasize sustainability, livability, and community. Visit the website to learn more about potentially making it your future home.

[WilloughbyCorner.org](https://www.willoughbycorner.org)

Homeless Solutions for Boulder County Coordinated Entry

If you are a single homeless adult (18 and over), with no children in your household, looking to receive services from Boulder County or the cities of Boulder or Longmont, individuals must go through a Coordinated Entry (CE) site. This is a required step for anyone seeking homeless-related services.

- **Longmont CE:** Call 720-453-6096 on Mondays-Fridays between noon and 7 p.m. If you do not have access to a phone, you can access one at HOPE in Longmont at 804 S. Lincoln from noon to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
- **Boulder CE:** Call 303-579-4404, Mondays-Fridays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., except Tuesdays, which is from noon-4 p.m.

Homelessness and At-Risk of Homelessness Navigation Maps

These navigation maps can help people identify and connect with organizations providing emergency housing and short-term financial assistance in different regions of Boulder County. The maps listed can be found at the website below.

- Longmont Housing Navigation Map (including Longmont and Niwot)
- East County Housing Navigation Map (including Lafayette, Louisville, Superior, and parts of Erie in Boulder County)
- Boulder Housing Navigation Map
- Northern Mountain Communities (including Allenspark and Lyons)
- Southern Mountain Communities (including Nederland and Jamestown)

Scan to view the maps:



Housing Navigation Maps

[boco.org/FRNResourceNavigation](https://www.boco.org/FRNResourceNavigation)

- website
- phone
- email



Food Assistance

Food Assistance

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Also known as “food stamps,” SNAP offers food assistance to households that meet certain eligibility criteria. By covering a portion of a household’s grocery costs, SNAP reduces food insecurity, lifts people out of poverty, helps families achieve self-sufficiency, and lessens health disparities.

 [BoulderCountyFoodAssistance.org](https://bouldercountyfoodassistance.org)

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

WIC promotes and maintains the health and well-being of nutritionally at-risk pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children by providing supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition and breastfeeding information, and referrals to other health and nutrition services.

 boco.org/WIC

Boulder and Broomfield Counties Food Resource Calendar

This shared calendar created by the Boulder and Broomfield Food Security Network (FSN) helps residents find food pantries and free meals by sorting by community, days of the week, and times of day. Calendars are continuously updated.

 boco.org/FoodResources



Financial Assistance

Colorado Works/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Colorado Works is Colorado’s Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. TANF offers support to low-income families aiming for self-sufficiency by providing cash, coaching, and referral into services like counseling and job training. Eligibility requirements apply.

 boco.org/TANF



Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

CCAP helps low-income families by paying part of their child care costs for children up to age 12. Eligible families contribute to the costs based on their income and family size.

 BoulderCountyChildCare.org

Personal Finance Program

The Personal Finance Program offers free, private counseling for managing money, housing, and employment, and it is open to all income levels. Experts help clients set and achieve life goals, covering topics like homeownership and student loans.

 BoulderCountyPFP.org

Aid to the Needy Disabled (AND) and Aid to the Blind (AB)

The AND and AB programs offer financial help (up to \$200 per month) to low-income Colorado residents aged 18 to 59 who cannot work due to a disability lasting at least six months. These programs aim to provide temporary financial support while waiting for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) approval, without covering medical costs. The amount may be adjusted based on other income.

 boco.org/AND

Services for Older Adults



Old Age Pension (OAP)

OAP provides financial assistance and, in some cases, medical benefits for older persons with limited income and resources. Eligibility and the benefit amount are based upon each individual's financial situation.

 boco.org/OAP

Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Boulder County Area Agency on Aging delivers, funds, and advocates for services that promote well-being, independence, and dignity for older adults, people living with disabilities, caregivers, and veterans in Boulder County.

-  website
-  phone
-  email

 BoulderCountyAging.org  303-441-1617  infoADRC@bouldercounty.gov



Adult Protection Services (APS)

APS investigates abuse, neglect, or financial harm to vulnerable adults over 18, offering protective services like case management and referrals. If you're worried about an adult's safety, call the number below.

boco.org/AdultProtection ☎ 303-441-1309

Burial Assistance

This program provides financial assistance to help pay for reasonable and necessary funeral and burial expenses for low-income Boulder County decedents.

boco.org/BurialAssistance

Long Term Care Medicaid

This program offers eligible individuals comprehensive services, including in-home and community-based assistance, the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and extended nursing home or hospital care. It aims to support those with various mental and physical health needs, helping people remain in their community.

boco.org/LongTermCare

Medicare Savings Program (MSP)

MSP helps people with limited income and resources pay for some or all of their Medicare premiums; in some cases, it may also pay their insurance, deductibles, and co-insurance. Eligibility requirements apply.

boco.org/MedicareSavings

Health Coverage and Services



WellMind Connection

WellMind Connection serves as a central point for connecting residents to appropriate resources and accessing the right behavioral health care. This referral and community-based service connects residents to resource navigators and the Crisis Assistance and Treatment (CAT) team in English and Spanish.

☎ 303-441-1300 ✉ hubreferrals@bouldercounty.org



Health Coverage Enrollment Center

During Open Enrollment (Nov. 1-Jan. 15), certified Health Coverage Guides assist clients in choosing and enrolling in the right health plan. If you experience a major life event, like job loss, marriage, or a new baby, this team can help you switch plans anytime. Advice is free, impartial, and available in multiple languages.

 BoulderCountyHealthCoverage.org

Health First Colorado (HFC)

HFC, Colorado's Medicaid program, is free or low-cost health care for Colorado children and adults who qualify. Applications are accepted anytime during the year through Colorado PEAK.

 Colorado.gov/PEAK

Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)

CHP+ is low-cost health insurance for certain children and pregnant women in households that earn too much to qualify for Health First Colorado, but don't earn enough to pay for private insurance. Applications are accepted anytime during the year through Colorado PEAK.

 Colorado.gov/PEAK

OmniSalud

Free or low-cost health insurance for undocumented Coloradans. Open enrollment begins November 1 and ends when capacity is reached.

 BoulderCountyHealthCoverage.org

Medicare

Boulder County provides information and education about Medicare benefits so beneficiaries can make informed health care decisions.

 boco.org/Medicare

Veteran Services Officers

The Boulder County Veteran Service Office provides U.S. military veterans and their dependents with access to benefits through local, state, federal, and nonprofit programs.

 boco.org/VeteranServices  303-441-3890  vso@bouldercounty.gov





Education and Skill Building

Education and Skill Building

Workforce Boulder County (WfBC) Workshops

(WfBC), a Colorado Workforce Center, offers a wide variety of services to job seekers and businesses. WfBC serves individuals, families, and businesses in Boulder County looking for career skills, growing your financial stability, or searching for the right person to fill a position.

 [WfBC.org](https://www.wfbc.org)  720-776-0822

Personal Finance Program

The Personal Finance Program offers free, confidential counseling on money management, housing, and employment to all income levels. Our counselors help you set and achieve goals, improving your financial well-being and success. Topics covered include homeownership, budgeting, and student loans.

 [BoulderCountyPFP.org](https://www.bouldercountypfp.org)



Land Use Planning and Permitting

Land Use Planning and Permitting

Boulder County Community Planning & Permitting (CPP)

The CPP Department actively promotes the preservation of the integrity of our landscape, conservation of natural resources for a sustainable future, and provision of safety and wellbeing of the citizens of Boulder County through the best in service, public policy, and process.

The department provides development review, comprehensive planning, transportation planning, licensing, building permits, building inspections, mapping services, zoning enforcement, and wildfire mitigation services and implements planning that balances conservation, development, and sustainability. The department has jurisdiction over planning, permitting, and zoning in the unincorporated parts of the county, not in cities or towns.

 [boco.org/AskAPlanner](https://www.boco.org/AskAPlanner)  303-441-3930  planner@bouldercounty.gov

Wildfire Partners

Boulder County's wildfire mitigation program supports collective and personal action to create wildfire-resilient communities.

 [WildfirePartners.org](https://www.wildfirepartners.org)  303-441-1420  info@wildfirepartners.org

Public Safety



Public Safety

District Attorney's Office

The District Attorney's Office prioritizes the prosecution of domestic violence cases. The DA's office has created an innovative, victim-centered approach with its Domestic Violence Acute Response Team. Working closely with law enforcement, this team possesses specialized skills and experience to address victim safety and offender accountability more effectively.

The DA recommends the following resources for victims of domestic violence:

- Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley
- Blue Sky Bridge
- MESA (Moving to End Sexual Assault)
- Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center
- Longmont Ending Violence Initiative (LEVI)

 [BoulderCounty.gov/District-Attorney](https://bouldercounty.gov/District-Attorney)

Sheriff's Office



Sheriff's Office

Victim Assistance

Volunteers help victims of crime, accidents, trauma, and other critical events. On-Scene Advocates are on call for a designated period each month and respond in person to assist the victim during the immediate crisis. Outreach Advocates contact victims assigned to them by phone, mail, or email to offer information, advocacy, and referrals related to their case.

 boco.org/SheriffVictimAssistance

Restorative Justice

Volunteers participate in the restorative process where victims are heard and understood, offenders take responsibility for harm, and loved ones and community members offer support. Volunteers attend restorative justice conferences as community members, facilitate the restorative justice process, and mediate or speak at victim impact classes in the jail.

 boco.org/SheriffRestorativeJustice

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-  email



Cadet Program

Career orientation program that offers interested young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 the opportunity to experience the law enforcement profession firsthand. Cadets ride along with deputies on patrol, assist detectives, observe the operations of the Communications Center, and work in the Boulder County Jail.

[* boco.org/SheriffRecruiting](https://boco.org/SheriffRecruiting)

Reserve Unit

Operations Reserves are sworn, uniformed, fully state-certified deputies trained to support the patrol and detective section. Jail Reserves are sworn, uniformed deputies that support the operations of the jail. Reserve Volunteers are non-sworn, non-uniformed, non-state-certified volunteers, who fulfill a specific function supporting the Patrol and Detective Sections.

[* boco.org/SOReserve](https://boco.org/SOReserve)

Burn Permits and Agricultural Burns

Before you proceed with an open burn (slash pile) in unincorporated Boulder County, you need to complete a burn permit application. Agricultural burns also need to be registered, but do not require a permit. Burn permits and agriculture burn registration can be completed at the website below.

[* boco.org/SheriffBurnPermits](https://boco.org/SheriffBurnPermits)

Fingerprinting

The Boulder County Sheriff's Office provides fingerprinting by appointment only for Court Ordered Prints, Concealed Carry Permits, and Boulder County Employees.

[* boco.org/SheriffFingerprinting](https://boco.org/SheriffFingerprinting) ☎ 303-441-3600



Property Tax and Valuations



- The county calculates, collects, and distributes tax on behalf of 135 different taxing entities.
- Every two years, the Assessor's Office is required by the State of Colorado to appraise the value of all residential and commercial properties using an assessment rate set by the state. The next valuations will be sent to property owners in May 2025.
- The Treasurer's Office calculates property taxes based on the assessed value and the mill levies set by the taxing authorities where the property is located (for example, school district, fire district, library district, water district, city, etc.). Tax notices are sent out in January each year.

Find out more about property assessment:

boco.org/Assessor 303-441-3530

Find out about tax calculations, exemptions, and payment deadlines:

boco.org/Treasurer 303-441-3520

Find out about the infrastructure and services that your tax dollars support:

boco.org/YourTaxesAtWork

Voting & Elections



The Elections Division registers voters, maintains voter registration records, and conducts elections for the county. There are typically elections every November on state and/or local issues/candidates and primary elections in June of even years. Additionally, there is a presidential primary in March every four years. A few voter tips:

- Get registered or check your voter registration at **GoVoteColorado.gov**. Voters must update their voter registration record every time they move.
- In Colorado, eligible voters are automatically mailed ballots for every election beginning about 3 weeks prior to the election. Voters also have the option to vote in person.
- Colorado does not have a registration deadline, and eligible voters can register to vote up to and including Election Day.
- Consider adding an email address to your voter registration record. Emails are considered confidential and not part of the public voter file. An email address helps the election office reach voters if a problem arises with mailing addresses or ballot envelope signatures.

BoulderCountyVotes.gov

website
 phone
 email



Motor Vehicle and Records

Vehicle Registration

The Motor Vehicle Division titles and registers motor vehicles, issues disability placards, and renews vehicle registrations for Boulder County residents. In recent years, in order to reduce wait times for the public, Boulder County Motor Vehicle moved to an appointments-only system for in-person visits (with exceptions for emergencies). Additionally, annual vehicle registration/license plate renewals need to be completed out of office. Convenient options include online, by mail or drop box, or at a self-service kiosk. For more information and to make a motor vehicle appointment or find a drop box/kiosk location, visit the website below.

 BoulderCounty.gov/MV

Marriage/Real Estate Records

The Recording Division issues and records marriage licenses and civil unions. The Division also records real estate documents, such as warranty deeds, deeds of trust, quit claim deeds, liens, and subdivision plats for public notice. To make space for growing election operations, the Recording team works almost 100% remote.

 BoulderCounty.gov/Recording

For birth certificates, death certificates, and other public records:

 boco.org/PublicRecords



Sustainability and Climate Action

Boulder County Solar Co-op

Residents and businesses interested in rooftop solar can join Boulder County's record-breaking solar co-op. This program is free to join and offers vendor-neutral expertise, facilitates competitively priced installations, and provides educational resources. Members can benefit from 10-20% savings compared to market rates and make informed decisions with unbiased guidance. To find out when the co-op reopens for new members, or to join the wait list, visit:

 SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/BoulderCounty



Climate Innovation Fund

Boulder County offers grants for projects that use innovative practices and technologies to remove carbon from the air, restore landscapes, and create jobs in our community. Visit our website to learn when the next application period opens.

 BoulderCounty.gov/Climate/InnovationFund

Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy (CARE) Program

Energy Outreach Colorado's CARE program provides income-qualified residents with free home energy efficiency upgrades that may include insulation, refrigerators, LEDs, shower heads, air sealing, and qualifying furnaces and water heaters. Visit the CARE Program web page to find out if you qualify.

 EnergyOutreach.org/care/

Drive Electric Newsletter

This quarterly newsletter covers sustainable transportation topics, including electric vehicles, e-bikes, and charging stations. It also shares information on local, state, and federal rebates, community events, educational resources, and more. Sign up to stay informed about electric car and bike options, deals, and incentives in Boulder County!

 boco.org/DriveElectric

EnergySmart

Boulder County's award-winning home sustainability program offers free, unbiased, one-on-one energy advising. It connects you to rebates, deals, and incentives to help you save money on energy-saving and healthy home upgrades like insulation, air sealing, heat pumps, and induction cooking. Learn more by emailing an advisor or visiting the website.

 EnergySmartYes.com  info@EnergySmartYes.com

Keep It Clean Partnership

This program focuses on preventing pollution and improving the health of the Boulder St. Vrain Watershed through stormwater management and educational initiatives. Visit their website for water quality reports, pollution prevention tips, and resources for residents, teachers, and businesses. Visit the website to learn more, subscribe to the newsletter, and report pollution.

 KeepItCleanPartnership.org





Partners for a Clean Environment (PACE)

PACE offers free, one-on-one advising and rebate opportunities for Boulder County businesses. Expert advisors provide unbiased advice on energy, waste, transportation, water, and more. They help businesses reduce waste, save energy, and cut costs on audits and upgrades. Subject to availability, PACE offers rebates and incentives for efficient lighting, electric landscaping equipment, food service and grocery equipment, heating and cooling, solar installations, heat pump water heaters, and other upgrades. Connect with an advisor.

✦ [PacePartners.com](https://pacepartners.com) ☎ 303-786-7223 ✉ info@pacepartners.com

Rebuilding Better

Residents impacted by the Marshall Fire can find support through Rebuilding Better, the county's record-setting program that assists with planning, designing, and constructing high-performance homes. The program connects residents to specialized resources to guide them through sustainable and resilient rebuilding practices. The result: healthier, more comfortable, and energy-efficient homes that burn fewer — or no — fossil fuels. The website is continuously updated with new information and resources.

✦ RebuildingBetter.org

Soil Health Initiative and Sustainable Food and Agriculture Fund

The county provides two distinct grant opportunities for projects and practices that support county farmers, ranchers, and food producers. The Soil Health Initiative offers grants to build and enhance soil health through practices like minimal tillage, cover crops, rotational grazing, and more. The Sustainable Food and Agriculture Fund supports projects focused on education, market infrastructure, food processing, and frontline farm worker support. Grants are awarded annually. For details on application periods, visit the website below.

✦ BoulderCounty.gov/climate/soil-health-initiative

Zero Foodprint Grants

Boulder County farmers and ranchers can apply for Restore Grants to support regenerative agriculture practices. Funded by a 1% contribution from customer bills at participating Zero Foodprint-member restaurants and food businesses, these grants support climate-beneficial projects that improve soil health and draw down carbon. To find out when the next application period opens or to see a list of local Zero Foodprint-member businesses, visit the website below.

✦ ZeroFoodprint.org

Recycling and Hazardous Waste



Recycling Center & Drop Off

Open 24/7 to accept single-stream recyclables like cans, paper, cardboard, glass, and plastics. Also accepts shredded paper. Free for all residents.

 BoulderCountyRecycles.org

Hazardous Waste Management Facility (HMMF)

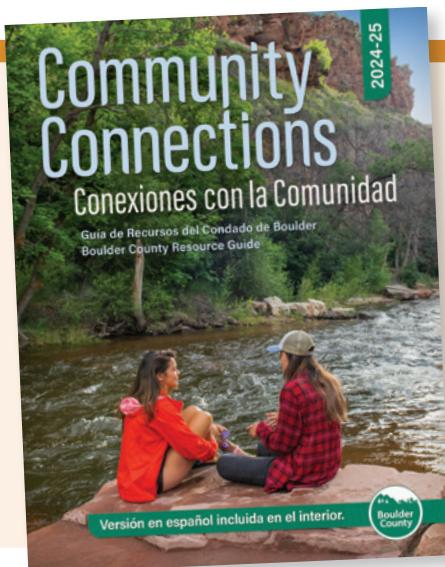
Accepts household hazardous waste for proper disposal. Free for Boulder County, Broomfield County, and Town of Erie residents. Facility also open for others outside of Boulder County for a fee. Businesses can use facility after applying.

 boco.org/HMMF

Waste Transfer Stations

Free recycling, trash, and composting drop-off centers located in Nederland and Allenspark. Other materials also accepted for a fee, like scrap metal, appliances, and construction materials.

 boco.org/NederlandRecycling



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