

# Neuro-Inclusive Housing Summit

On Oct. 28, 2024, Boulder County Human Services, in partnership with Denver Human Services, Inclusive Housing Coalition, and the Colorado Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) hosted the 2024 Neuro-Inclusive Housing Summit. View the recording of each session to learn more.

## Main Session A

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### **A Data-Based Discussion: The Need for Inclusive Housing**

Explore recent data assessments in Colorado, their findings, and what future data collection efforts may look like to support neuro-inclusive housing.

**Panelists:** Louisa Bukiet from The Kelsey, Jordan Mulholland from Denver Human Services, Rebecca Seiden from Boulder County Human Services, and Jodi Walters from Imagine!

[Watch the recording: A Data-Based Discussion – The Need for Inclusive Housing.](#)

## Main Session B

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### **Examples of Neuro-Inclusive Housing Properties**

Learn more about a range of neuro-inclusive housing projects, from those already in operation to upcoming and future developments.

**Panelists:** Laura McKenna from Tall Tales Ranch, Nicole DeVries from Wellspring Community, Kristin Hyster from Broomfield Housing Alliance, and Rachelle Macur from Shopworks Architecture.

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## Breakout Session One

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### **How Home and Community Based Services Waivers Work**

Overview of Long-Term Support Services and Home and Community-Based Waivers, focusing on how they connect with housing. It will highlight what's working well in these programs and explore areas for potential improvement.

**Panelists:** Karli Altman and Kidron Backes from the Office of Community Living, and Meg Janeba from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

[Watch the recording: How Home and Community Based Services Waivers Work.](#)

### **Housing Vouchers and Other Sources of Rental Assistance**

Learn how housing voucher programs play a critical role in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) housing. This video covers how these programs operate, potential opportunities for expansion, recommended improvements, and the challenges individuals face in utilizing vouchers effectively.

**Panelists:** Ann Watts and Courtney Thomason from

Colorado Division of Housing, and Amanda Ropek from Broomfield Housing Alliance.

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### **Development Financing of Rental Housing Properties**

Learn more about the programs that support the building of affordable housing and others that can cover the costs of supportive services. Moderated by Tim Dolan of Dolan Community Advising.

**Panelists:** Mike Falleson and Denise DeBroy from CHFA, Lauren Schevets from Volker, and Wayne Mc Clary from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing.

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## Breakout Session Two

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### **Recent Case Management Redesign Explained**

Learn more about how Colorado's service provision landscape is undergoing significant changes. Explore these shifts and the potential impact on housing, particularly for individuals with higher support needs.

[Watch the recording: Recent Case Management Redesign Explained.](#)

### **Community Partnerships, Current and Future Opportunities**

Alongside supportive housing, what external resources and partnerships are essential for residents in IDD housing? This session explores existing collaborations and discusses potential programs and opportunities to strengthen community support.

**Panelists:** Dr. Amanda Kelly from Firefly Autism, Sam Morris from Blue Star Recyclers, and Emma Benner from Tall Tales Ranch.

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### **Housing Navigation Services for the IDD Population**

Learn how individuals in the IDD community can discover neuro-inclusive housing opportunities and access support in navigating complex housing systems.

Panelists: Rebecca Seiden from Boulder County Human Services, Erica Hostetler from Bayaud Enterprises, Inc., and Arnie Swenson from Rocky Mountain Human Services.

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## **Main Session C**

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### **Call to Action**

Colorado stands at a crucial juncture where the need for affordable, cognitively accessible, and safe housing for neurodiverse individuals is more pressing than ever. Let's unite our efforts to bring about meaningful change.

Speakers: Boulder County Commissioner Marta Loachamin, Boulder County Commissioner Claire Levy, and Dianna Primavera, lieutenant governor of Colorado.

[Watch the recording: Uniting for Neuro-Inclusive Housing.](#)