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## New CHI Report Sheds Light on Coloradans Disparately Impacted by Housing

A new analysis of housing trends across Colorado reinforces that the health of Coloradans is linked to safe, stable and affordable housing. The report, [Home Equity: A Vision of Housing Security, Health and Opportunity](#), was previewed at this summer's [Colorado Health Symposium on The Intersection of Housing, Health and Inequity](#) by Colorado Health Institute's (CHI) Emily Johnson and the Health Equity Advocacy Cohort's Stephanie Perez-Carrillo with the Colorado Children's Campaign. A partnership of 18 organizations across the state, funded by [The Colorado Trust](#), developed the report focused on insights from seven Colorado communities disparately impacted by the housing crisis: families with children, households living on low income, communities of color, people living with disabilities, immigrants without documentation, rural communities and people experiencing homelessness.

Key takeaways shed light on inequities including disparities in homeownership across racial lines, barriers to accessibility for Coloradans living with disabilities and limited funding resources for people living in rural communities. Take for example rural Pitkin County, where people live in a state of chronic stress as they face possible eviction due to changes in their manufactured housing park. Or consider the Front Range, where families living in close proximity to I-70 in Denver pay housing costs “twice over,” and young people experience higher than average school absences due to asthma symptoms linked to rampant pollution.

The report offers 11 housing strategy solutions to ensure all Coloradans can benefit from affordable, high-quality and secure housing. [Read the full report.](#)

Resources from our recent Symposium are available on our [website](#), and recorded videos of the plenary and keynote sessions can be found on our [YouTube channel](#).



### ***Coloradans Could Lose SNAP Benefits Under Proposed Rule***

The Foundation strongly opposes proposed changes from the United States

Department of Agriculture (USDA) that would eliminate Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits from an estimated 90,000 Coloradans.

[View our comment letter ...](#)



### ***Youngest Coloradans at Risk of Undercount, Underfunding***

According to the “KIDS COUNT in Colorado!” report that tracks the well-being of our state’s young people, the 2020 Census risks undercounting Colorado children, depriving communities of vital federal funding and representation for the next decade.

[Read the report ...](#)



## **Make a Difference in Your Community – Apply for Funding by Oct. 15**

Our next grant application deadline is Oct. 15, 2019. Learn how our available funding can help you [make a difference in your community](#). [View our funding calendar](#) to learn what will be available for our October and February grant deadlines and connect with us before applying to talk through your ideas.

We fund impactful work across Colorado—including promising programs or projects, innovative ideas and policy advocacy—that reflects [our three cornerstones](#):

- We serve Coloradans who have low income and have historically have had less power or privilege.
- We do everything with the intent of creating health equity.
- We are informed by the community and those we exist to serve.

We hope this information will help you get a head start on engaging in a conversation with our program staff on how your organization's programs or projects may align with our work. If you don't already work

with one of our program officers, reach out to us by [email](#) or by calling 303-953-3600. Please note the county you work in and your area of interest so we can match you with the appropriate person.



## Addressing Behavioral Health Challenges in Native Communities

Our nation's behavioral health crisis adversely impacts millions of Americans and many thousands of our neighbors right here in Colorado. For Native American communities, the ramifications of the crisis are particularly dire, with members of the Native community disproportionately impacted by behavioral health challenges. To address the community's needs head on, a [new behavioral health center](#) is opening on the Ute Mountain Ute reservation in Montezuma County, where the suicide rate is the fourth-highest in Colorado and double the statewide average.

Depression and suicide affect people of all ages and populations, but the [Centers for Disease Control](#) reports Native Americans and Native Alaskans have the highest rates of suicide of any ethnic group in the country. For many Native cultures, mental and behavioral health has not been historically compatible in culture or language, including depression, suicide or historical trauma.

The Foundation strives to bring health in reach for Native communities and all those in our state struggling with behavioral health needs. Learn more about the Foundation's [Nurture Healthy Minds](#) focus area (and our other [funding priorities](#)). We aim to provide Coloradans of every age with the

resources needed to support mental and social well-being. Children deserve stable and trusting relationships with those who love them, youth deserve the opportunity to develop resiliency skills and adults deserve community support to sustain healthy lives.

## Mark Your Calendar

### [Next Grant Application Deadlines](#)

Oct. 15, 2019

Feb. 15, 2020

June 15, 2020

## The Foundation in the News

[Colorado Health Foundation invites applicants for amplifying health advocacy program](#), *Philanthropy News Digest* (9/10)

[CSU empowers community with new health education initiative in Fort Morgan](#), *Colorado State University* (9/5)

[Report: Housing prices are hurting Coloradans' health](#), *Colorado Politics* (9/4)

[New Playground Construction Underway at Willow Creek Park](#), *The Prowers Journal* (8/26)

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The Colorado Health Foundation is bringing health in reach for all Coloradans by engaging closely with communities across the state through investing, policy advocacy, learning and capacity building.

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