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Colorado Coalition for the Homeless' Stout Street Health Center System Brings Millions in Economic Activity and Health Care Careers to Colorado

DENVER— A new report finds that Colorado Coalition for the Homeless' Stout Street Health Center System demonstrated a \$27.7M savings to the overall health system, including \$20.7M to Medicaid, as well as \$10.8M in federal tax revenues and \$1.6M in state and local tax revenues. The total economic impact of yearly operations is over \$103.2M. <u>Colorado Community Health Network</u> (CCHN) conducted this 2021 value-and-impact analysis, created by Capital Link, which demonstrated the impact of Colorado Community Health Centers. The report is <u>available here</u>.

In addition to the direct economic stimulus, the Stout Street Health Center System, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), supported 738 jobs, 431 of which were health center jobs.

In 2021, the Coalition served 14,272 patients through 129,253 visits, and provided 8361 vaccines during the height of the pandemic. Of patients served, over 95% were individuals experiencing homelessness, and 98% were low-income. Over 60% of those served were racial or ethnic minorities. Services at the Coalition are provided regardless of a client's ability to pay or immigration status at the Stout Street Health Center as well as all satellite locations.

The Coalition has been delivering health care services in Colorado since 1985 to meet the unique medical needs of people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Stout Street Health Center, a state-of-the-art FQHC, opened in 2014 with a fully integrated healthcare model. The Coalition addresses specialized health needs for unhoused Coloradans including medical and behavioral health care, substance use disorder treatment, dental, vision, pharmacy, and case management services all in one building to reduce as many barriers as possible for its patients.

The report is specific to the economic benefits of the Community Health Center side of the Coalition. In addition to health care, the Coalition operates 22 residential properties, provides rental assistance for another 2,000 tenants in apartments owned by other landlords, provides supportive services to clients, and advocates for legislation to address the structural changes necessary to combat the ongoing crisis of homelessness. Learn more about the Coalition at <u>ColoradoCoalition.org</u>.

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About the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

The mission of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless is to work collaboratively toward the prevention of homelessness and the creation of lasting solutions for people experiencing and at-risk of homelessness throughout Colorado. The Coalition advocates for and provides a continuum of housing and a variety of services to improve the health, well-being and stability of those it serves. Since its founding, the organization has earned state and national recognition for its integrated healthcare, housing, and service programs. The Coalition's comprehensive approach addresses the causes of homelessness, as well as the consequences, offering critical assistance to over 22,000 individuals and families each year. Learn more at www.coloradocoalition.org.