For almost 40 years, the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (The Coalition or CCH) has dedicated its time, focus, and energy to creating lasting solutions to homelessness in our state. To achieve this lofty goal, the Coalition has a network of staff, donors, volunteers, partners, and advocates who work to provide housing, healthcare, and comprehensive support services through an integrated care model. The Coalition believes housing alone does not solve homelessness but supporting a person holistically on their journey to stability can. Services are tailored to meet the needs of each individual because no two journeys out of homelessness are alike.

**HOUSING**
To address the most critical need of people experiencing homelessness, CCH works to match people with suitable housing where they can achieve stability and an improved quality of life and level of health. The Coalition operates over 2400 units of affordable, transitional, and/or supportive housing throughout 22 properties. An additional 2000 people are housed through scattered site vouchers. Therefore, on any given night, CCH is responsible for housing over 4400 households in the 8th least affordable state in the country.

**INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE**
The Coalition provides quality medical, dental, vision, pharmacy, and mental health services to people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Stout Street Health Center, a state-of-the-art Federally Qualified Health Center, and its satellite locations use a trauma-informed approach to tend to the mental and physical welfare of 14,747 patients each year who may not have had access to quality health care in the past.

**LONGTERM RECOVERY**
Alma and her husband were mired in poverty, substance abuse, and homelessness. They turned to the Coalition for help. Within two years of moving into transitional housing, Alma had passed her GED and became employed. Shortly after, she no longer needed housing assistance. Today, 20 years later, Alma is a psychotherapist who works to help others; she and her husband are now homeowners.

**21,322 PEOPLE SERVED**
96% of those in permanent supportive housing remained stably housed for a year or longer.
NEW BUILDING, NEW WAYS TO HELP

In 2022, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless was proud to launch a first-of-its kind mixed-use facility to serve the housing and healthcare needs of people experiencing homelessness in Colorado. The Renaissance Legacy Lofts and Stout Street Recuperative Care Center meets the immediate health care needs for 500 people experiencing homelessness annually through medical respite and recuperative care while also providing 98 units of permanent and affordable supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness.

The majority of the 98 residents of Legacy Lofts are participants of Housing to Health (H2H), a program that focuses on providing Housing First and comprehensive services to individuals experiencing chronic homelessness who are also high utilizers of costly emergency, inpatient, and detoxification services. At both Legacy Lofts and the Recuperative Care Center, on-site staff assist residents in obtaining needed medical care, behavioral health care, or substance use treatment services through the adjacent Stout Street Health Center.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Support services provide clients case management, childcare, nutritional counseling, health care navigation, addiction recovery, public benefit counseling, translation services, and transportation—the necessary resources for people to live and thrive in their communities. The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless’ outreach team provides information, referrals, connections with local support services, and crisis intervention and needs assessments to those experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Denver. There were 45,347 support services visits to the Coalition in 2022.

NATIVE AMERICAN SERVICES

In 2022, CCH served 1413 Indigenous Peoples from a variety of Tribal Nations. Our specialized program, Native American Services, serves clients who are seeking support, recovery, and connection to culture. Staff host weekly Talking Circles, a sacred space where participants share information and stories confidentially to promote healing in their lives and build community. Other activities, like Native American crafts markets, create opportunities to share culture with the broader community.

VETERANS SERVICES

The Coalition served 1029 veterans through housing, Veteran’s Reintegration Program, and Fort Lyon Supportive Residential Community in 2022.

$1.00 donated leads to $6.70 in program support

ADVOCACY

Through our advocacy efforts at the local, state, and federal level, the Coalition works to address the root causes of homelessness including the skyrocketing housing market, unemployment and underemployment, affordable health care, renters’ rights, mental illness, disability rights, and more. In 2022, the Coalition advocated and engaged on 33 bills at the state level. We welcomed nearly 100 local citizens to our annual lobby day and engaged with our network of over 25,000 individuals to write letters and generate support on social media for key bills. In addition to legislative efforts, the Coalition also registers voters and hosts the Education Series, which provides a range of educational opportunities to community members on issues impacting people experiencing homelessness.

Learn More About the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless at: https://www.coloradocoalition.org