

About The Behavioral Health Partnership

The Behavioral Health Partnership is a long-standing group of stakeholder organizations.

Mission: To raise awareness of mental health and substance use disorder issues and ensure quality systems of care and treatment, policy, and funding for mental health through unified action.

Key Goals:

- Present as one voice to policy makers whenever possible
- Reduce stigma
- Ensure services are recovery and resiliency focused
- Increase the influence of behavioral health in state government
- Advocate for access to appropriate medications in the most cost effective way



Mental Health America of Colorado creates opportunities for all Coloradans to achieve mental wellness. Our programs educate people about mental health conditions, provide outreach to people in need, and advocate for improved health care in our state. We exist as a community resource for people seeking information about mental health, and collaborate with others to improve health care in Colorado.

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The Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council (CBHC) is a non-profit 501(c)3 membership organization that represents Colorado's statewide network of community mental health providers, which includes 17 community mental health centers (CMHCs), 2 specialty clinics—Asian Pacific Development Center & Servicios de la Raza—and the 5 Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs). Last year, Colorado's CMHCs served over 130,000 individuals throughout the state.

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The Colorado Association of Alcohol and Drug Service Providers (The Colorado Providers Association) is a statewide trade association of alcohol and drug provider executives. Our mission is to cultivate leadership, mobilize resources, and promote the effective use, integration, and coordination of alcohol and drug prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery services and research.

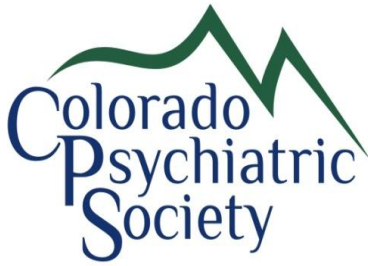
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The Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Colorado Chapter is unique. We are a family-driven and family-run nonprofit organization that provides the *family* voice in Colorado's behavioral health care system through advocacy, leadership, technical assistance, and collaboration.

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The Colorado Psychiatric Society (CPS) is a district branch of the American Psychiatric Association and has a membership of approximately 500 psychiatrists who practice throughout the state of Colorado. CPS activities include: advocacy for the welfare of individuals with mental illness in the public and private sectors; public information projects focused on the media and the general public; responding to mental health needs of Colorado communities; hosting educational meetings; informing members of current issues; and legislative education and lobbying on medical and mental health issues.

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The Colorado Psychological Association (CPA) is the voice for national and statewide efforts to increase public knowledge of the unique qualifications and expertise of psychologists, and to advocate for psychology and mental health. CPA's Legislative Committee works with state officials and political leaders to maintain and improve legislation that regulates, licenses, and defines the boundaries of practice for all Colorado Psychologists.

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NAMI of Colorado's mission is to provide advocacy, education, and support to individuals and their families affected by mental illness. We do this through the provision of free educational programs and support groups, and by monitoring legislative issues that would affect mental health at the city, county, state, and federal levels.

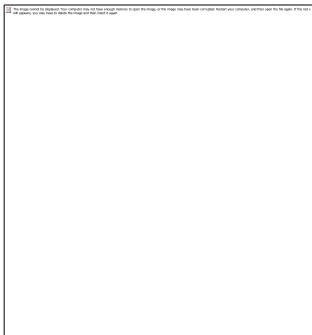
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The National Association of Social Workers, Colorado Chapter is a professional organization that advocates for the promotion, development, and protection of its members, the social work profession, and social work values.

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THE NETWORK of Colorado's (the Colorado Mental Wellness Network) mission is to "empower Coloradans affected by mental health conditions to achieve wellness and further recovery through advocacy tools and peer support." The Network also advocates for their peers and works collaboratively with other advocacy organizations to inform the public of the increasing need for behavioral health services in Colorado.

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