

Colorado 2025 CCBHC Planning Grant Progress

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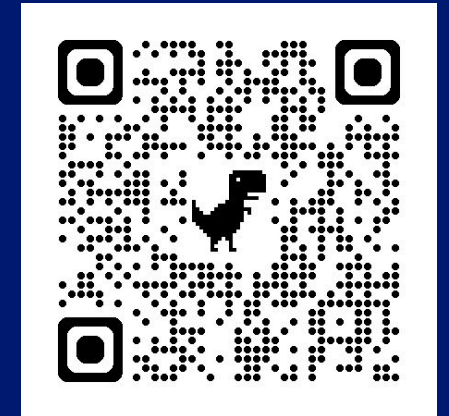
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CCBHC Web Page



<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/ccbhc>

Agenda

- Introductions
- Background and Timelines
- Accomplishments
- Lessons Learned
- Expected Next Steps
- Q&A - Open Discussion



What is a CCBHC?

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics:

- Are specially-designated organizations designed to ensure access to coordinated, comprehensive behavioral healthcare.
- Provide integrated, evidence based, trauma informed, recovery oriented, and person-centered care.

What is a Demonstration?

Grant vs Demonstration vs Benefit/State Policy

Planning Grant	Demonstration	Benefit
Funding to use over 12 months to support the work of building the infrastructure of how the state will implement a demonstration. Define what Quality Measurement, Certification and Prospective Payment System will look like in practice during demonstration.	Opportunity to test a new strategy for delivering and reimbursing a comprehensive array of services provided in community behavioral health clinics. The demonstration aims to improve the availability, quality, and outcomes of outpatient services provided in these clinics.	State Policy to implement a benefit long term if it has proven to improve access, quality, and outcomes of outpatient services provided.



Purpose and Goals of the Grant

- **Establish realistic implementation plan understanding cost and timeline**
 - The state is obligated to use the \$1M to develop and complete the tasks in the roadmap and in accordance with the NOA, including preparing an application to participate in the demonstration program (Grant Period: 12/31/2024 - 12/30/2025)
- **Evaluate the CCBHC model to determine the best way to improve the Behavioral Health Safety Net system in Colorado**
 - To be able to effectively meet this goal, the commitments and requirements of the Planning Grant have to be completed to ensure the determination is based on a comprehensive understanding of the model, associated processes, and its impact to the community and providers

*No guarantee that states who submit a demonstration application will be selected/funded.

*States do not have to move forward with the demonstration if they are selected.



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CCBHC Planning Grant Timeline

January - March 2025

- Planning Grant Starts
- Stand up Committees
- Begin Hiring Process

April - June 2025

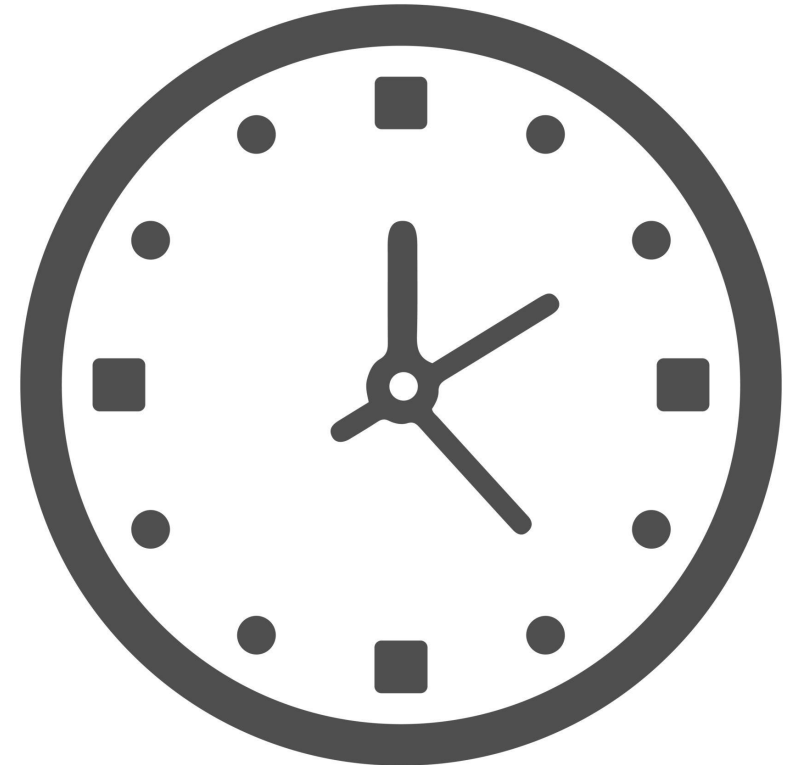
- Onboard Grant Admin
- Begin grant reporting
- Data discovery
- PPS Type Decision

July - September 2025

- Grant reporting
- Committee work

October - December 2025

- Grant reporting
- Provider TTA
- Request No-Cost Extension
- Draft Demonstration Application



Scope of Services

9 Required Services:

- Crisis services
- Outpatient mental health and substance use services
- Person- and family-centered treatment planning
- Community-based mental health care for veterans
- Peer family support and counselor services
- Targeted care management
- Outpatient primary care screening and monitoring
- Psychiatric rehabilitation services
- Screening, diagnosis and risk assessment



Certification & Provider Readiness Subcommittee

- Adopted the 9 required services as the Colorado CCBHC Scope of Services
- Utilizing memos that define the iterative certification process to guide clinics
- Developing guidance & tools to support model



Certification Process

- Intend to utilize existing licensing process when possible, learn and adjust process accordingly
- Evaluate interest and readiness
 - Brief survey, readiness assessment, cost report submission, etc.
 - Technical support from BHA and HCPF
- Application completion, submission, and scoring
 - Selection of first-cohort clinics, issue certification
 - Begin technical support and readiness for next cohort



Quality Measures & Data Management Subcommittee

- Crosswalk of quality measures to to create alignment and prevent additional burden
- Partnering with Carina Health for quality measure collection and quality assurance
- Developing guidance material regarding measures to provide in depth information to providers



Prospective Payment System & Finance Subcommittee

- Verifying design compliance including aligning scope and triggering events with the 9 required services
- Discussing with stakeholders:
 - Future PPS oversight strategy
 - Allowable costs and the the resource lift
 - Potential operational challenges
 - The need to have participation requirements available for providers to begin to understand potential pool of participants.

HB 24-1384 Requirements

- Completed
 - Submit an application to SAMHSA for a CCBHC Demonstration Planning Grant
- Completed
 - Submit a report to the Joint Budget Committee on the status of the grant application

HB 24-1384 Considerations

Other Items to Address (all in progress)

- Serve priority populations
- Serve all populations regardless of condition or payment status
- Include behavioral health safety net services
- Include peer supports/peer counseling
- Include individuals with living experience
- Ensure crisis services are delivered within the parameters of CO's crisis system
- Develop quality and reporting requirements
- Include any Behavioral Health entity that meets federal requirements the opportunity to certify
- No geographic limitation on the number of CCBHCs in a region
- No negative impact on rural access
- Ensure the state department can implement financial accountability for providers

Critical Decisions

- PPS type 1 selected, June 2025
- Adopted SAMHSA's 9 required services as Colorado's Scope of Services, August 2025
- Adopted a trigger code strategy to match SAMHSA's 9 required services, August 2025



Lessons Learned

“Aim for the stars and shoot for the moon”

- An iterative certification process will help us learn along the way and build a better product in the end.
- Data reporting and measurement is a big lift but necessary.



Accomplishments

- Launched four stakeholder committees
- 80 orgs are collaborating to plan for Demo
- 59% of work group/advisory group/council members have lived experience
- 29 hours of combined stakeholder effort

Next Steps

- Determine fiscal impact (Fall 2025)
- Report to JBC on project budget impact (Dec 2025)
- Submit demonstration application (April 2026)
- Provisionally certify Phase 1 clinics (April 2026)
- Start demonstrating! (July 2026)



BHA and HCPF



“We get it done, it’s not that tough” (together)



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Grant Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

- CCBHC Steering Committee Meeting
- Monthly Subcommittees
 - Certification/Provider
 - Quality Measure and Data Collection
 - PPS & Finance
- Register on the [CCBHC Webpage](#)
- Share feedback here: [Feedback Survey](#)

Resources

HCPF Behavioral Health Benefits Inbox:
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*Includes calendar of
stakeholder
engagements and
newsletter archive and
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