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Dear Legislator,

Colorado’s community-based safety net behavioral health providers remain the backbone of accessible, high-quality mental health and substance use care for individuals and families across the state — including your constituents. As our system continues to evolve, these providers ensure that people with the most complex needs have a reliable place to turn.

This guide offers an overview of our statewide network of comprehensive safety-net and specialty behavioral health providers, along with the services and community supports they deliver in every region of Colorado. We hope it serves as a practical resource as you engage in policy discussions throughout the 2026 legislative session and work to strengthen the behavioral health system we all depend on.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to community mental health and for championing policies that expand access, stabilize the system, and support the providers who care for Colorado’s most vulnerable residents.

Wishing you a productive and successful legislative session,



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# WHOLE-PERSON, COMMUNITY-BASED CARE

Comprehensive Safety Net Providers (formerly Community Mental Health Centers) serve as the backbone of the state’s behavioral health system. They offer an integrated, wraparound continuum of services that help individuals achieve stability, recovery, and long-term wellness — regardless of complexity, income, or ability to pay.

These providers deliver a broad and coordinated array of services, including:

- 24/7 crisis and emergency behavioral health services
- Outpatient mental health and substance use treatment, including therapy and psychiatric care
- High-intensity outpatient and community-based services, such as Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
- Withdrawal management and substance use treatment services
- Child, youth, and family services, including school-based and in-home supports
- Case management, navigation, and care coordination
- Residential treatment and/or linkage to local housing supports
- Vocational and employment services
- Recovery supports for mental health and substance use
- Outreach, engagement, and education services
- Screening, assessment, and diagnosis, including risk assessment, crisis planning, and monitoring of key health indicators
- Outpatient competency restoration services
- Prevention, well-being promotion, and early intervention programs
- Disaster and community crisis response

[They] helped diagnose me, and then gave me the skills to save my life, and build it into a life worth living. Special shout out to the DBT team. I’m still using what you taught me today, years later.”

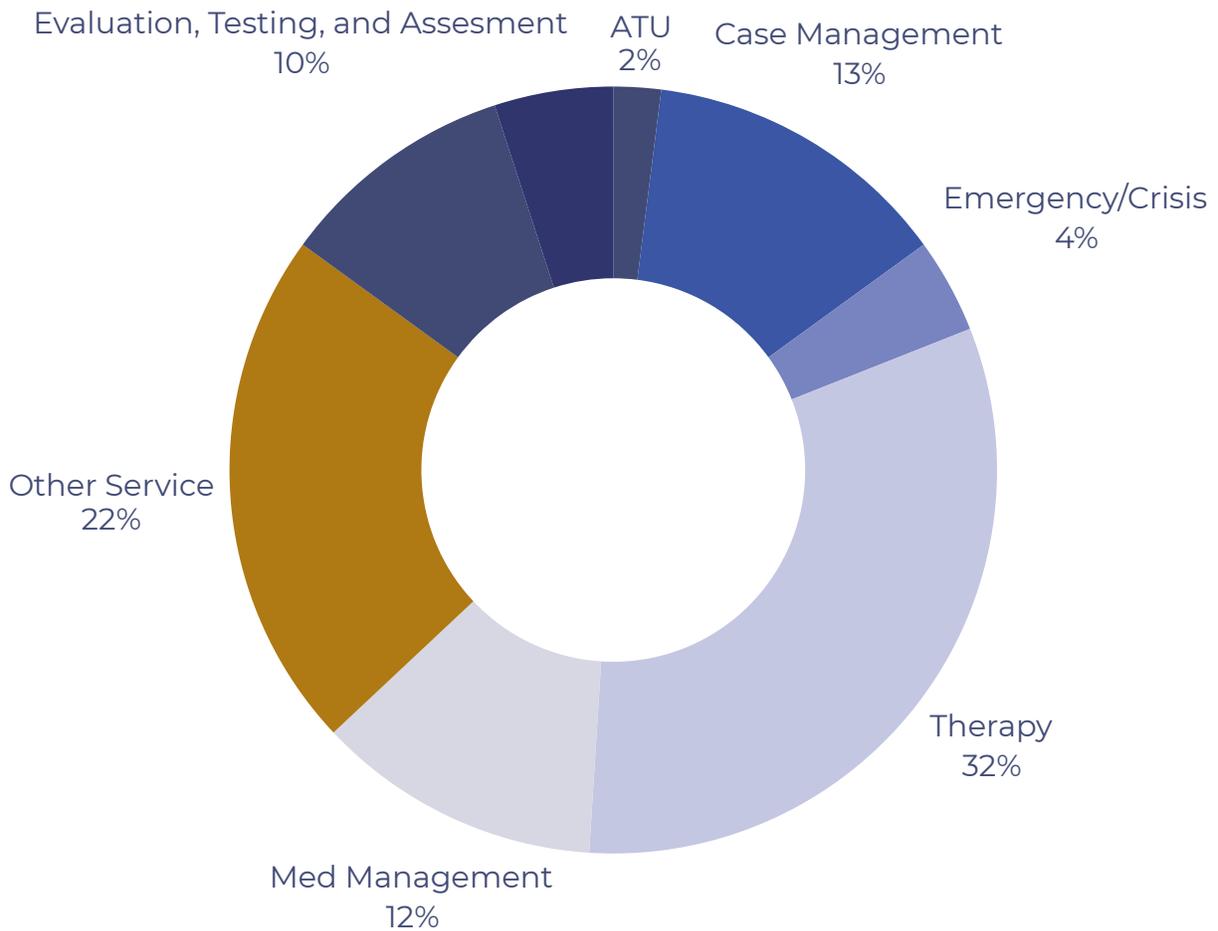
- Client served by a Comprehensive Safety Net Provider

# WHO DO OUR MEMBERS SERVE?

Safety net behavioral health providers serve individuals facing complex challenges, including serious mental illness, substance use disorders, homelessness, and those experiencing crises. As the primary source of behavioral healthcare for these vulnerable populations, centers provide a comprehensive range of services.

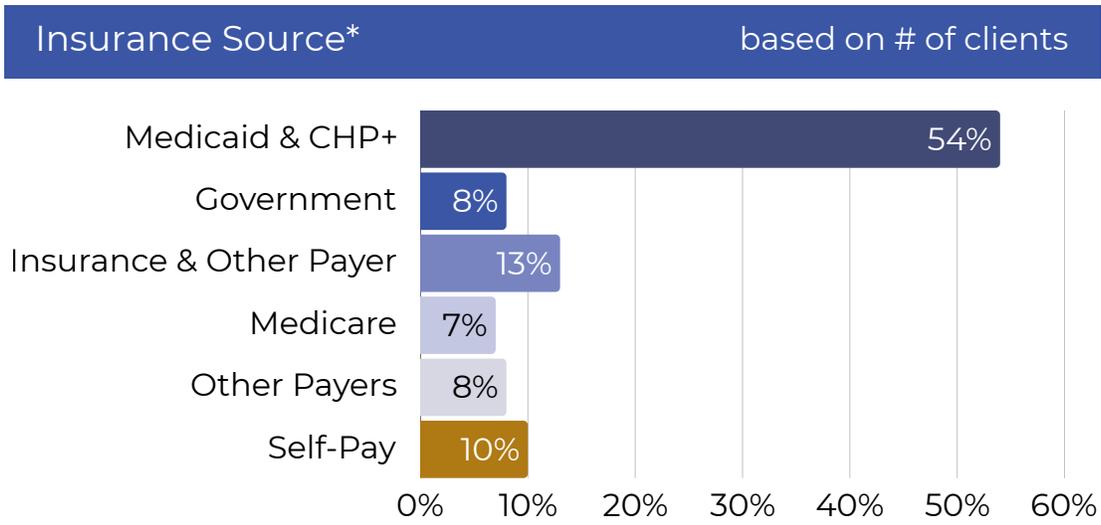
This includes 24/7 crisis support, from mobile outreach to residential care. Whether it's outpatient therapy, in-home support, or services within schools, community mental health centers ensure access to care for all Coloradans, regardless of age, income, or insurance status.

% of client visits by service type\*

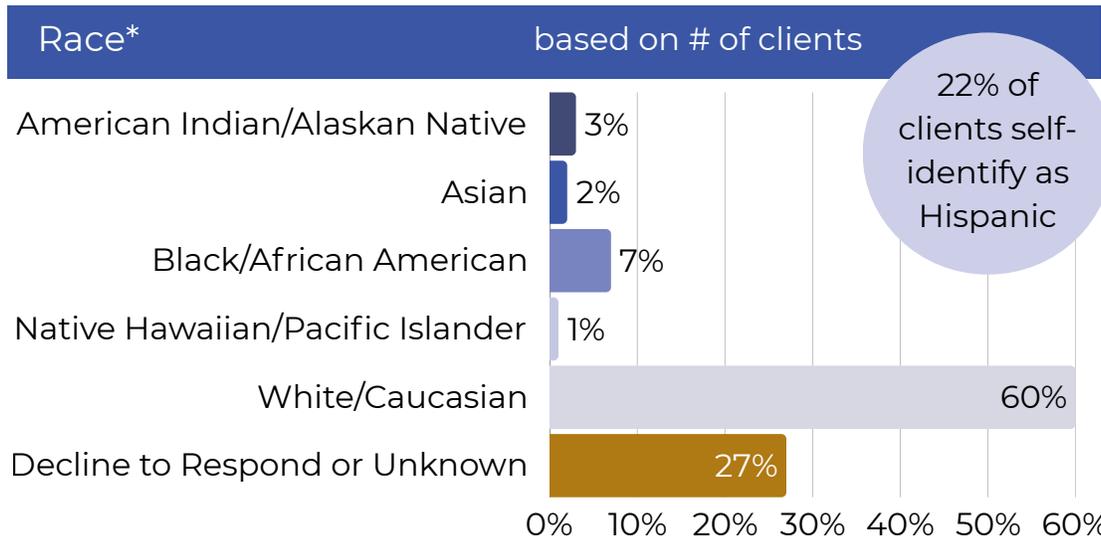
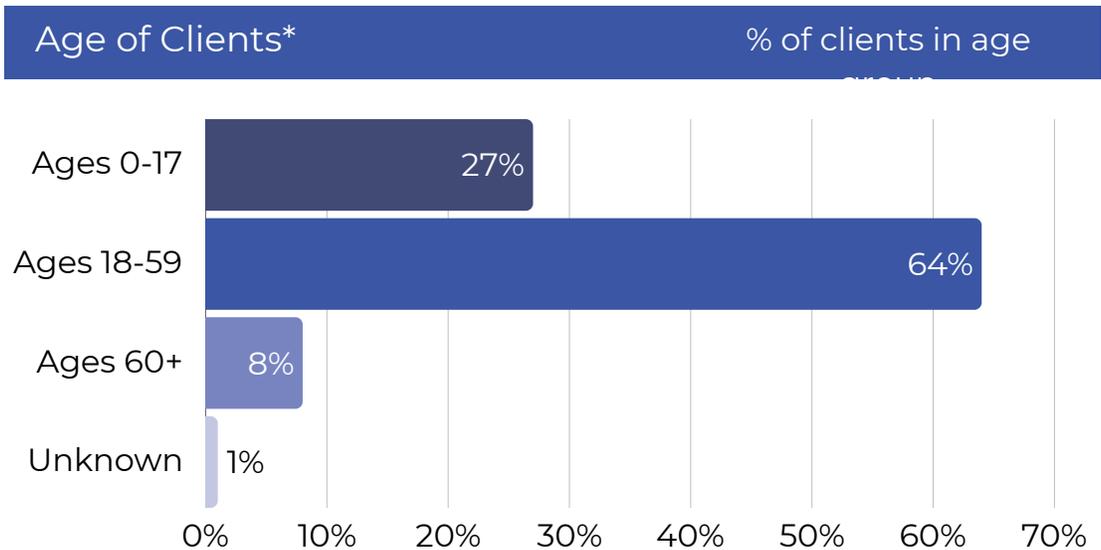


\*2024 CY CONSOLIDATED SPQM DATASET

# WHO OUR MEMBERS SERVE



Government source refers to local, state, and federal funds.



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# THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT

For decades, Colorado’s community-based safety net providers have ensured that individuals with the most significant behavioral health needs receive skilled, compassionate, and community-based care. They braid multiple funding sources to deliver a full continuum of services — from crisis intervention and therapy to housing support and employment assistance — helping people live healthier, more stable, and more fulfilling lives.

Their work strengthens families, stabilizes communities, and reduces long-term costs across Colorado’s health, public safety, and social service systems.



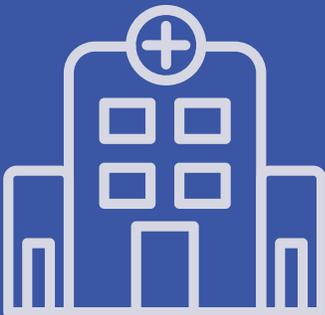
## Cost Savings & Smart Investment

For every dollar the state invests, Colorado avoids roughly four dollars in downstream costs — including emergency department use, psychiatric hospitalization, homelessness services, and incarceration.



## Economic Impact

Comprehensive Safety Net Providers are major employers in rural, frontier, and urban communities. They create thousands of jobs, strengthen local health-care workforces, and contribute to regional economic stability through hiring, training, and community partnerships.



## Essential to Access

Comprehensive Safety Net Providers serve anyone who needs care — regardless of insurance status, complexity of need, or ability to pay.

# ABOUT CBHC

Since 1967, the Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council (CBHC) has served as the membership association for Colorado's nonprofit safety net community providers of mental health and substance use disorder treatment services. CBHC members provide or contract for direct services in a wide variety of settings in hundreds of service delivery sites across the state. CBHC acts as an advocacy organization at both the state and federal level to maximize the ability of nonprofit safety net providers of behavioral health treatment to serve everyone in their communities, especially the most vulnerable.

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“Assertive community treatment saved my life. I went from homeless to not homeless. And I put in the work to be able to continue with the program and do well.”

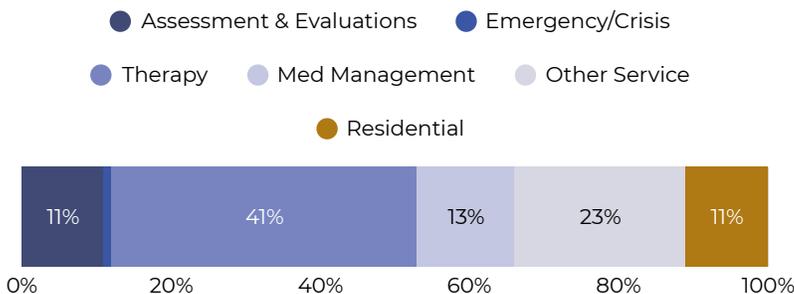
- Client served by a Comprehensive Safety Net Provider

Founded in 1975, Aurora Mental Health & Recovery (AMHR) is a cornerstone of behavioral healthcare in the Aurora community. As a SAMHSA-certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), AMHR is committed to providing comprehensive, coordinated care to all individuals in need, regardless of their ability to pay, insurance status, or place of residence. This includes developmentally appropriate care for children and youth.

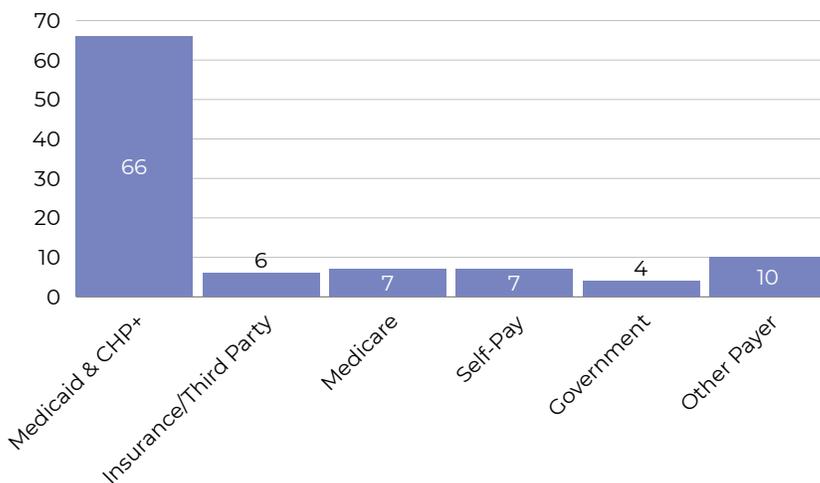
Recognizing the diverse needs within the community, AMHR provides culturally and linguistically tailored services, with staff fluent in over 17 languages.

In 2024, Aurora Mental Health & Recovery provided **228,919** services to **16,839** unique clients.

### Client Encounters



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### Contact Information

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### Legislative Districts

Congressional: 4, 6  
 State House: 42  
 State Senate: 28, 29

### Clinic Locations

- Aurora



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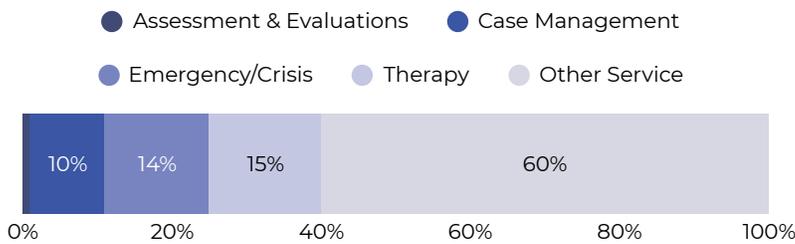
Serving Logan, Morgan, Yuma,  
Sedgwick, Phillips,  
Washington, Elbert, Lincoln,  
Kit Carson, and Cheyenne  
counties

For over 40 years, Centennial Mental Health Center has been a cornerstone of mental health and substance use care in Northeastern Colorado. Centennial is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities across the region.

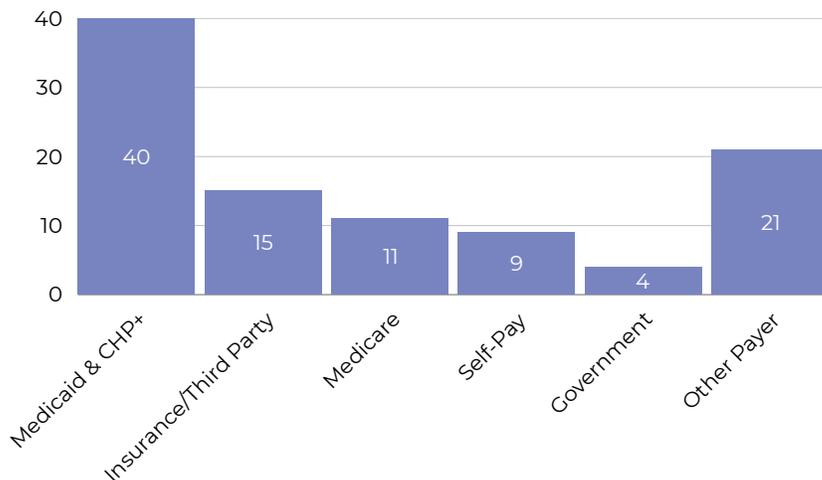
Guided by a mission to foster youth resilience, support healthy families, and cultivate thriving communities, Centennial provides a comprehensive range of services, including adult mental health, crisis intervention, integrated health services, and programs for youth and families.

In 2024, Centennial served **4,095** unique clients.

### Client Encounters



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### Contact Information

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### Legislative Districts

Congressional: 4  
State House: 56, 63  
State Senate: 1

### Clinic Locations

- Akron
- Burlington
- Cheyenne Wells
- Elizabeth
- Fort Morgan
- Holyoke
- Julesburg
- Limon
- Sterling



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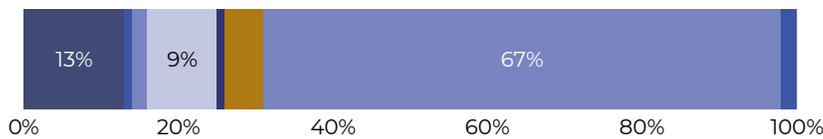
Serving Adams, Boulder, Broomfield, and Gilpin counties

Clinica Family Health & Wellness provides access to high-quality healthcare for individuals and families who experience barriers. Clinica delivers integrated, team-based care and offers patients and clients the care they need for every chapter of life regardless of circumstances, background, or identity. Clinica has 14 locations that provide primary medical and dental care, integrated behavioral health services, 24/7 walk-in crisis and addiction recovery services, specialized mental health care, and pharmacy services. Clinica is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and a Comprehensive Safety Net Provider. Clinica also meets the federal requirements of being a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC).

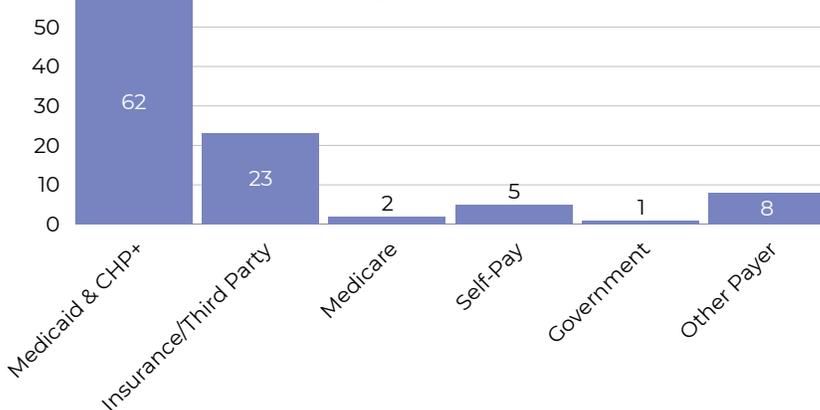
In 2024 Clinica Family Health & Wellness provided **188,977** behavioral health services to **9,832** unduplicated clients.

### Client Encounters

- Assessment & Evaluations
- Day Treatment
- Med Management
- Case Management
- Emergency/Crisis
- Therapy
- Other Service
- Residential



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### Contact Information

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### Legislative Districts

Congressional: 2, 7  
State House: 10, 11, 12, 19, 33, 34, 49  
State Senate: 15, 17, 18, 25

### Mental Health Clinic Locations

- Boulder
- Broomfield
- Nederland
- Lafayette
- Longmont
- Louisville



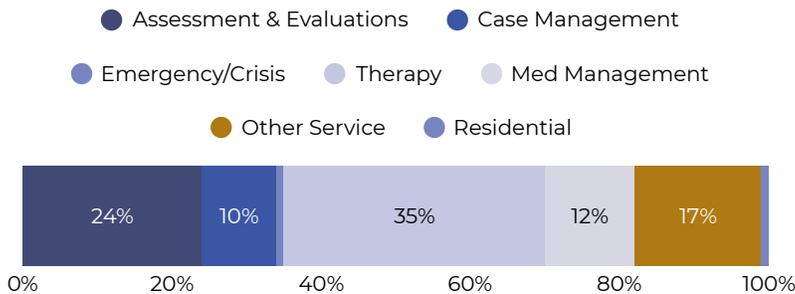
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Founded in 1957, Community Reach Center has a rich history of providing compassionate mental health care to the residents of North Metro Denver. One of the first in their region to get support from the Community Mental Health Act of 1963, they offer a range of behavioral and mental health services with a mission to enhance the health of their community.

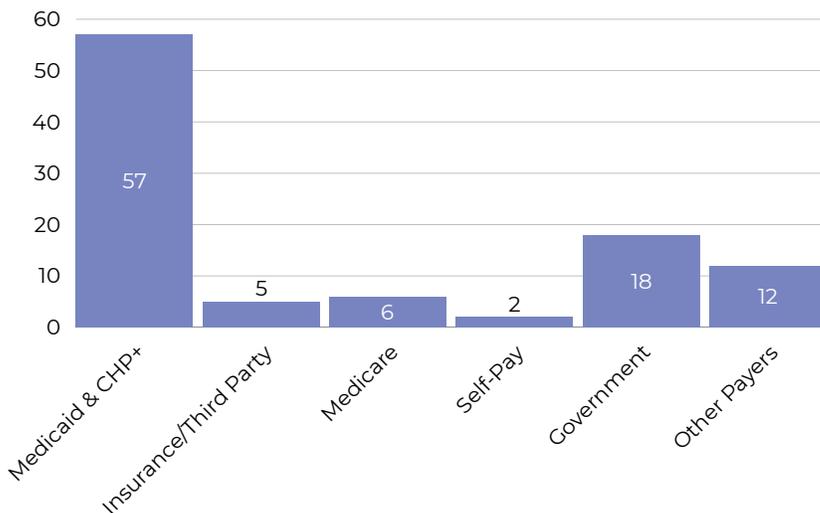
Today, Community Reach Center has 9 locations, providing vital services to thousands of individuals each year through a network of clinics, schools, and community-based programs.

In 2024, Community Reach Center served **10,352** unduplicated clients.

### Client Encounters



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#### Legislative Districts

Congressional: 4, 6, 8  
State House: 14, 15, 17, 24, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 48  
State Senate: 14, 21, 24, 25

#### Clinic Locations

- Brighton
- Commerce City
- Northglenn
- Thornton
- Westminister



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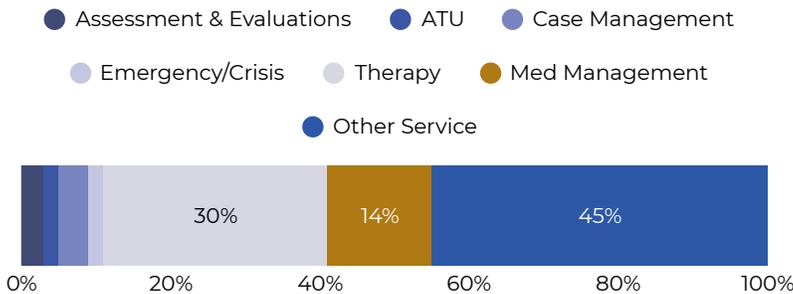
Serving Park, Teller, and El Paso counties

Diversus Health was established 150 years ago as the Springs Relief Society. At the time, they were known for delivering coal, lumber, and clothing to the community's most vulnerable. Today, they are the largest behavioral health care provider in El Paso, Park, and Teller counties.

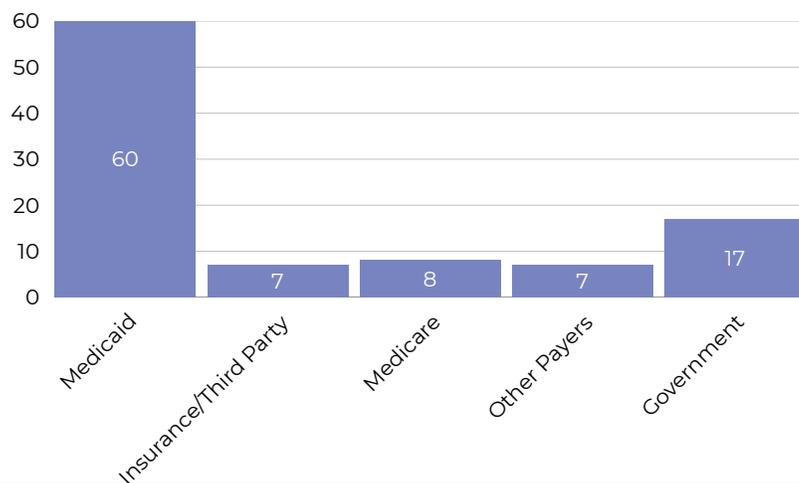
Their continuum of care focuses on four core services involving addiction, counseling, crisis management, and psychiatric therapy. They offer Same Day Access to care meaning that clients are provided with a behavioral health assessment and diagnostic on the same day that services are requested.

In 2024, Diversus Health provided **169,592** services to **11,568** unduplicated clients.

### Client Encounters



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### Contact Information

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[x.com/Diversus\\_Health](https://x.com/Diversus_Health)

### Legislative Districts

Congressional: 5, 7  
State House: 13, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 60  
State Senate: 4, 9, 10, 11, 12

### Clinic Locations

- Colorado Springs
- Woodland Park
- Bailey
- Calhan
- Fairplay
- Cripple Creek



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Serving Pueblo, Huerfano, and Las Animas counties

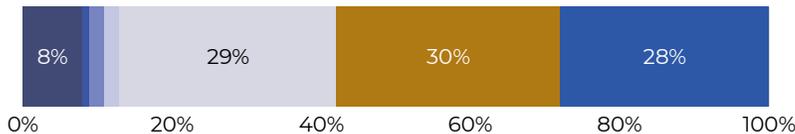
Health Solutions is a non-profit community health provider serving Southern Colorado since 1962. They offer a comprehensive range of healthcare services, including primary care, behavioral health, and crisis intervention. Health Solutions' mission is to provide expert care that supports their recovery and helps them achieve their healthcare goals. This care is provided through service excellence, innovation, compassion, and promotion of self-determination.

One of Health Solutions key achievements include being one of the only community mental health centers in Colorado to open and operate a full-service childcare facility.

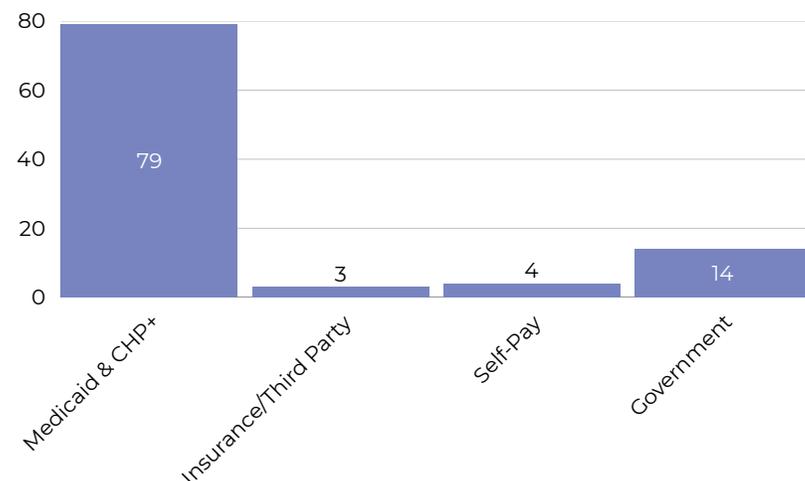
In 2024, Health Solutions served provided **174,787** services to **9,488** unduplicated clients.

### Client Encounters

- Assessment & Evaluations
- ATU
- Case Management
- Emergency/Crisis
- Therapy
- Med Management
- Other Service



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### Contact Information

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### Legislative Districts

Congressional: 3  
State House: 46, 47, 60  
State Senate: 3, 35

### Clinic Locations

- Pueblo
- Trinidad
- Walsenburg



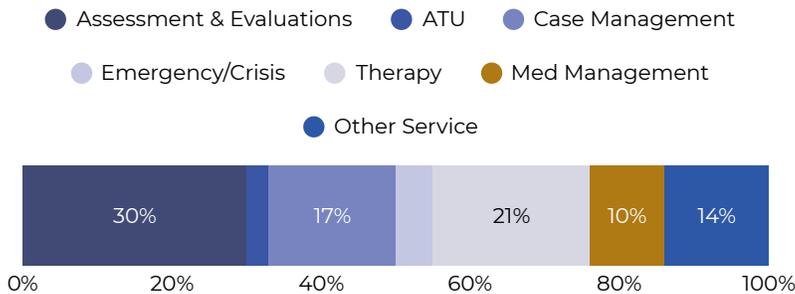
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For over 66 years, Jefferson Center for Mental Health has been a leading nonprofit provider of mental health care and substance use services in the community. In 2022, they became a SAMHSA-certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), empowering the center to expand crucial services, reach underserved communities, improve intake and screening programs, and integrate new technologies.

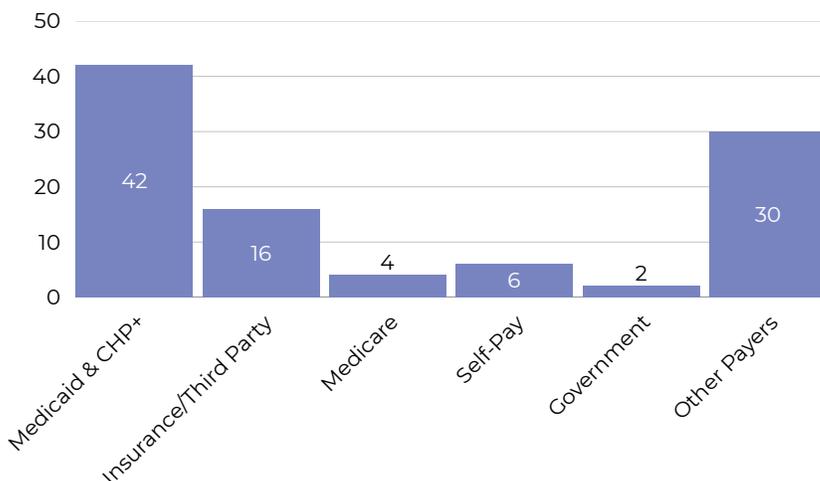
Jefferson Center collaborates with community organizations to deliver compassionate care, provide mental health education, and tailor services to meet individual needs.

In 2024, Jefferson Center served **24,200** unduplicated clients.

### Client Encounters



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#### Legislative Districts

Congressional: 2, 7  
State House: 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 35, 38, 49,  
State Senate: 19, 20, 22, 32

#### Clinic Locations

- Arvada
- Black Hawk
- Evergreen
- Idaho Springs
- Lakewood
- Wheat Ridge



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Mile High Behavioral Healthcare

Serving Denver, Adams, Jefferson, Arapahoe, Douglas, Weld, Summit, Gilpin, and Larimer counties

Founded in 1960, Mile High Behavioral Healthcare (MHBHC) is among Colorado’s longest-serving, most affordable behavioral health treatment providers. MHBHC is dually licensed for mental health care and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and exists to serve those on Denver’s fringes—high-risk, high-need individuals who face significant barriers to accessing the services they need. Their mission is to provide a caring, trauma-informed continuum of care—including clinical treatment, case management, and peer support—ensuring no person is ever turned away. MHBHC has a 120-person staff serving over 5,000 of the Denver metro area’s most high-risk, high-need and under-resourced residents annually.

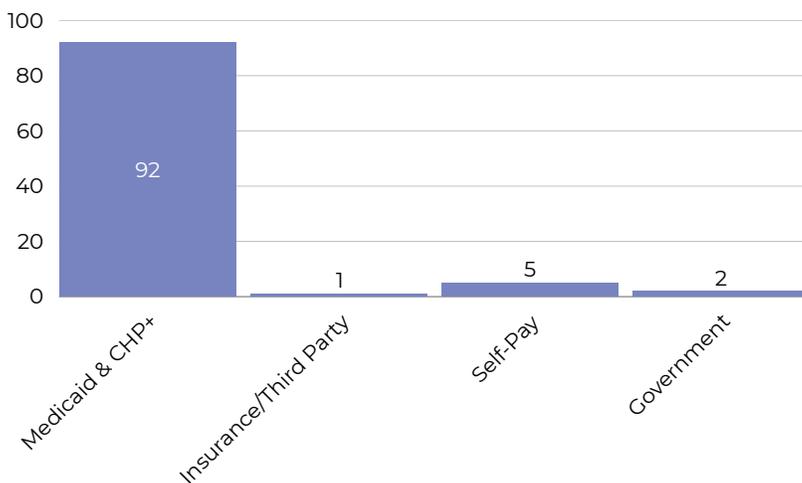
In 2024, Mile High Behavioral Healthcare provided **53,756** services to **2,738** unduplicated clients.

### Client Encounters

- Assessment & Evaluations
- Case Management
- Residential
- Therapy
- Med Management
- Other Service



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### Legislative Districts

Congressional: 1  
State House: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9  
State Senate: 31, 32, 33, 34

### Clinic Locations

- Denver
- Aurora
- Sheridan
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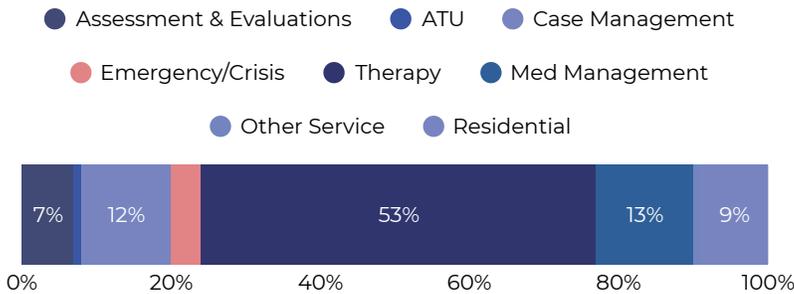
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## Where hope begins.

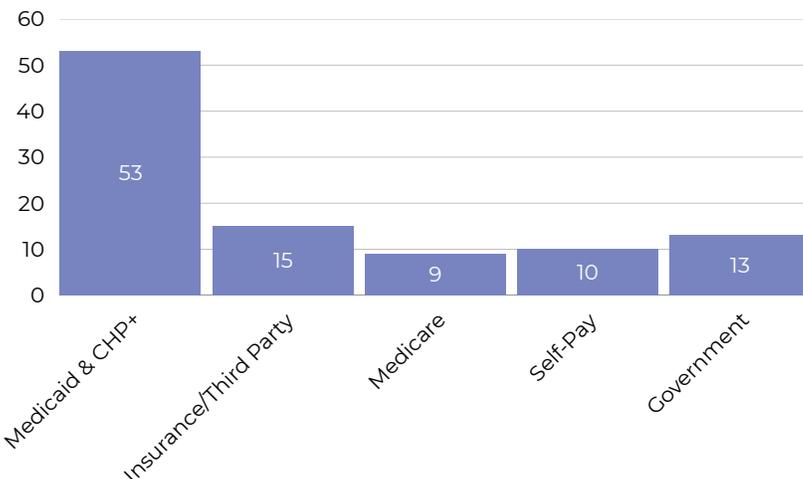
For over 50 years, North Range Behavioral Health has been a cornerstone of mental health care in Weld County. As a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), North Range prioritizes accessible and comprehensive care, exceeding industry standards to ensure individuals receive the support they need. Weld County residents can rely on North Range for critical services, including 24/7/365 crisis mobile and walk-in services, outpatient, intensive, and family therapy, as well as many community partnerships including Co-Responders, School Based Clinicians, Integrated Care partnerships, and housing support teams. North Range serves individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and economic circumstances.

In 2024, North Range Behavioral Health provided **168,199** services to **17,083** unduplicated clients.

### Client Encounters



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 instagram.com/nrbh\_where\_hope\_begins

### Legislative Districts

Congressional: 2, 4, 8  
State House: 19, 33, 34, 48, 50  
State Senate: 23, 25

### Clinic Locations

- Greeley
- Windsor
- Fort Lupton
- Frederick



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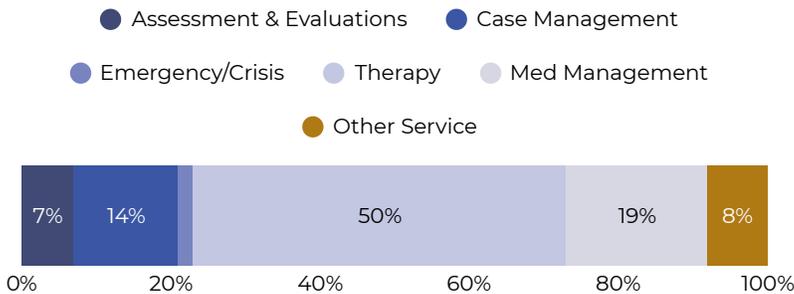
Serving Saguache, Mineral, Rio Grande, Alamosa, Conejos, and Costilla counties

Founded in 1970, San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group (SLVBHG) is a dedicated provider of comprehensive mental health and substance use treatment in Southern Colorado. SLVBHG serves individuals across six rural counties, ensuring equitable access to care regardless of financial or geographic barriers.

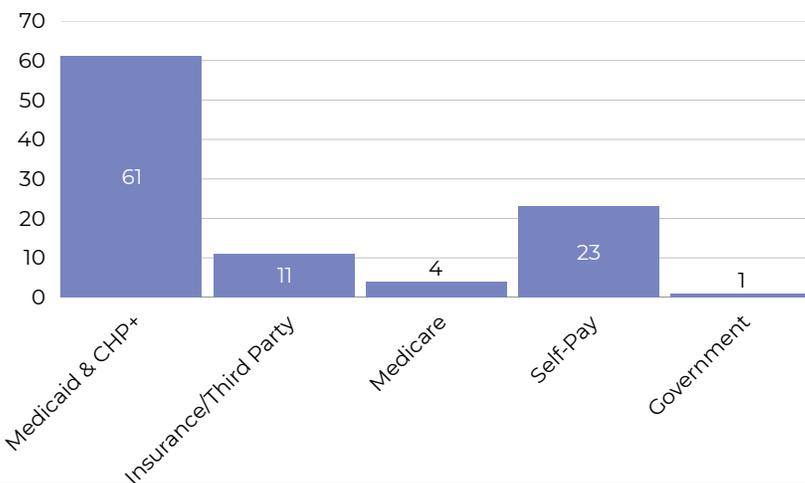
SLVBHG provides a wide array of mental health and substance use services across multiple locations and telehealth, including therapy, crisis intervention, and medication-assisted treatment. They also address social determinants of health through mobile units, housing support, and community outreach.

In 2024, San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group provided **53,446** services to **3,878** unduplicated clients.

### Client Encounters



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### Legislative Districts

Congressional: 3  
State House: 62  
State Senate: 6

### Clinic Locations

- Alamosa
- Monte Vista
- Antonito
- San Luis
- Del Norte
- Center
- La Jara
- Fort Garland
- South Fork



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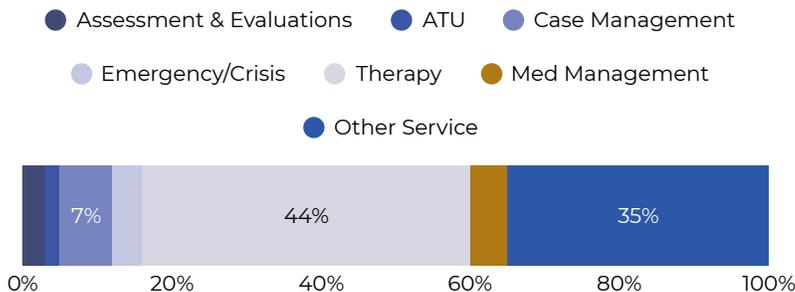
Serving Lake, Chaffee,  
Fremont, and Custer counties

As the largest safety net provider in the region, Solvista Health delivers high-quality, compassionate mental health and substance use treatment to Medicaid recipients and the uninsured. Solvista operates an integrated primary care clinic in Cañon City and offers a wide range of in-person and telehealth services across nine locations in rural and frontier areas.

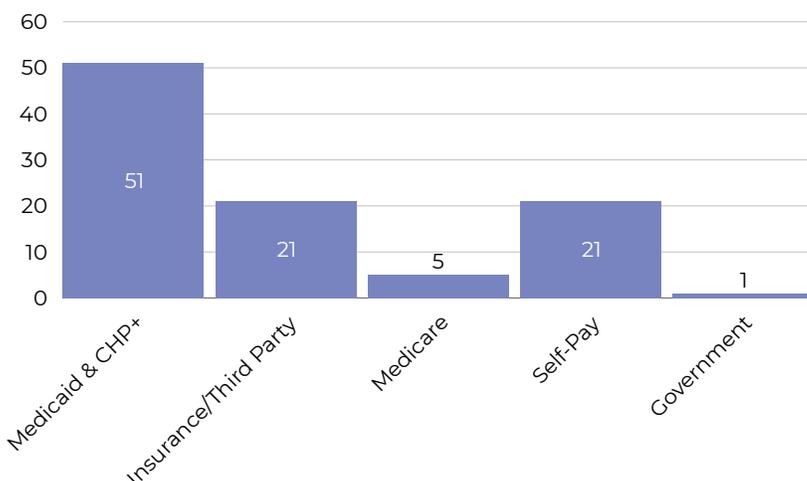
Beyond direct care, Solvista actively engages in community initiatives, including regional health collaborations, homelessness prevention efforts, local economic development initiatives, and emergency preparedness and disaster response.

In 2024, Solvista Health provided **53,129** services to **3,880** unduplicated clients.

### Client Encounters



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### Legislative Districts

Congressional: 7  
State House: 13, 60  
State Senate: 4

### Clinic Locations

- Cañon City
- Westcliffe
- Salida
- Leadville
- Buena Vista



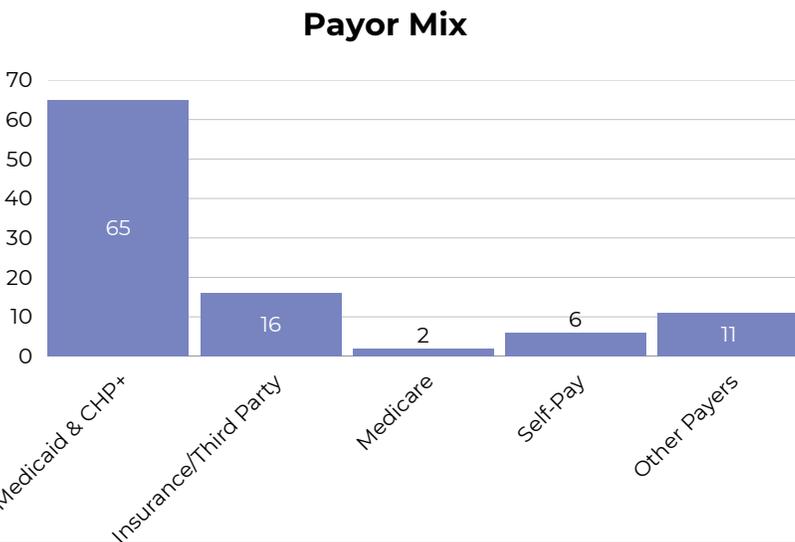
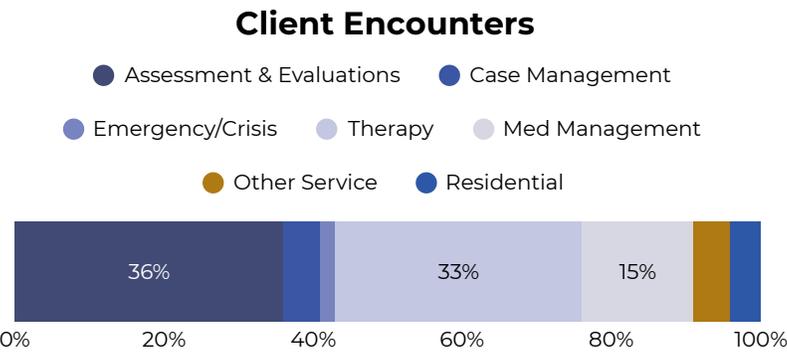
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SummitStone Health Partners is the largest provider of Medicaid-funded behavioral healthcare services in Larimer County. As a nationally Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), SummitStone enhances services for underserved populations, including the uninsured, underinsured, and members of the armed forces, veterans, and their families.

Opened in 2023, SummitStone’s Longview campus provides crisis stabilization, behavioral health urgent care, and withdrawal management to anyone in mental health or substance use crisis, with a commitment to care regardless of ability to pay.

In 2024, SummitStone Health Partners provided **173,819** services to **10,924** unduplicated clients.



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#### Legislative Districts

Congressional: 2, 4, 8  
 State House: 49, 51, 52, 53, 64  
 State Senate: 14, 15

#### Clinic Locations

- Fort Collins
- Estes Park
- Loveland



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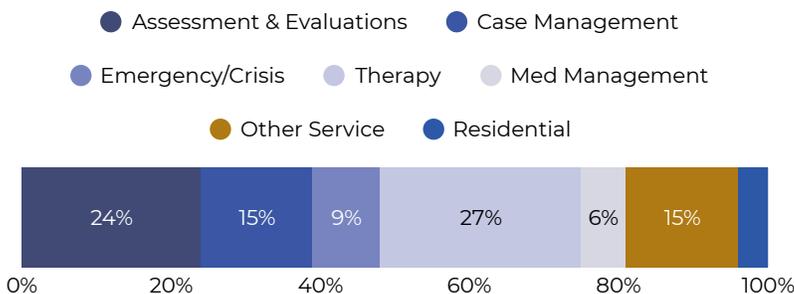
Serving Crowley, Otero, Kiowa,  
Bent, Prowers, and Baca  
counties

In 2023, Valley-Wide Health Systems merged with Southeast Health Group to enhance service delivery. As a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving rural Southern Colorado, Valley-Wide Health Systems offers a comprehensive range of care, including medical, dental, and behavioral health services.

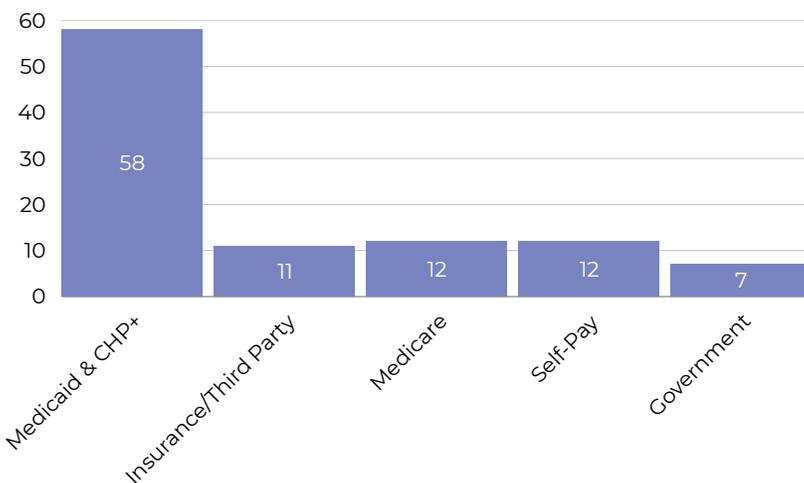
Valley-Wide prioritizes client-centered care, developing individualized treatment plans to help clients achieve optimal health outcomes. They are committed to providing high-quality, safe, and inclusive care with a special focus on serving medically underserved populations.

In 2024, Valley-Wide Health Systems provided **3,781** behavioral health services to **1,653** unduplicated clients.

**Client Encounters**



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**Legislative Districts**

Congressional: 3, 4  
State House: 47  
State Senate: 35

**Clinic Locations**

- Rocky Ford
- Springfield
- Lamar
- Eads
- Alamosa
- Center
- La Junta
- Las Animas



**CEO Jania Arnoldi**

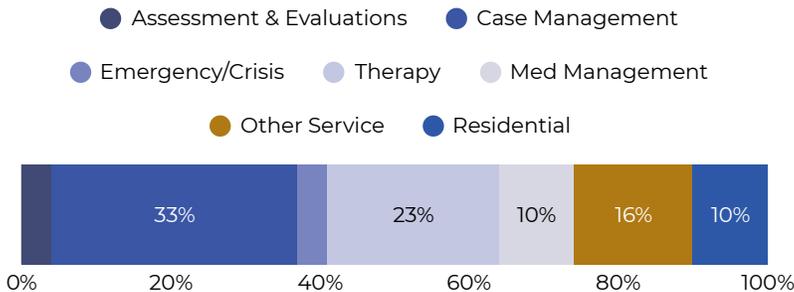
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WellPower is Colorado's largest Community Mental Health Center (CMHC), recognized nationally for its innovative and effective behavioral healthcare. They provide a comprehensive range of services for individuals of all ages across 30+ sites and nearly 200 locations throughout the community, from hospitals and assisted living facilities to schools and shelters.

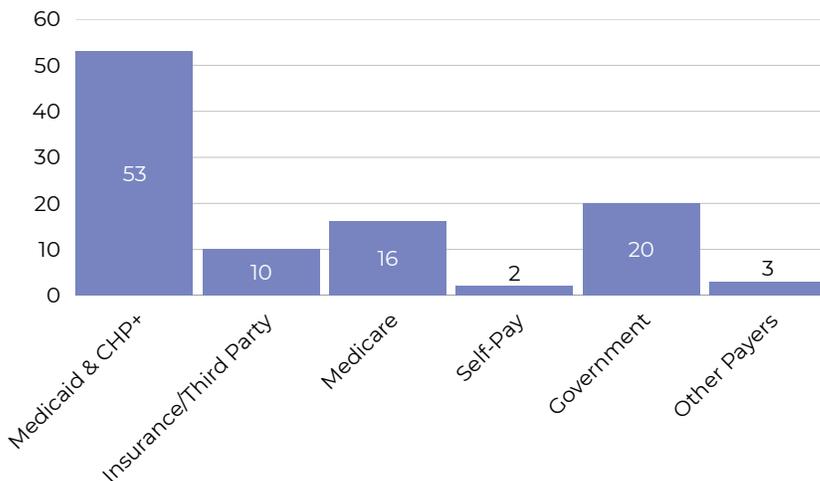
WellPower provides a wide range of mental health services, including outpatient treatment, medication management, and crisis response. Recognizing the interconnectedness of mental health and overall well-being, WellPower adopts a holistic approach that addresses social determinants of health, such as housing, education, and employment.

In 2024, WellPower provided **419,290** services to **22,459** unduplicated clients.

### Client Encounters



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### Legislative Districts

Congressional: 1  
State House: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9  
State Senate: 31, 32, 33, 34

### Clinic Locations

- Denver



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