

CBHC Expands Membership to Include Essential Safety Net Providers

The Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council (CBHC) was founded to unite providers in strengthening Colorado’s behavioral health safety net, a mission that continues to guide the organization today. Throughout its history, CBHC’s membership structure has adapted alongside Colorado’s changing behavioral health system to ensure that the providers delivering safety-net services—and the communities and populations who rely on those services—remain effectively represented.

Today, the network of organizations essential to sustaining the safety net has expanded. Recent system reforms, new delivery structures, and increasing integration across care settings have broadened the range of providers whose work directly supports behavioral health access, system stability, and coordinated care.

To ensure that the provider voice remains unified and strong during this period of transformation, CBHC is expanding its membership to include additional essential safety net providers that meet established eligibility standards and whose services play a direct role in supporting community-based behavioral health delivery, system stability, and integrated care across Colorado. This expansion reflects both CBHC’s longstanding commitment to provider-led advocacy and its continued role as a provider-only membership association representing organizations delivering and directly supporting behavioral health services across the state.

By broadening membership in this way, CBHC is strengthening a unified provider voice—ensuring that organizations delivering and directly supporting behavioral health services can align more effectively around shared policy priorities, operational challenges, and system sustainability. This expansion reflects CBHC’s commitment to building shared strength across a field that is often asked to do more with less—and to ensuring that the full range of safety-net provider voices, perspectives, and lived realities are recognized and represented. This work is rooted in a clear belief: only together can we meet the growing pressures confronting Colorado’s behavioral health system.

Expanded membership supports CBHC’s role to:

- Bring members together to connect, learn from one another, and align around shared needs
- Advocate for the field by elevating provider priorities and real-world impacts in policy conversations
- Partner for policy with state agencies, legislators, and stakeholders to strengthen the behavioral health system
- Raise what matters by sharing timely, actionable information that supports confident decision-making

CBHC remains firmly grounded in its mission to improve the lives of people and communities across Colorado—especially those facing the greatest barriers to care. Expanding membership is not a departure from that mission, but a continuation of it—ensuring that as Colorado’s behavioral health system continues to change, the organizations delivering safety-net services remain united through a strong, provider-led association committed to building a system that is sustainable, coordinated, and responsive to community needs.

CBHC looks forward to welcoming new partners into this shared work and continuing to grow the collective strength needed to support Colorado’s communities.
