



Meeting the Moment for Communities

September 30 - October 3, 2026

Beaver Run Resort & Conference Center | Breckenridge, Colorado

🇨🇱 Clinical 🇪🇩 Board 🇪🇺 Business/Upper Management

Wednesday | September 30, 2026 | CBHC Pre-Conference Workshops

8:00am - 4:00pm
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- #1 Pre-Con Workshop 🇨🇱 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | **Behavioral Health Trainings: Building the Future of Prevention, Education, and Community Impact** | [See full description here](#)
- #2 Pre-Con Workshop 🇨🇱 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | **Meeting the Moment With AI: A Practical Playbook for Behavioral Health Leaders and Clinicians** | *Jonathan Liebert*

Thursday | October 1, 2026 | CBHC Conference

8:45am - 10:30am

Keynote & Mental Health First Aid Awards | 🇨🇱 🇪🇩 🇪🇺
Meeting the Moment: Moving Beyond Coping to Build Resilient, Connected Communities | *Johnny Crowder*

10:30am - 11:00am

Coffee Break | Visit the Exhibits & Sponsors in the Colorado Ballroom

11:00am - 12:00pm

- #100 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | Keeping Coloradans Covered: Preventing Medicaid Coverage Loss Under H. R. 1 | *Liz Owens*
- #101 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | Alternative Admissions: A New Pathway to Graduate Education and Workforce Advancement | *Kevin Doyle & John Solomon*
- #102 🇪🇺 | Beyond Compliance: How Actionable Data Supports Sustainable Behavioral Health Care | *Dorota Carpenedo & Robyn Odendahl*
- #103 🇨🇱 | Ghost Asylums: When Families Become the System for Psychotic Disorders | *Kelly Comcowich & Robin Predny*
- #104 🇨🇱 🇪🇩 | Elevating the Voices of People with Lived Experience | *Latisha Quintana & Jennifer Turner*
- #105 🇨🇱 🇪🇺 | Bridging Care and Community: Food is Medicine in Behavioral Health | *Mindy Klowden & Marti Macchi*
- #106 🇨🇱 | When Postpartum Risks Collide: Dyadic Considerations Around Perinatal Mental Health, Substance Use, and Intimate Partner Violence | *Sarah Briley; Kari Ricard; Lauren Smith; Sonia Subudhi Warwick*

12:00pm - 1:30pm

Lunch/Meetings | Attendees Lunch | CCBHC; Training & Development; MarComms Meeting (*Invitation Only*)

1:30pm - 3:00pm

- #200 🇨🇱 | A Perfect Storm: Why Trauma, Neuroscience, and Attachment are Fundamental Elements for Understanding the Science of Addiction | *Meredith Buschart & Anne Hellstrom*
- #201 🇨🇱 🇪🇺 | Gettin' By: How Poverty Changes the Brain, Which Changes Everything | *Linda Riddell*
- #202 🇨🇱 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | From the Capitol to the Community: Budget and Policy Updates for 2026 | *Frank Cornelia; Veronica Bell; Karen Wick; Gil Romero*
- #203 🇨🇱 🇪🇺 | Reimagining Youth Crisis Care: Key Takeaways from Implementation of the Youth Crisis Resolution Team in Weld County | *Zhaelin Cruz; Natoshia Murray; Samantha Santy; Lyza Verosky*
- #204 🇪🇺 🇨🇱 | Psychological Safety Is a Behavior: Leadership Skills That Reduce Workplace Strain | *Kat Atwell*
- #205 🇪🇩 | Division of Fire and Prevention and the World of BHE's | *Peter Anderson & Craig Montoya*
- #206 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | Safety Net Merger Experiences: From Concept to Reality in a Changing Environment | *Jania Arnoldi & Simon Smith*

3:00pm - 3:30pm

Coffee Break | Visit the Exhibits & Sponsors in the Colorado Ballroom

3:30pm - 5:00pm

- #300 🇨🇱 | Meeting the Moment: A State Perspective on Youth & Family Systems of Care | *Stephanie Beasley & Gretchen Hammer*
- #301 🇨🇱 🇪🇺 | Side-by-Side: A Blueprint for Seamless CMHC and School Integration in Times of Crisis | *Mary Alex Dill & Alison Harris*
- #302 🇨🇱 🇪🇺 | Scaling Dyadic Solutions: A Roadmap for Sustainable Family Interventions in Colorado | *Melissa Buchhol; Anna Neal; Julia Roguski; Jennifer Sommer Sheppard*
- #303 🇨🇱 | Technology, Social Media, and Antisocial Behavior in High-Risk Youth: Strategies to Strengthen Caregiver Control and Reduce Risk | *Dana Garofalini & Suzanne Kerns*
- #304 🇨🇱 🇪🇺 | SMI Barriers and Transitions: Collaboration Overcoming Complexity | *Owen Love & Bonnie Wright*
- #305 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | Advancing Quality Through Measurement-Based Care: A Real-World Implementation Journey | *Cathie McLean & Harry Williams*
- #306 🇨🇱 | The Transformative Impact of Peer Support on Reducing Suicidality | *Megan Bettenberg & Marchell Taylor*



5:15pm - 6:30pm

Networking Reception 🇨🇱 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | **For all attendees** | (*Colorado Ballroom*) | **Sponsored by Mile High Behavioral Healthcare**

Friday | October 2, 2026

8:45am - 10:30am

Keynote & Golden Abacus/Golden Lightbulb Awards & Behavioral Health Legislative Champion Awards | 🇨🇱 🇪🇩 🇪🇺
Adaptive Leadership in Complex & Uncertain Times: The Power of Mindset & Resilience | *Amer Kaissi, PhD*

10:30am - 11:00am

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11:00am - 12:00pm

- #400 🇨🇱 🇪🇺 | Psychological Safety Is a Behavior: Leadership Skills That Reduce Workplace Strain | *Jennifer Holcomb & Meghan Morrissey*
- #401 🇨🇱 🇪🇺 | Universal Adoption of Outcome Tools | *Lindsay Gries*
- #402 🇨🇱 🇪🇺 | Embracing AI in Clinical Training: One Counseling Program's Approach to Using AI for Good in Clinical Skill Development | *Liz Catbagan; Britt Feia; Jane Flournoy; Benjamin Keller*
- #403 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | Fulfilling a Century-Old Promise: The Integration of Housing and Behavioral Healthcare | *Evan Caster & Tyler Jaeckel*
- #404 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | Community Engagement from Assessment to Presence | *Biko Bloom-Fisher*
- #405 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | Promoting Parity Through Data: What Transparency in Coverage Means for Colorado Behavioral Health Providers | *Mindy Klowden*

12:00pm - 1:30pm

Lunch/Meetings | Attendees | Deputy Directors; CBHC Member CFOs; CCBHC Meeting (*Invitation Only*)

12:00pm - 12:30pm

CBHC & Membership Org Board Members Only Half-day Events | (*Imperial Ballroom*)

12:30pm - 1:30pm

- 🇪🇩 | **Annual CBHC Board Meeting**
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1:30pm - 3:00pm

- #500 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | Operationalizing Colorado for ALL: A Unified Approach to Behavioral Health Access | *Meghan Shelton*
- #501 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | From AI Chaos to Trust: Enterprise Governance for Colorado Behavioral Health Innovation | *Brandon Ward*
- #502 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | When Reform Meets Reality: Practical Lessons from Colorado's Behavioral Health Overhaul | *Gina Lasky; Shannon Breitzman; Angie Bergefurd*
- #503 🇪🇩 🇨🇱 | Colorado System of Care: Where Are We Now? | *Stacey Davis; Perry May; Mary Kay Meintzer*
- #504 🇨🇱 | Leading the Way Home: Integrated Health Services and Wraparound Supports for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness | *Dr. Anna Shapiro; Amanda Smith; Roberta Sturgeon; Allison Ulness*
- #505 🇨🇱 | Embracing the Shift: Tools for Reducing Tension and Increasing Performance Across Four Generations | *Kathryn Cronin Miller*

1:30pm - 3:00pm

#506 🇪🇩 | **CBHC & Membership Org Board Members Only Session** | (*Imperial Ballroom*)
Federal Policy in Motion: HR1, Medicaid Budget Pressures & Work Requirements in Colorado's Behavioral Health System

3:00pm - 3:30pm

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3:00pm - 3:30pm

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3:30pm - 4:30pm

- #600 🇪🇩 | CCBHC and PPS in Practice: A Colorado Perspective | *Steven Ihde & Melissa Eddleman*
- #601 🇪🇩 | The AI Shift: How Clients Find Care Now | *Timothy Zercher*
- #602 🇪🇩 🇨🇱 | Do as I Say, Not as I Do? Applying Behavioral Health's Expertise to Support the Workforce | *Cheri Skelding & Brandon Wilcox*
- #603 🇨🇱 | Microdosing Psychedelics in Clinical Practice: A Holistic Framework for Mental Health Integration | *Jessica Eden*
- #604 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | Beyond Alignment: Practical Strategies for Behavioral Health-Public Health Collaboration | *Shannon Breitzman; Robyn Odendahl; Margot Swift*
- #605 🇪🇩 🇨🇱 | Everything Under One Roof: A Practical Model for Integrated Behavioral Health That Improves Access, Outcomes, and Sustainability | *Allison Pokrzywa & Briana Tillman*

3:30pm - 4:30pm

🇪🇩 | **CBHC & Membership Org Board Members Only Reception** | (*Imperial Ballroom*)

Saturday | October 3, 2026

8:00am - 11:00am

(15-minute break)

- #700 🇪🇩 🇨🇱 | ALIGN to Thrive: A Human-centered, Measurable Approach to Change for Behavioral Health Teams | *Steven Haden*
- #701 🇨🇱 | Trauma, Oppression, and Audism: Clinical Implications for Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities | *Paula DuPont & Marja Possner*
- #702 🇪🇩 🇪🇺 | From Badge to Behavioral Health: Building Colorado's Crisis Response System in Real Time | *Gordon Coombes*

Registration Now Open | Go to: www.cbhc.org/conference | Full conference program available: June 15 | Hotel Link: [Beaver Run](#)

\$60 | #1 Pre-Conference | (*Wed Only*) | **Behavioral Health Trainings Workshop | Building the Future of Prevention, Education, and Community Impact**

\$170 | #2 Pre-Conference | (*Wed Only*) | **Meeting the Moment With AI: A Practical Playbook for Behavioral Health Leaders and Clinicians**

(*Wednesday workshops include all day training session, breakfast, lunch & coffee breaks*)

\$500 | Full Conference | (*Thur, Fri & Sat*) | **Full Conference** (*Includes Thursday, Friday, Saturday sessions, networking reception, breakfasts, lunches & coffee breaks*)

\$560 | #1 PreCon + Full Conference | (*Wed, Thur, Fri & Sat*) | (*Includes Wednesday workshop, and full conference sessions, networking reception, breakfasts, lunches & coffee breaks*)

\$670 | #2 PreCon + Full Conference | (*Wed, Thur, Fri & Sat*) | (*Includes Wednesday workshop, and full conference sessions, networking reception, breakfasts, lunches & coffee breaks*)

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