

Community Health Implementation Strategies
 Annual Joint Progress Report for
 Children’s Hospital Colorado, **Anschutz Campus & South Campus**
 Time Period: July 2023-June 2024

Overview

For our 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment, we took a holistic approach to addressing child mental health, which is our primary priority need identified in our needs assessment for Anschutz and South Campuses. Our approach focuses on four goals:

1. Improve mental health awareness and reduce the risk of suicide
2. Improve systems of care and access to mental health services
3. Promote protective factors and reduce risk factors for mental health conditions
4. Promote community voices and engagement to inform, advise and shape mental health priorities and systems of care

Priority Area: Mental Health

Goal 1: Improve mental health awareness and reduce the risk of suicide

Strategy	Status
Partners for Children’s Mental Health (PCMH) will train trusted adults to meet child and youth mental health needs and provide implementation support in schools, clinical settings, and communities. PCMH plans to expand trainings, including the diversity of trainees and regions served.	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 573 professionals have received Pediatric Mental Health Institute training including 925 contact hours • 268 community members have been trained including 268 contact hours • 127 providers have implemented formal suicide screenings • 49 Colorado counties have been reached • 5 school districts engaged • School trainees showed improvement from baseline with an average of 2.1 to 3.6 in improvement in knowledge following the training • Clinic trainees showed improvement from baseline with an average of 2.6 to 3.9 in improvement in knowledge following the training <p>Complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of trained clinics have implemented suicide screening into their workflow
Screen for suicide ideation and depression in various clinical settings	Complete

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot screening for both depression and suicide ideation started in summer 2023 and the full hospital system go-live was in August 2023 • Suicide and depression screening rate was 73.0% (Anschutz and South)
<p>Pediatric Mental Health Institute (PMHI) Speakers Bureau (SB) and Community and Corporate Relations (CCR) will educate and raise awareness of child mental health needs, resources and supports, and skill building</p>	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63,469 Pediatric Mental Health Institute Department pageviews (Colorado users) • 6,632 mental health pageviews (Colorado users) • 331 media stories about youth mental health featuring Children’s Colorado experts • 123 attendees at community presentation • 9 CME and 4 non-CME presentations related to mental health • 6 NewsNow articles related to mental health • 4 mental health-related media events • 1 community health presentation on mental health • 1 event with mental health resources distributed

Goal 2: Improve systems of care and access to mental health services

Strategy	Status
<p>Children’s Government Affairs, Medicaid Strategy and PCMH teams will advocate for and support funding, legislation, regulations, and policies that improves access to high-quality mental health services for Colorado youth</p>	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 809 advocacy letters submitted to elected officials and government agencies • 213 bills monitored • 35 coalitions participated in • 32 experts testified in public hearings • 14 amendments secured on legislation and/or regulations impacting children’s mental health • 5 coalitions built across policy priority areas • 3 media stories generated with an advocacy focus on children’s mental health • Ended legislative session with several key victories on youth mental health funding and other priorities including car seat safety legislation, housing stability and more • Annually, Children’s Colorado’s leads a Youth Mental Health Advocacy Day at the Capitol • Engaged in 2 priority policy areas. HRSN/SDoH through implementation of CO Medicaid 1115 HRSN waiver (food and housing are the focus areas). Early childhood mental health advocacy and RAE 3.0 reforms on integrated behavioral health.
<p>The Virtual Integrated Pediatric Behavioral Health</p>	<p>Discontinued</p>

<p>Program (VIPBHP) will provide mental health services and consultation through telehealth to primary care practices (PCPs) and coordinate care between PCPs and schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The implementation of this program was suspended due to shifting strategic priorities within our Pediatric Mental Health Institute
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Goal 3: Promote protective factors and reduce risk factors for mental health conditions

Strategy	Status
<p>Expand social needs screenings to inpatient settings</p>	<p>Complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The full hospital system go-live was in August 2023 Social needs screening rate was 84.0% (17,606 screens out of 20,950 inpatient admissions) of inpatient patients screened. Of those admissions, 10.3% screened positive for at least one domain: 4.8% for food, 3.8% positive for housing, 3.6% positive for utilities, 3.3% positive for transportation and 2.1% for interpersonal violence (Anschutz and South)
<p>Address social barriers to care by providing supports, education, and referrals</p>	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27,854 encounters and 15,287 families served by Community Health Navigators (Anschutz and South) 2,116 referrals to Resource Connect (Anschutz and South) 619 referrals to the Healthy Roots Food Clinic and 219 successful referrals (Anschutz and South) 576 car seat education materials distributed/presentations (Anschutz and South) 390 car seats distributed (Anschutz and South) 78 proof of education checklists for Safe Sleep participants (Anschutz and South) 78 liability forms filled out for Safe Sleep participants (Anschutz and South) The Healthy Roots Food Clinic went live in Epic to be able to schedule appointments and send reminders in June 2024
<p>Create a culturally responsive, equitable, and inclusive environment by training, mentorship, and workforce development with staff and community members</p>	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 76 education events/opportunities sponsored within the organization by Team Member Resource Groups 66 Children’s Hospital Colorado policies and procedures consultations with the Experience Different teams 50 team members trained as Captains of Inclusion with 7 cohorts graduated

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Black Health Initiative simulation training courses offered (Anschutz and South) • 24 healthcare providers trained in the Black Health Initiative simulation training courses offered (Anschutz and South) • 21 community advocates represented in the Black Health Initiative simulation training courses offered (Anschutz and South) • 3 community partners/groups represented in the Black Health Initiative simulation training courses offered (Anschutz and South) • 4 referrals to the Kindred Mamas program (Anschutz and South) • 1 participant enrolled in the Kindred Mamas program (Anschutz and South) • 2 programmatic resources provided to improve healthcare access and outcomes (Anschutz and South) • Leadership diversity increased from 17.8% in 2023 to 18.2% in 2024
<p>Provide community-based asthma programs to strengthen the circle of support for patients with asthma to improve health outcomes. These programs plan to expand geographically and potentially add direct mental health support.</p>	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 171 participants in AsthmaCOMP (Anschutz and South) • 104 patients seen by asthma navigator (Anschutz and South) • 37 patients who received a home visit through Just Keep Breathing (Anschutz and South) • 98 Just Keep Breathing visits (Anschutz and South) • Just Keep Breathing provided 146 supplies to patients and made 13 connections to resources (Anschutz and South) • 11 Community Advisory Board meetings (Anschutz and South)
<p>In partnership with local schools, increase access to both behavioral health resources and clinical services in school settings.</p>	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51 students with an Individual Health Plan for behavioral health needs • 3,900 students and 22 schools served by the School-Based Dental Clinic (Anschutz and South) • 3,700 hygiene kits distributed at our School-Based Dental Clinics (Anschutz and South) • 1,024 students received oral health education at our School-Based Dental Clinics (Anschutz and South) • 949 students received an oral health screening through our School-Based Dental Clinics (Anschutz and South) • 574 dental hygiene visits to our School-Based Dental Clinics (Anschutz and South) • 127 unique users received sealants at our School-Based Dental Clinics (Anschutz and South)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 78 providers trained to provide preventive oral health services at medical visits through our School-Based Dental Clinics (Anschutz and South) <p>Complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a standardized Behavioral Health Action Plan • Development of an external webpage to share care plan templates and other school health resources
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Goal 4: Promote community voices and engagement to inform, advise, and shape mental health priorities and systems of care

Strategy	Status
<p>Develop and participate in coalitions and councils with people with lived experience, community advocates, and governmental agencies to ensure community voices shape mental health policies and systems of care</p>	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 406 Child Health Champion volunteer signups • 232 trained advocates through our Resident Advocacy Trainings • Over 43 Colorado youth applied to participate in the Youth Council on Mental Health and the council holds 22 Colorado youth • Active collaborations that include but are not limited to: Aurora Health Alliance, Aurora Public Schools, Colorado Alliance for School Health, Denver Health, Denver Public Schools, Every Child Pediatrics, Hunger Free Colorado and many others • The Family Advisory Councils at Children’s Colorado continue to play a critical role in advocating for improvements to the system of care and health outcomes for children and families; currently, there are 12 Family Advisory Councils in the Denver Metro area • Supporting partnership with the Resident Leadership Council including the Community Academies

Note: Unless otherwise noted, measures shown in this report reflect activities system-wide.