



COLORADO
Behavioral Health
Administration



Behavioral Health Administration Service Organizations (BHASOs)

Integrated Care for Women and Babies (ICWB)
CU School of Medicine



What is a BHASO?

- Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organizations(BHASOs) were established through HB22-1278 and funded by the Colorado Behavioral Health Administration (BHA).
- BHASOs contract with a network of safety-net providers that serve children, youth and adults across the continuum of care.
- BHASOs focus on expanding availability of and timely access to high quality behavioral health services, ensuring individuals can access care regardless of their location, severity of need, or ability to pay.
- Consolidates **SUD Services** (previously managed by MSOs), **Crisis and other adjacent services** (previously managed by ASOs), and **MH services** offered by what used to be known as community mental health centers.
- BHASOs launched July 1, 2025.

BHASO Contracted Provider Services

- **Crisis Services**

- Mobile Crisis Services (MCR)
- Walk-In Center (WIC)
- Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)
- Crisis Respite

- **MH Outpatient**

- **SUD Outpatient**

- **High Intensity BH Services**

- IOP (MH, SUD, Co-Occurring)
- PHP (MH, SUD, Co-Occurring)
- YPSS
- ACT
- CO-SOC

State Opioid Response Services

- CRAFT
- MAT
- Mobile Health Units
- Recovery Living Communities
- Recovery Support Services
- Harm Reduction Supplies

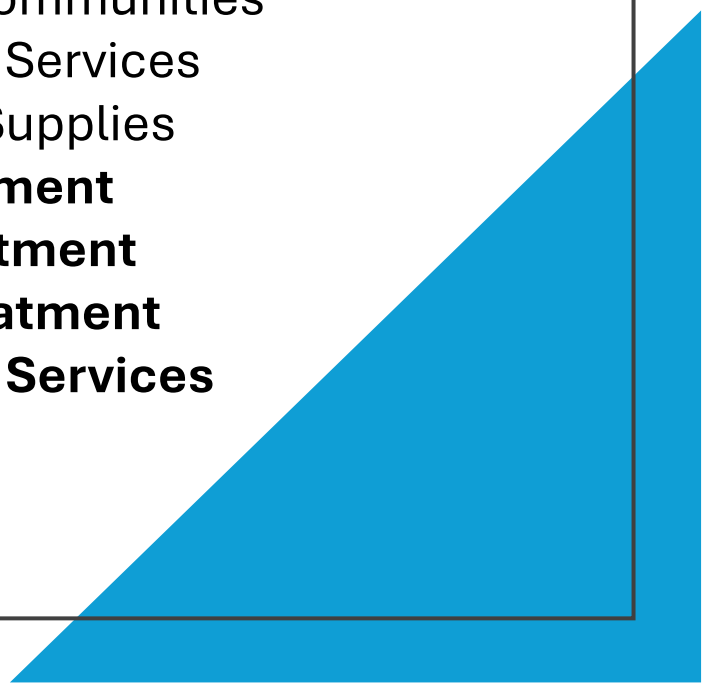
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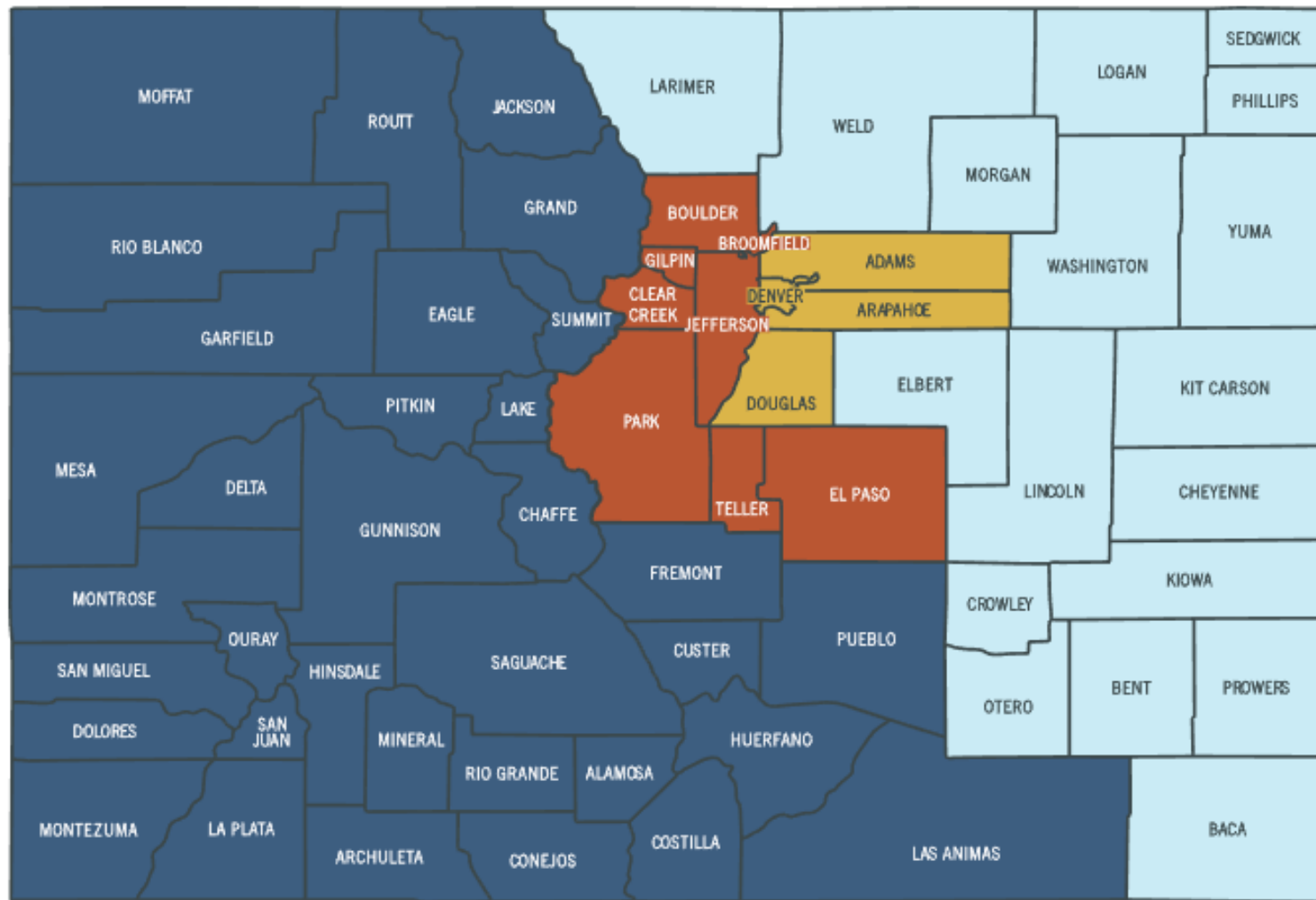
MH Residential Treatment

SUD Residential Treatment

Women's Treatment Services

STIRT





BHASO Regions

Priority Populations

Federal Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, & Recovery Services (SUPTSR) Block Grant

1. Pregnant and using drugs by injection
2. Pregnant
3. Persons using drugs by injection
4. Women with dependent children
5. Persons who are involuntarily committed to substance use disorder treatment

State Statutory Priority Populations - C.R.S. 27-50-101(17)

- Uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid-eligible, publicly insured, or whose income is below thresholds established by the BHA, which is 300% below the Federal Poverty Line; **AND**
- Presenting with acute or chronic behavioral health needs, including but not limited to individuals who have been determined incompetent to stand trial, adults with serious mental illness, and children and youth with serious emotional disturbance.

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Underserved Populations C.R.S. 27-50-101(17)(b)

- People experiencing or at risk of homelessness;
- Children and youth at-risk-of out-of-home placement and their parents/guardians;
- People involved with the criminal or juvenile justice system;
- People of Color;
- American Indians;
- Alaska Natives;
- Veterans;
- People who are pregnant;
- People who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer or questioning; and
- Individuals with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Care Coordination Tiers

The BHASO shall deliver care coordination services within a three-tiered model based on Individual acuity.

Individuals may move in and out of tiers based on clinical assessment and in line with needs and preferences.

Tier 1: Care Navigation

- Brief screening of care needs and short-term assistance connecting to services, supports and/or existing insurance provider for up to 30 days.

Tier 2: Care Coordination

- Ongoing, individualized care planning in collaboration with the individual for complex behavioral health needs and social determinants of health

Tier 3: Care Management

- Intensive support from a clinical team with a more robust individualized service plan driven by the individual. Intended for individuals with high-utilization of crisis services and/or bed-based levels of behavioral health care.

Care Navigation Line

Available to anyone living in Colorado, Call your regional care navigation line accessible Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Rocky Mountain Health Plans

- Phone: 855-830-1562
- Email: bhaso.carecoordination@uhc.com
- Website: <https://www.rmhp.org/programs/bhaso/>

Signal Behavioral Health Network

- Phone: 888-607-4462
- Email: findcare@signalbhn.org
- Website: <https://signalbhn.org/find-care/>

Care Coordinators can:

- Help connect you with behavioral health resources and treatment options including Colorado LIFTS and safety net providers
- Provide referrals for services and supports related to social determinates of health
- For Medicaid or private insurance holders, they can connect you with your Regional Accountability Entity (RAE) or the entity best equipped to provide support
- Support diverse populations including individuals in rural communities and non-English speakers



Specialized Care Coordination Services

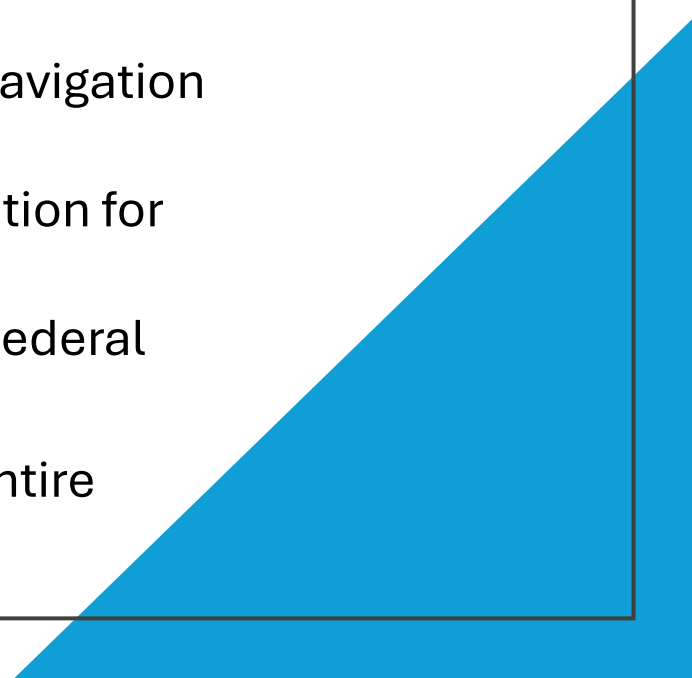
The Children and Youth Mental Health Treatment Act ([CYMHTA](#))

- A **voluntary** program which allows families to access mental health treatment services for their child or youth
- Basic eligibility includes:
 - Youth at risk of out-of-home placement due to unmet behavioral health needs
 - Cannot be Medicaid eligible
 - Cannot have an active Dependency and Neglect (D&N) with DHS child welfare office
 - No other appropriate funding source available such as private insurance

Individuals on an Involuntary Commitment (IC) due to their substance use disorder

- BHA holds legal custody
- BHASO provides care coordination

RAE vs. BHASO

- Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs) manage Colorado's Medicaid system and administer a managed (outcome-based) approach for behavioral health services.
 - RAE regions align with the BHASO regions
 - Medicaid members primarily receive care coordination and care navigation services through RAEs
 - However, BHASOs may still offer services and care coordination for Medicaid members for services that are not covered
 - This role may expand as we see the continued reduction in Federal Medicaid coverage
 - BHASOs focus on building a comprehensive care system for the entire Colorado population
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Funding & Safety Network

- It is not an entitlement program or insurance-type plan. Funding is **not** tied to the individual
- Funding is allocated to providers to offer **specific** mental health, crisis, or substance use services to priority populations
 - Providers assess for individual eligibility for BHASO funded services and educated on how to invoice through the BHASO
- Availability of services varies by community and BHA funding in a given year
- Ownpath Care Directory lists behavioral health providers that are licensed by BHA, but **not all** of them receive funding from the state.
- **To identify a Colorado LIFTS or safety net provider you can verify their status with the Care Navigation line.**

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