



# THE PROGRESS REPORT

The Colorado Health Foundation's newsletter provides updates highlighting programs, policy issues and events related to our mission to improve the health of Coloradans.

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## Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger Steering Committee Begins Work



We know that food insecurity, a condition where individuals or families lack access to sufficient food because of limited resources, is a pressing issue for thousands of Colorado families. Hunger is strongly linked with poor health outcomes and higher health care costs and utilization. Additionally, hunger is connected with poor educational outcomes and limited

school readiness in children. For seniors, it [dramatically impacts self-sufficiency and well-being](#). Read a [recently published executive summary](#) of a scan of food insecurity in Colorado, which includes details and recommendations.

The good news is we also know that hunger in Colorado is a solvable problem. We recognize that Colorado consistently ranks lower than other states when it comes to enrollment of individuals and families who are eligible to participate in federal food assistance programs. Because ongoing policy and practice issues continue to hamper efforts at the local and state level, a group of leaders has come together to develop a Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger.

Earlier this month, the steering committee began its work to develop a Blueprint to End Hunger. This Blueprint will be used to promote meaningful improvements in policy and practice to make demonstrable change for Coloradans experiencing food insecurity.

More than 30 groups are guiding the effort and dozens more are committed as engaged stakeholders. The committee has broad representation from state agency directors, county leaders, subject matter experts, health care leaders, advocacy and policy organizations, the Governor's office, Colorado foundations, community-based organizations and community members. For more information, or to engage in the conversation, contact [Alexis Weightman](#), senior public policy officer at the Foundation.



## Open Job Opportunities

We are hiring an executive assistant and a part-time administrative assistant. The positions close Thursday, Aug. 31.

[Apply or share...](#)



## Building Better Health

Register for Building Better Health, a training for Colorado's health coverage assisters, brokers and community-based organizations.

[Register...](#)



## Statement Against Hate

The violence and hate that we witnessed in Charlottesville is unacceptable. And we are speaking out about it.

[Read...](#)

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# Advocating for Impact Workshop Series



Advocacy is the act or process of influencing public policy. To help nonprofit organizations understand their opportunities to engage in various types of advocacy efforts and to have the tools to do so effectively, we are hosting a [series of workshops](#) that share insights into advocacy tactics that influence policy made across the executive, judicial and legislative branches of government.

On Aug. 9, we hosted the first of the series: Engaging Candidates for Public Office. [Watch a recording of the workshop](#). The series continues throughout the rest of the year:

- Tuesday, Sept. 12: Ballot Measure Campaigns - [register now](#)
  - Monday, Oct. 16: Executive Branch Advocacy and the Regulatory Process
  - Wednesday, Nov. 8: Legislative Advocacy and Lobbying
  - Wednesday, Dec. 6: Legal Advocacy and Strategic Litigation
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## Miss the Colorado Health Symposium? Insights Available Online



To those of you who joined us in person or online at our recent [Colorado Health Symposium](#), thank you for engaging in the conversation on health equity. We know it wasn't easy. If you missed the event, not to worry - the lessons and insights are available online. You can [watch plenary sessions and keynotes](#), view speaker presentations and [read blog recaps](#) of each day. Keep the conversation alive with us on social media using the hashtag #17CHS.

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## Foundation Names Sundari Kraft as the Recipient of the 2017 Dr. Licona Award



We honored Sundari Kraft with the 2017 [Dr. Virgilio Licona Community Health Leadership Award](#) at the [Colorado Health Symposium](#). This annual award program seeks to recognize Coloradans who are finding innovative and effective strategies to overcoming community health barriers across the state.

A grassroots organizer and activist, Sundari is working to address health barriers across Colorado communities by mobilizing and activating fellow Coloradans to engage in informed conversations with policymakers to drive important policy decisions that matter most to their health. Sundari has successfully led a grassroots movement to pass local policies that made healthy food more accessible and affordable. In addition to advocating and advancing the local food movement, she has played a critical role in efforts around childhood vaccination in Colorado. Inspired by the public policy process, she dedicated herself full-time to policy work and grassroots engagement.

[Visit our website](#) to learn more about Sundari's work in communities that is bringing health in reach for Coloradans.

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# Mark Your Calendar

[Denver Startup Week Behavioral Health Session](#)

Sept. 26

[Public Health in the Rockies](#)

Oct. 4-6

[Next Grant Deadline](#)

Oct. 15

[Prime Health Challenge](#)

Oct. 19

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