

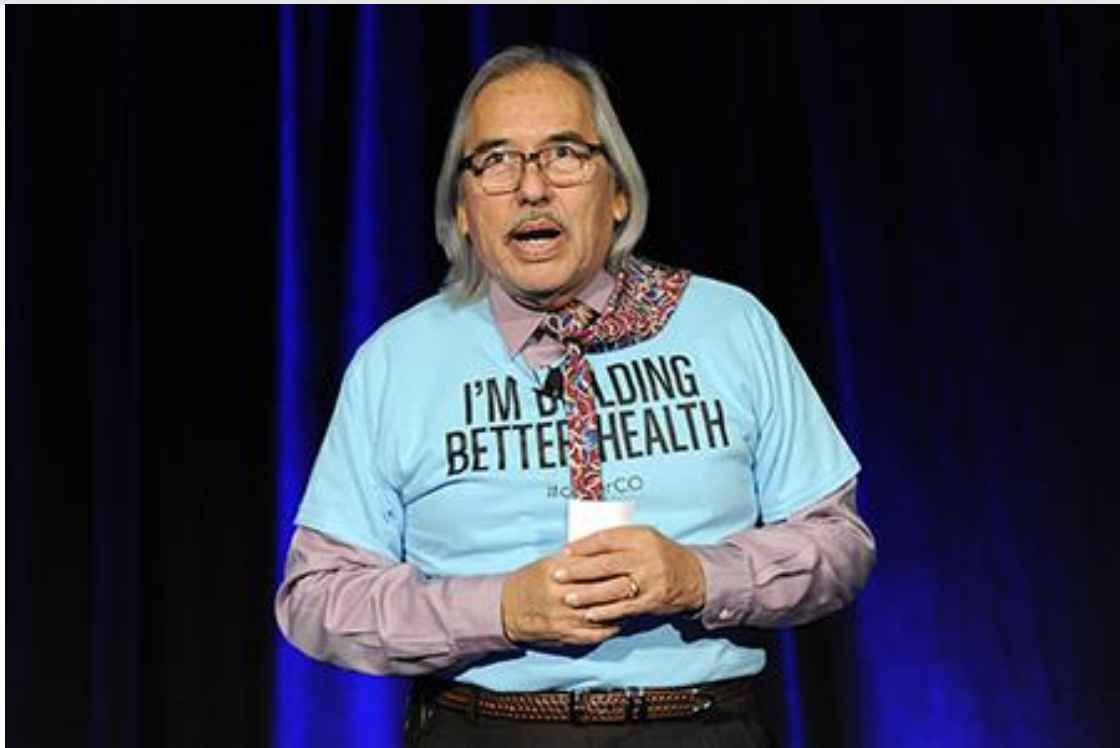


# Progress Report

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## Submit Your Nominations for the Dr. Licona Award by April 25

Do you know an impassioned Coloradan finding innovative and effective strategies to overcoming community health barriers across the state? Nominate them for the [Dr. Virgilio Licona Community Health Leadership Award by April 25.](#)

The award program seeks to honor Dr. Licona's life and legacy as an advocate for social

justice, civil rights and community health. It recognizes on-the-ground changemakers helping Colorado communities thrive today, tomorrow and in the years ahead. A strong nomination application will exhibit the following characteristics:

- Builds bridges among people with differing backgrounds or viewpoints
- Achieves positive change in their community
- Contributes to better public policies and practices in the field
- Represents a community-based organization from any field (e.g., education, health, public safety, housing, economic development, environment, etc.) that shows evidence of improving health outcomes in their community
- Creates a positive impact in the delivery of rural health and migrant health and/or the overall health of those most in need

Nominees must meet specific criteria and eligibility requirements. [Access the nomination criteria](#) and [submit your nomination](#) by midnight on Thursday, April 25. Questions? Contact [Keri Jones](#), communications officer, at 303-953-3695.



### ***Open Job Opportunity***

The Foundation is pleased to announce an [open job opportunity](#) for a Grants Manager, Data and Reporting position. Interested applicants may apply online by April 21. [Apply...](#)



### ***SNAP Comment Letter***

We recently [submitted a comment letter](#) to the U.S. Department of Agriculture regarding proposed changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). [Read...](#)



## The Importance of Accounting for All in Census Data

April 1 officially marked Census Day across the U.S. – one year from the start of the next decennial U.S. Census. Since 1790, the federal government has been required to count *every single person* living in the United States every 10 years. Not only does this determine the official population figures for our nation, it also determines how we are represented in our public institutions at the local, state and federal level and how billions of dollars of public spending are allocated across state and local communities.

At the Foundation, we believe ensuring the validity and accuracy of data derived from the Census is one of the most long-lasting actions that we can take to ensure that public and private investments are advancing equity within and across communities. To this end, we recently joined 30 other foundations and philanthropic-serving organizations to submit an *amicus curiae* brief to the U.S. Supreme Court supporting a legal challenge to the inclusion of a citizenship question on the Census. The brief is a form of legal advocacy that supports the plaintiff's case in challenging the citizenship question by describing how accurate Census data plays a direct role in informing philanthropic investments, in shaping how we engage in communities and how we work to advance our missions.

Through the [amicus brief](#), justices on the U.S. Supreme Court will learn how the Foundation and others use Census data to measure progress on health status and other

social determinants of health. They will also learn about our [locally-focused work](#), and how we use Census data to better understand demographics and how our communities are changing over time.

Learn more about the Foundation's position on the 2020 Census data [in our recent blog post](#). Questions? Contact [Jin Tsuchiya](#), public policy officer, at 303-953-3667.

## Momentum Builds for the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger



The [Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger](#), a multi-year plan to end hunger for all Coloradans, was developed by individuals and organizations from across Colorado who are either confronting hunger or impacted by it in their community.

Since its launch early last year, the Foundation has provided funding in support of the Blueprint's development, and we remain fully-committed to seeing its vision and goals become reality. The creation and stewardship of the Blueprint has been a dynamic and collaborative process. We know that in order for it to be successful, it needs to remain a well-coordinated, partner- and community-led effort.

The Foundation is pleased to share that [Trailhead Institute](#) will be serving as the program office for the Blueprint moving forward. In this role, the organization will act as a coordinating hub to ensure we all keep working together to alleviate hunger for Coloradans. Last week, the [15-member Governing Council](#) that is overseeing the Blueprint work [selected its first director](#). Erin Ulric, who currently serves as the interim director for Prevention Services at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will begin her new role in May.

In other news, we were encouraged to see the Blueprint mentioned by Gov. Polis and Lt. Gov. Primavera as an integral part of their newly-released [Roadmap for Saving Coloradans Money on Health Care](#). The Roadmap details a two-tiered approach to reducing patient costs and investing in long-term changes to improve the state's health system. We applaud the administration for acknowledging the important role that food

security and the goals of the Blueprint play in managing health and health care costs in Colorado.

By working collaboratively across the public, private and philanthropic sectors to promote access to affordable and healthy food, we can help give Colorado families the stability and support they need to have health in reach. If you are interested in more information, or would like to get involved in the implementation of the Blueprint, please email [endhunger@trailhead.institute](mailto:endhunger@trailhead.institute) or visit the [Blueprint website](#).



## The Foundation Partners with KaBOOM! to Bring Playspaces to Rural Colorado

The Foundation is teaming up with the national nonprofit [KaBOOM!](#) to advance the well-being of rural kids and communities in Colorado by building [eight state-of-the-art playspaces](#). This initiative is designed to harness innovative ideas that are generated at the local level and are reflective of community needs.

Grants are now available for organizations who serve children and young adults, including nonprofits, schools or municipal agencies. Applicants must be located in rural Colorado;

demonstrate a need for a new playspace or to replace existing equipment; have the ability to fundraise; and be able to engage up to 200 volunteers to participate in the planning and building process.

Organizations will be selected from the pool of eligible applicants. Selected organizations will then engage in an eight- to 10-week planning process during which the community will design and build a visionary playspace.

The deadline to apply directly for a KaBOOM! playspace is Monday, April 22. We encourage all interested applicants to review [eligibility guidelines](#) in full and [apply today](#).

## Mark Your Calendar

[Dr. Licon Award Nomination Applications Due](#)

April 25, 2019

[Symposium Unplugged: Innovating for Behavioral Health Care Access](#)

April 26, 2019

[Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines](#)

June 15, 2019

Oct. 15, 2019

Feb. 15, 2020

[Colorado Health Symposium](#)

July 24-26, 2019

## The Foundation in the News

[Telluride Regional Medical Center backs better access](#), *Telluride Daily Planet* (4/4)

[Meeting the needs of the community: Family Resource Center continues to grow](#), *Sterling Journal-Advocate* (3/28)

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