

The Intersection of Housing, Health and Inequity

There is no doubt that Colorado—like many states throughout the U.S.—is in the midst of a housing crisis. Having a place to call home is essential in life and centers us for good health. Home is out of reach for many Coloradans, which means health is, too. Racism, lack of opportunity and discriminatory housing policies make safe and affordable housing unattainable. This year's Colorado Health Symposium, **The Intersection of Housing, Health and Inequity**, is designed to elevate bold solutions for putting a roof over the head of every Coloradan, while paving the path to health equity.

Conference Agenda

Wednesday, July 24

Connecting Housing and Health

A stable, safe and affordable home is one of the most fundamental human needs. Yet this is not a reality for the thousands of Coloradans who face critical barriers to equitable housing. On Day One, we'll kick off the Symposium by exploring the historical relationship between housing and health, while examining systemic inequities that disproportionately impact communities of color and other marginalized groups.

- 7 – 8:30 AM **Registration** — *Shavano Foyer*
Buffet Breakfast — *Shavano and Longs Peak Foyers*
- 8:30 – 8:45 AM **Rowena Alegría**
Chief Storyteller, Office of Storytelling — Human Rights & Community Partnerships,
City and County of Denver
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- 8:45 – 9 AM **Karen McNeil-Miller**
President and CEO, Colorado Health Foundation
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- 9 – 10 AM **Alan Weil**
Editor-in-Chief, *Health Affairs*
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- Brian Rahmer**
Vice President, Health and Housing, Enterprise Community Partners
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- 10 – 10:30 AM **Mehrsa Baradaran**
Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives & Robert Cotten Alston Associate Chair in
Corporate Law, School of Law, University of Georgia
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- 10:30 – 10:45 AM **Break**
- 10:45 – 11:45 AM **The Intersection of Inequity, Economic Opportunity and Home**
 Historic inequities in our nation’s housing system have benefitted some, while marginalizing and oppressing people of color. Without equitable access to homeownership, high-opportunity neighborhoods, health care, education and quality employment, there now exist some of the sharpest disparities between the wealthy and people living on low income. This conversation centers on exploring the impact of historic housing and economic inequities, and what we can do to put a roof over the head of every Coloradan.
- Moderator: **Alan Weil**, Editor-in-Chief, *Health Affairs*
 - **Mehrsa Baradaran**, Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives & Robert Cotten Alston Associate Chair in Corporate Law, School of Law, University of Georgia
 - **Ismael Guerrero**, Executive Director, Denver Housing Authority
 - **Brigid Korce**, Program Development Director, Housing Solutions for the Southwest
 - **Matt Yglesias**, Co-founder *Vox.com*
- 11:45 AM – 12:10 PM **Alan Weil**
 Editor-in-Chief, Health Affairs
[@alanrweil](#) and [@Health_Affairs](#)
- 12:10 – 12:30 PM **2019 LICONA AWARD: Beka Warren**
- 12:30 – 1:30 PM **Lunch** — *Shavano and Longs Peak Foyers*
- 1:45 – 3:15 PM **Exchange Sessions** — *Quandary and Grays Peak Rooms*
- **Housing Justice: Using Community Organizing and Policy Strategies**
 - **Native American Housing: Needs and Opportunity**
 - **Partnering to Create Teacher Housing**
 - **Scaling the Rural Community Land Trust Model**
 - **Why Intentional Trauma-Informed Design is Crucial for Supportive Housing**
- 4:15 – 5:15 PM **African Dance** — *Gazebo, Lakeside Adventure Center*
Guided Hike — *Lakeside Adventure Center*
Yoga — *Lakeside Suite, Keystone Lodge*
- 6 – 7 PM **Opening Night Reception** — *Shavano Foyer and Terrace*
- 7 – 8 PM **“Explained: The Racial Wealth Gap” Film Screening & Fireside Chat**
 — *Castle Peak*
- Matt Yglesias**
 Co-founder, *Vox.com*
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Thursday, July 25

Healthy Communities Start with Healthy Homes

On Day 2, we explore why and how stable, affordable and safe housing is fundamental to healthy communities. Across the state, we see sharp disparities between the wealthy and people struggling to keep a roof over their heads. Without equitable access to homeownership and affordable housing, this gap will continue to divide Colorado. Today, we'll dig deep into current challenges and innovative solutions to housing-related inequities that impact our health and the overall health of our communities.

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| 7 – 7:45 AM | Yoga — <i>Lakeside Suite, Keystone Lodge</i> |
| 7 – 8:30 AM | Registration — <i>Shavano Foyer</i>
Buffet Breakfast — <i>Shavano and Longs Peak Foyers</i> |
| 7:30 – 8:15 AM | Help the Colorado Division of Housing Spend \$1 Billion in Housing Funds
— <i>Grays Peak I</i> |
| 8:30 – 8:45 AM | Janet Houser (Video Welcome)
Board Chair, Colorado Health Foundation
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Karen McNeil-Miller
President and CEO, Colorado Health Foundation
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| 8:45– 9:45 AM | Key Influencers: Media Informing Public Discourse
Housing-related issues are seeing an uptick in the news. The media plays a central role in informing the public about what happens in Colorado, particularly in the areas around housing and health. This panel explores the impact media has on the construction of public belief and attitudes, and how members of the media can create opportunities for change.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Michael Booth, Author and Health Consultant • Alycin Bektesh, Reporter, <i>Aspen Daily News</i> • Ruben Gallardo, Contributor, <i>OUT FRONT</i> • Tina Griego, Managing Editor, <i>The Colorado Independent</i> • Markian Hawryluk, Reporter, <i>Kaiser Health News</i> • Jakob Rodger, Reporter, <i>The Gazette</i> (Colorado Springs, CO) |
| 9:45 – 10 AM | Break |

- 10 – 10:30 AM **Home Equity: A Vision of Housing Security, Health and Opportunity**
- New data compiled by the Colorado Health Institute for The Colorado Trust’s Health Equity Advocacy Cohort will give the very latest view on the state of housing and health in Colorado. A presentation of the data will also include actionable policy ideas to help those most impacted by housing and health inequities in the state.
- **Emily Johnson**, Director, Colorado Health Institute
 - **Stephanie Perez-Carrillo**, Policy Analyst, Colorado Children’s Campaign; Health Equity Advocacy Cohort
- 10:30 – 11:30 AM **Stable Homes, Better Health, Stronger Communities**
- A community’s composition has a direct correlation to its health. Access to public transportation, healthy foods and quality education greatly increases a person’s health and life expectancy. Whereas blight, insufficient or unsafe housing, segregation and crime increase and propel health disparities. This conversation centers on how lives are transformed through housing and the crucial role of community groups in spurring innovative housing solutions.
- Moderator: **Maribel Cifuentes**, Portfolio Director, Colorado Health Foundation
 - **Eudelia Contreras**, Resilient Lake County Coordinator, Lake County Build a Generation; Health Equity Advocacy Cohort
 - **Aimee Cox**, CEO, Community Health Partnership
 - **Hassan Latif**, Executive Director, Second Chance Center
- 11:30 AM–12:30 PM **Lunch** — *Shavano and Longs Peak Foyers*
- 11:45 – 12:30 PM **Policy Briefing: Learn How Federal Policy is Shaping Housing, Health and the Social Safety Net** — *Grays Peak I*
- 12:30 – 1:30 PM **Matthew Desmond**
Pulitzer Prize Winner, Author and Urban Ethnographer
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- Conversation with **Amy Latham**, Vice President of Philanthropy at the Colorado Health Foundation to follow
- 1:45 – 3:15 PM **Exchange Sessions** — *Quandary and Grays Peak Rooms*
- **Building Relationships for Successful Youth Housing**
 - **Closing the Gap: Two-Generation Healthy Start Voucher**
 - **Health and Housing: Stability Through Equitable Transit-Oriented Development**
 - **Homeless to Housed: Denver Social Impact Bond**
 - **Rapid Rehousing + Care: A Unique Model to Permanent Housing Support**
 - **Understanding the Eviction Crisis: A Conversation with Matthew Desmond**

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- 6 – 8 PM **Dinner Reception** — *Shavano and Longs Foyers and Terraces*
Music by La Quinta Nota
- 8 – 10 PM **DJ & Dancing** — *Grays Peak I*

Friday, July 26

Building Momentum: Finding Common Ground and Getting Things Done

On Day Three, our final day, we'll explore the importance of listening to communities when developing sustainable solutions around housing and health. We'll also highlight how cross-sector collaboration and transformative leadership can enhance equitable housing opportunities.

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- 8:40 – 9 AM **Marsha Brown**
Storyteller
- Jen McDonald**
Storyteller
- 9 – 10:30 AM **Exchange Sessions** — *Quandary and Grays Peak Rooms*
- **Addressing Rural Needs Through Creative Affordable Housing Solutions**
 - **Community Conversations: Supporting Sound Housing Decisions**
 - **Creating Equitable Housing at the State, Community and Individual Level**
 - **Homesharing: Affordable Living for the Aging**
 - **Inequity in Housing: Reversing the Historic and Current Legacy**
 - **Overcoming NIMBY: Community-Led Solutions to Affordable Housing**
- 10:45 – 11:45 AM **Becky Margiotta**
Principal and Owner, Billions Institute
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Conversation with **Karen McNeil-Miller**, President and CEO at the Colorado Health Foundation to follow

11:45 AM – 12 PM **Closing Remarks**

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