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## **COLORADO SPRINGS PARTNERSHIP SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONWIDE ‘BUILD HEALTH CHALLENGE’**

*Two-year grant brings together community organizations to end the cycle of addiction in Colorado Springs.*

**Colorado Springs, Colo – September 12, 2017** – Community Health Partnership (CHP), a coalition of more than 25 provider organizations in southern Colorado, has been selected by a coalition of 12 funding organizations to participate in the BUILD Health Challenge, a national program that puts multi-sector community partnerships at the foundation of improving health for everyone. The Colorado Springs-specific project, Project Detour, will focus on helping women to interrupt patterns of addiction and incarceration.

Colorado Springs, through CHP, is one of 19 communities selected to participate. BUILD awards funding, capacity building support, and provides access to a national peer-learning network. The program emphasizes cross-sector collaboration among local non-profit organizations, hospitals, and public health departments to address upstream conditions that create opportunities for better health. BUILD selected CHP because of its Bold, Upstream, Integrated, Local, and Data-driven (BUILD) ideas and their commitment to improving the health of Colorado Springs residents.

CHP’s BUILD team is comprised of El Paso County Public Health, Penrose St. Francis Health Services, UC Health-Memorial Hospital, El Paso County 4th Judicial District Unified Problem Solving Court System, Peak Vista Community Health Centers, and AspenPointe.

These organizations will work together, with guidance from BUILD advisors, to identify and implement innovative solutions to community challenges. Matching funds from Penrose St. Francis Health Services combined with BUILD’s \$250,000 two-year grant, will further extend the partnership’s capacity to help Project Detour in Colorado Springs, CO.

“Every community faces its own set of challenges and opportunities when it comes to improving the health of its residents,” said Emily Yu, executive director of the BUILD Health Challenge. “With this award, we hope to catalyze the work of CHP and bring together residents and organizations from across sectors to address the root causes of health issues in Colorado Springs —and ultimately transform how we think about health in America.”

“We are excited to be awarded the BUILD Health Challenge grant. CHP is uniquely situated to bring together cross-sector collaboration in our community,” said Terri Reishus, communications manager with CHP. “Project Detour stands on the shoulders of work already underway in our community, largely in part due to CHP and our various community partners.”

BUILD seeks to create a new norm in the U.S. by addressing upstream factors affecting health. It is supported by a unique collaborative of local and national funders, which includes the Advisory Board Company, The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation, the Colorado Health Foundation, the de Beaumont Foundation, The Episcopal Health Foundation, Interact for Health, The Kresge Foundation, Mid-Iowa Health Foundation, New Jersey Health Initiatives, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Telligen Community Initiative, and The W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

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### **About Community Health Partnership (CHP)**

CHP is a member-based community coalition whose enduring mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of the Pikes Peak community through collaboration. The coalition is built on a foundation of trust and respect aligned with mutual values and goals. CHP's membership includes the largest healthcare provider organizations in Colorado Springs and the greater Pikes Peak region. CHP's Community Care of Central Colorado program—under a contract with the State of Colorado—coordinates care and delivery of services for more than 180,000 Health First Colorado Medicaid members. For more information about CHP and its programs, visit [ppchp.org](https://ppchp.org).