



**PJ Higgins**

PJ Higgins is the Project Manager, Opioid Prevention at CHP, leading the Coalition for Prevention, Addiction Education, and Recovery (CPAR). CPAR is leading efforts to build equitable access to treatment for substance use disorder, develop harm reduction programming, and provide public education to reduce stigma.

PJ is a collective impact and advocacy professional who has worked across the state of Colorado in both the public and private sectors to help build communities that support healthy and thriving lives. PJ began his career in electoral politics, successfully leading campaigns for candidates for state and local office across the Front Range and Western Slope of Colorado. He also spent time as a Legislative Aide in the Colorado House of Representatives. In 2018 PJ moved to Colorado Springs to work as the Government Affairs Manager for FoodMaven, a start-up company dedicated to eliminating food waste and eliminating hunger. PJ helped the company to navigate grant-making, regulatory requirements, and provided support for efforts to raise awareness about food waste and its environmental and social impacts.

Arriving at CHP in early 2020, PJ has helped to build CPAR's membership and continues to advance CPAR's goal of building a community that supports individuals experiencing substance use disorder and provides easily accessible treatment and wrap-around supports.