



LARIMER COUNTY

2024-2028

Community Master Plan for Behavioral Health

1. Facility Evaluation

Evaluate metrics and goals to measure successes and challenges of the new Acute Care Facility.

2. Interagency Collaboration & Alignment

Reduce silos and duplication by collaborating in new ways among county agencies and health organizations.

3. Youth Services Feasibility Study

Assess the financial feasibility, licensing requirements, workforce capacity, and community demand for acute and chronic youth behavioral health services.

4. Care Coordination

Use a new or existing centralized referral hub to strengthen care coordination and network partnerships for behavioral health and social needs.

5. Crisis Alternatives

Expand proven programs that divert people experiencing acute mental health and substance use events from jails and emergency departments.

6. Impact Fund Grants

Modify and then annually evaluate the Impact Fund's application criteria and award process and consider multi-year grant options.

7. CMP Implementation

Create an annual meeting for the Executive Sponsors and Guidance Team to assess progress on the CMP's recommendations and identify needs and roles for the year ahead.

8. Adult-Focused Programs

Expand funding opportunities to support mental health and substance use prevention and treatment programs that are tailored for adults in distinct life phases.

9. Youth Focused Programs

Improve in school- and home-based programs that offer substance use and mental health prevention and treatment services for youth, (including ages 0-5).

10. Workforce Supports

Create or invest in opportunities to expand the behavioral health workforce pipeline and offer meaningful compensation for providers.

11. Underserved Communities

Invest in community-based organizations and initiatives that serve populations with unique behavioral health needs, including rural communities, LGBTQ+ individuals, unhoused people, individuals earning low-incomes, and historically marginalized racial and ethnic groups.

12. Affordable Housing

Invest in programs that offer equitable opportunities for community members to purchase and remain in affordable homes, and work to infuse behavioral health supports in the places people live.

13. Community Connection

Reduce isolation by introducing and expanding equitable opportunities for strengthening connections and building social networks.

14. Community Awareness & Education

Evolve public awareness campaigns to further reduce stigma, build support for prevention, and demonstrate the connection between behavioral health outcomes and the social determinants of health.