



Behavioral Health Administration

Co-creating a people-first behavioral health system that meets the needs of all people in Colorado.

**SMART Act Hearing
January 19, 2024**



COLORADO
Behavioral Health
Administration

BHA Purpose

Improving access to, and quality of, affordable behavioral health services, because all people in Colorado deserve to experience whole person health.



What BHA does



System reform

Coordinate across state departments and external partners to build a behavioral health system that works for everyone.



Purchase services

Provide funding for behavioral health services for uninsured and underinsured individuals in Colorado



Regulate providers

Improve accountability and quality through licensing, designation and approval of providers.

EDI Update

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 2020 175, BHA has implemented the following efforts in accordance with its equity, diversity, and inclusion plan:

- Leveraging work of CDHS and expansive EDI group
- Working with TEP to focus on how to build EDI into everything we do within system reform



BHA Commissioner

CDHS provides back office functions for BHA



Chief Administrative and Financial Officer

Finance

Operations

Strategic Initiatives



Deputy Commissioner of Engagement

Equity - Diversity - Inclusion

Community Engagement

Communications and Marketing

Policy & External Affairs



Deputy Commissioner of Systems and Programs

Statewide Programs

Health Information Technology and Analytics

Quality & Standards

BHA's Approach to Reform



System
Design and
Foundation
Building

Implementing
System Design

Monitoring
System Assets
and Gaps

Performance Management - Results Driven Management System

RDMS is a commitment BHA has made to strengthen how we run the organization in order to fulfill our mission.





Legislative Agenda

I Matter Extension

Continue Colorado's commitment to provide free therapy session for youth

*Other priority:
High-Acuity Crisis for Children & Youth*



2024 Regulatory Agenda

Administrative Directives for the BH System

Recovery Support Services Organization
Approval Updates

Controlled Substance Licensing Updates

Updates to Licensing Behavioral Health
Entities

Updates to Safety Net Approval Rules



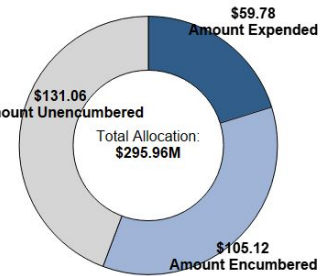


Budget Priorities

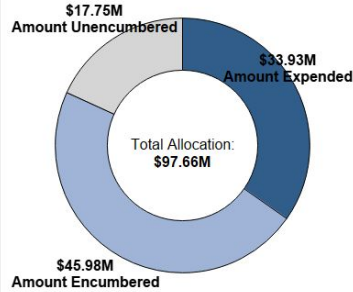


Overall Spending Status - BHA

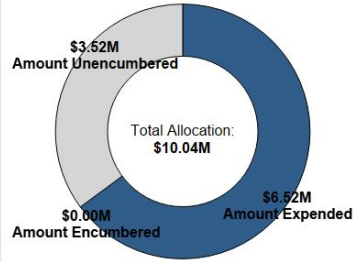
ARPA State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)



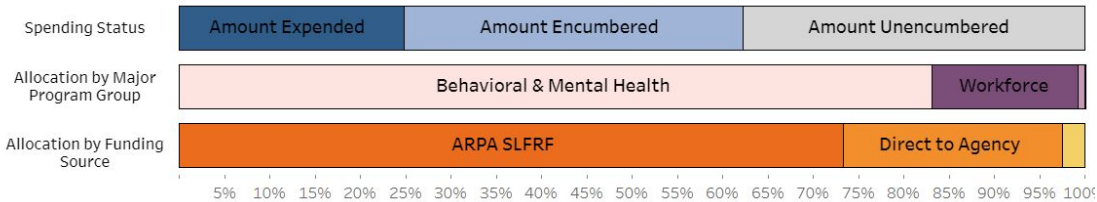
Direct to Agency Awards (DAA)



State Stimulus

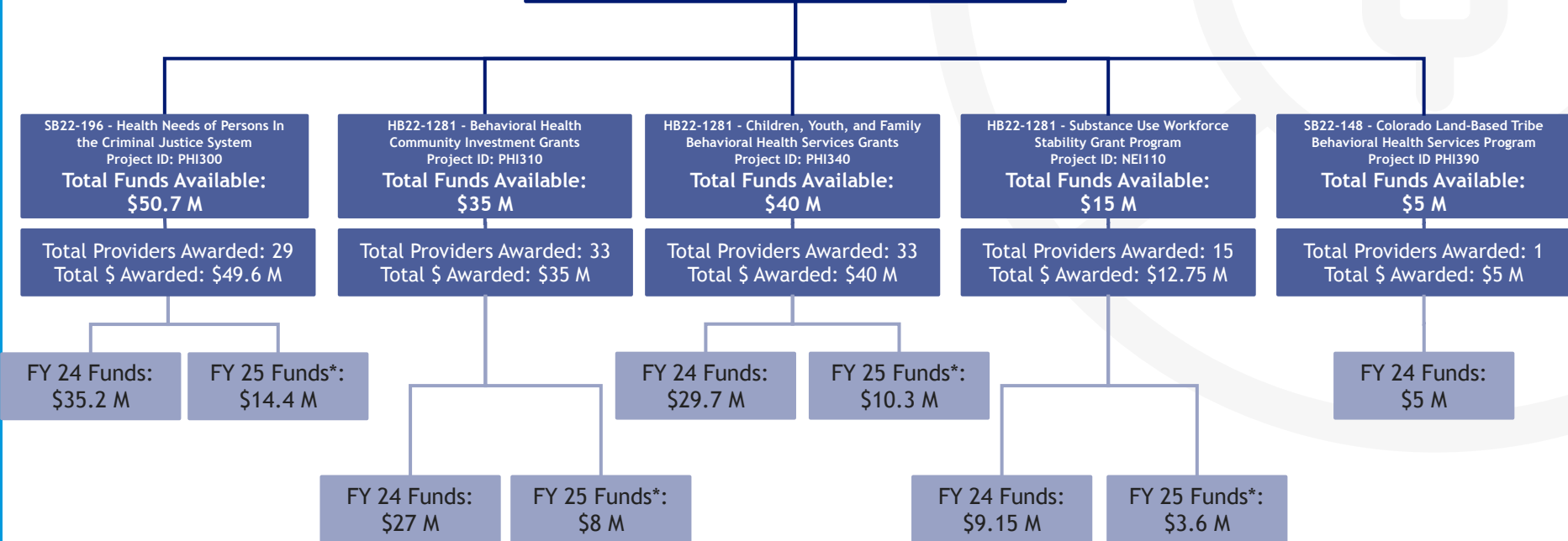


Stimulus Status



Distribution of ARPA Grant Dollars

TOTAL: \$145.7 Million



Statutory Requirements (Appendix A)



Present Behavioral Health Plan

(§ 27-50-204, C.R.S.)

Veteran Suicide Prevention Pilot

(§ 27-50-801, C.R.S.)

Crisis Response System Updates

(§ 27-60-103, C.R.S.)

Secure Transportation In the Crisis System

(§ 27-60-104, C.R.S.)

Criminal Justice Diversion Program

(§ 27-60-106.5, C.R.S.)



Statutory Requirements (2 of 3)

Workforce Development (LMS)

(§ 27-60-112, C.R.S.)

Workforce Shortage

(§ 27-60-304, C.R.S.)

Early intervention, deflection, and redirection from the criminal justice system grant program

(§ 27-60-404, C.R.S.)

Community BH Continuum Gap Grant Program

(§ 27-60-504, C.R.S.)

High Fidelity Wraparound

(§ 27-62-102, C.R.S.)



Statutory Requirements (3 of 3)

**Safety-Net System
Progress**

(§ 27-63-106, C.R.S.)

988 Crisis Hotline

(§ 27-64-105, C.R.S.)

**Transition Specialist
Program**

(§ 27-66.5-105, C.R.S.)

Medication Consistency

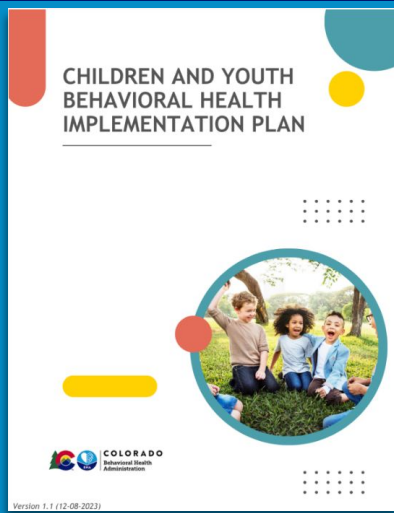
(§ 27-70-103, C.R.S.)

**Substance Use
Disorder Services**

(§ 27-80-107.5, C.R.S.)

**Increase Synthetic Opioid
Treatment**

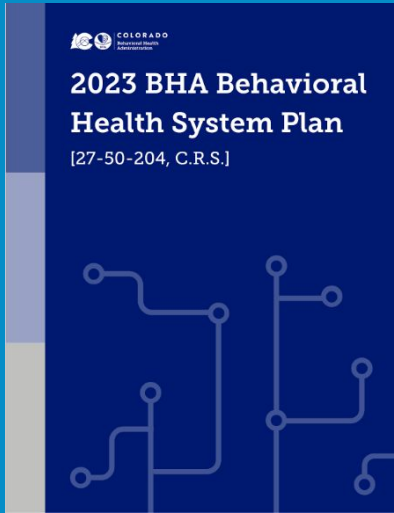
(§ 27-80-107.7, C.R.S.)



Reports + Publications

[Children and Youth Behavioral Health Implementation Plan](#)

lays out the pathway to access care for children and youth in Colorado. The State of Colorado is setting up services and supports for all children and youth and setting expectations for collaboration across state agencies, payers and providers to build a comprehensive, equitable, effective continuum of mental health and substance use services.



The [2023 Behavioral Health Plan](#) provides the annual overview of how the Behavioral Health Administration is progressing in meeting statutorily assigned initiatives. In addition to describing BHA's vision and strategy, this report addresses: system performance standards, system grievance analysis, agreements with state agencies, care coordination infrastructure and how the BHA Advisory Council is supporting behavioral health system reform.

Thank You

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