

# Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials (CALPHO)

Presentation to the Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Study Committee

#### CALPHO Background

- The Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials (CALPHO) is the professional association representing the leadership, staff, and partners of Colorado's 55 local public health agencies (LPHAs).
- We are an essential, non-profit partner working with and advocating for LPHAs. Our mission is to connect and empower local public health leaders and advocate for a strong, effective, and sustainable public health system.



## Regional & State Opioid Abatement Councils: Upstream Prevention Efforts

- Boys & Girls Clubs in Chaffee and Fremont Counties: youth facilities construction (COAC Infrastructure grants)
- Arapahoe County (Region 9) funding opportunity for summer Youth Leadership Program
- Anti-stigma communications & outreach efforts (multiple regions)



#### Communities Organizing for Prevention (formerly Communities That Care)

#### **Core Components:**





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Organized Community





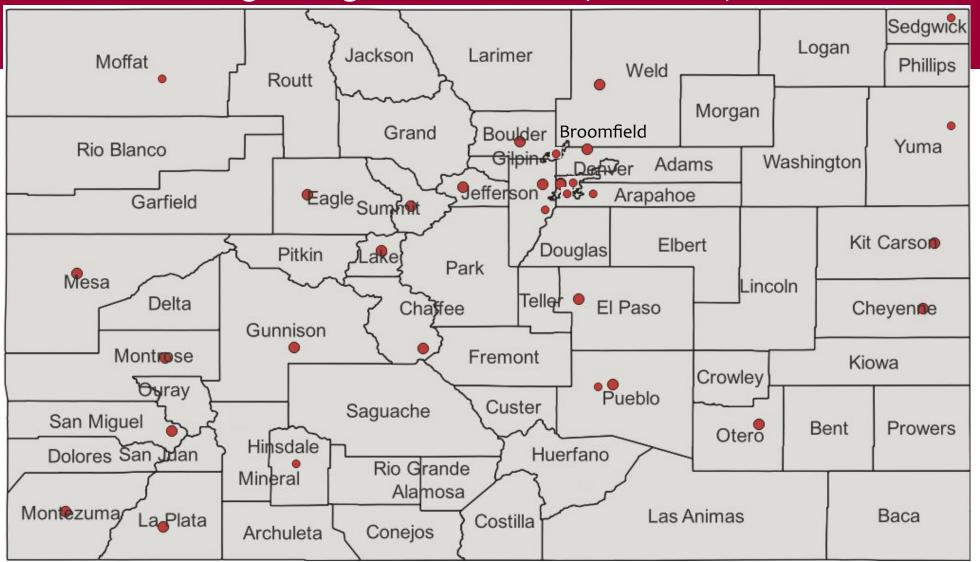




## **Upstream Change Strategies**

- Addressing Substance Availability
- Changing Norms & Perceptions of Substance Use
- Addressing Firearm Access
- Improving Educational Environments and Pro-social Impacts
- Limiting Early Initiation and Exposure to Substance Use

#### Communities Organizing for Prevention (2021-2016)- Local Mobilizer Locations



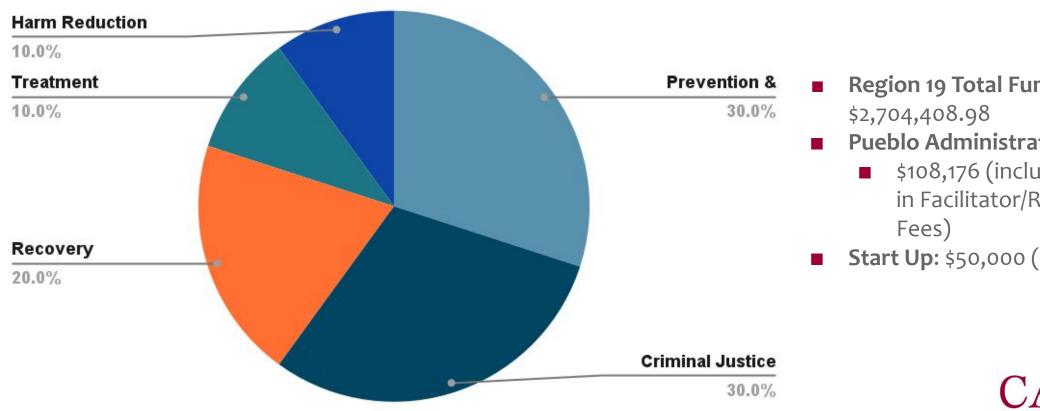
Host Organizations:

- 18 Local Public Agencies
- 11 CBOs



## Rural Perspective: Funding

## SECOR, Region 19 Total Funding



- Region 19 Total Funding:
- **Pueblo Administrative Costs: 4%** 
  - \$108,176 (includes a 36,000 in Facilitator/RFP Admin
- Start Up: \$50,000 (website)



#### Rural Perspective: Activities

#### **Services Provided**

- Naloxone nasal spray
- Fentanyl test strips
- Education
- Connection to Services
- Community Life Coalition

#### Prevention

- Prowers County Youth Council
- Social Emotional Learning Promotion
- Other Collaborations



## Rural Perspective: Challenges

- Access to care
- Broadband
- Stigma
- Funding



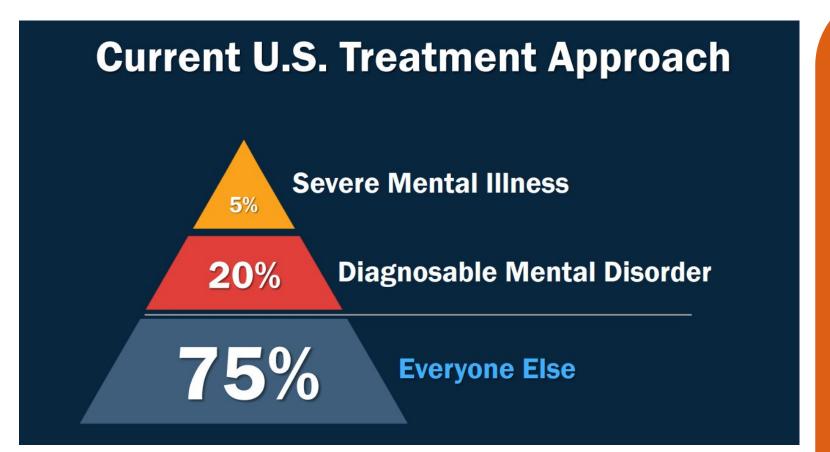
## Broomfield Opioid Settlement Overview: An Urban Perspective





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#### The Problem



Adapted from Arthur C. Evans, July 14, 2022, Pain in the Nation, American Psychological Association

#### **Broomfield Challenges:**

- Provider capacity limited access
- No intensive treatment locations in the City
- Fragmented system
- Hard to navigate the system
- Broomfield crosses multiple regions (RAES, MSOs, Judicial, School Districts)
- CO's Behavioral Health
   Transformation will take
   time

#### Opioid Settlement Overview

- 1. Region 7 Total Funding = \$4,004,356
- 2. Broomfield Public Health is the lead agency
- 3. Leveraged our Behavioral Health Improvement Plan & Coalition
- 4. Enhanced Key Strategies



#### How Opioid Funds Were Used

## **Population Health Approach**



#### **Enhanced Strategies:**

- More funding for prevention and early intervention.
- Enhanced the workforce through Ambassadors & Community Navigators.
- Funding qualified behavioral health professionals in schools.
- Increased harm reduction programming (Naloxone distribution & training)

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#### Settings

|                            | Community-Based<br>Prevention  | School-Based Prevention and Intervention   | Health<br>Communications  | Behavioral Health<br>Systems   |
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| Reduce<br>Stigma           | Community Initiated Care: Provide free access to mental health and substance use trainings  Mental Health Ambassadors: Community-based mental health stigma reduction effort  Youth For Youth: Promote positive social norming and connectedness for youth | Communities That Care: Increase extracurricular involvement for youth to improve mental wellbeing and connection | Evidence-Based Media Campaigns: Ex: Lift the Label, Forward Together, Man Therapy, Let's Talk about [it]                    | Strengthen Collaboration: Convene partners through the Broomfield Behavioral Health Coalition and increase collaboration with city departments, health systems and community organizations |
| Increase Access<br>to Care | Co-responder Program: Police Department provides individuals in crisis appropriate mental health services through trained clinicians  Overdose Prevention: Increasing naloxone availability in the community   | Funds for School-<br>Based Behavioral<br>Health Providers  | Navigation of Behavioral Health Resources: Broomfield mental health resource webpage, behavioral health transport licensing | Improve Provider Workforce: Increasing diversity of providers and current workforce retention  Court Navigator: System navigation services through the Municipal Courts                    |
| Increase                   | Communities That Care: Improve prosocial opportunities for youth to increase mental wellbeing and connection   |  | Youth For Youth: Promote positive social norming and connectedness for youth  |  |