



# CCI Winter Conference

December 3rd 2024

Commissioner Dannette R. Smith



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# On the horizon for BHA

- **Inculcating Community Conversations Feedback**
- **Joint Budget Committee Hearing - December 19th**
- **BHASO Launch Preparation - July 2025**
- **Growing the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Continuum**

# Inculcating Feedback from Community Conversations

Number of Sessions

8

Commissioner Smith and BHA Staff hosted 8 Community Conversations.

Participants

150

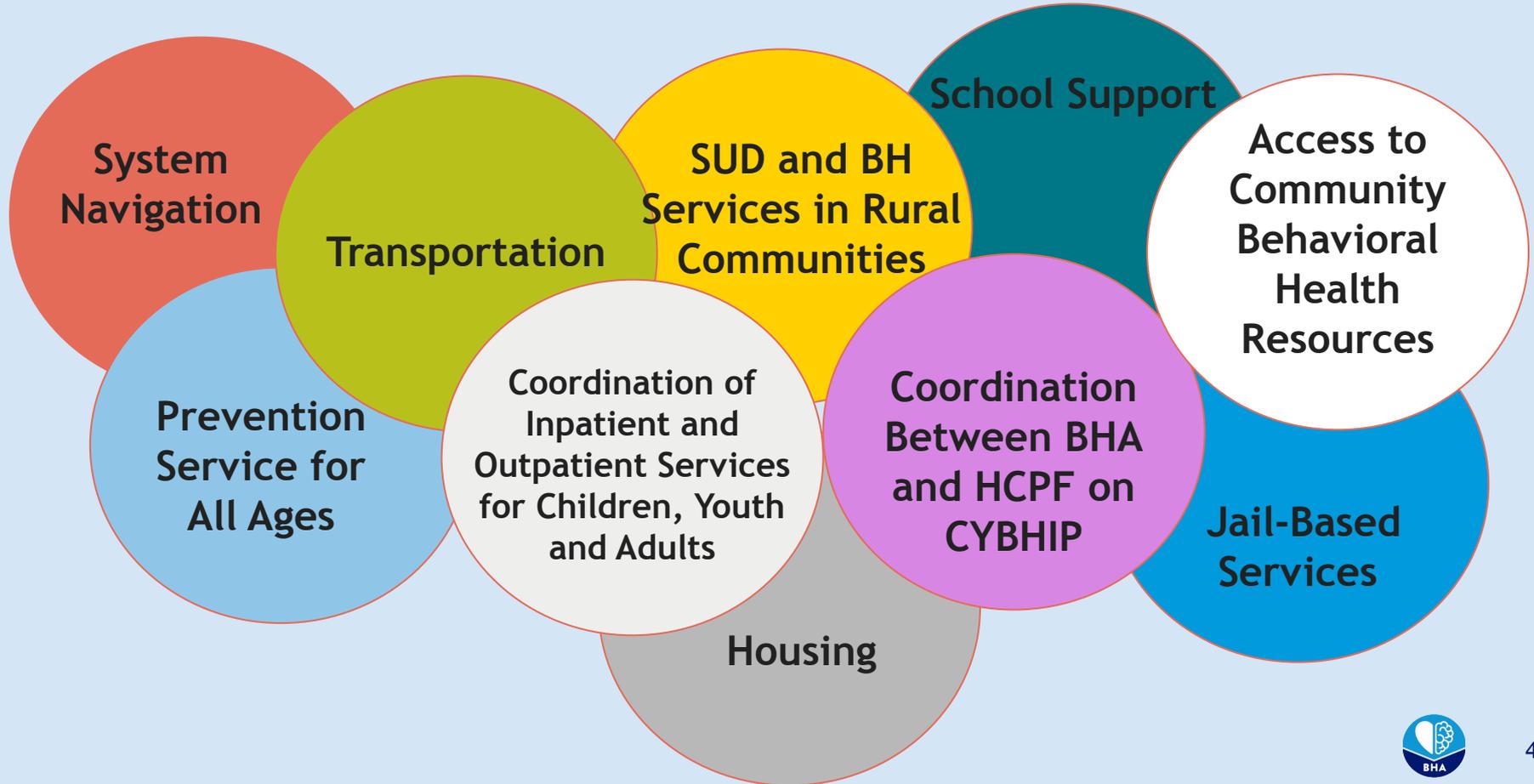
Across the Community Conversations and accompanying community visits, over 150 community members participated.

Emerging Themes

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All Across the state, 10 consistent themes emerged, which will inform BHA's future work.

# Themes We Heard - Community Conversations



# Community Conversations and BHA Engagement

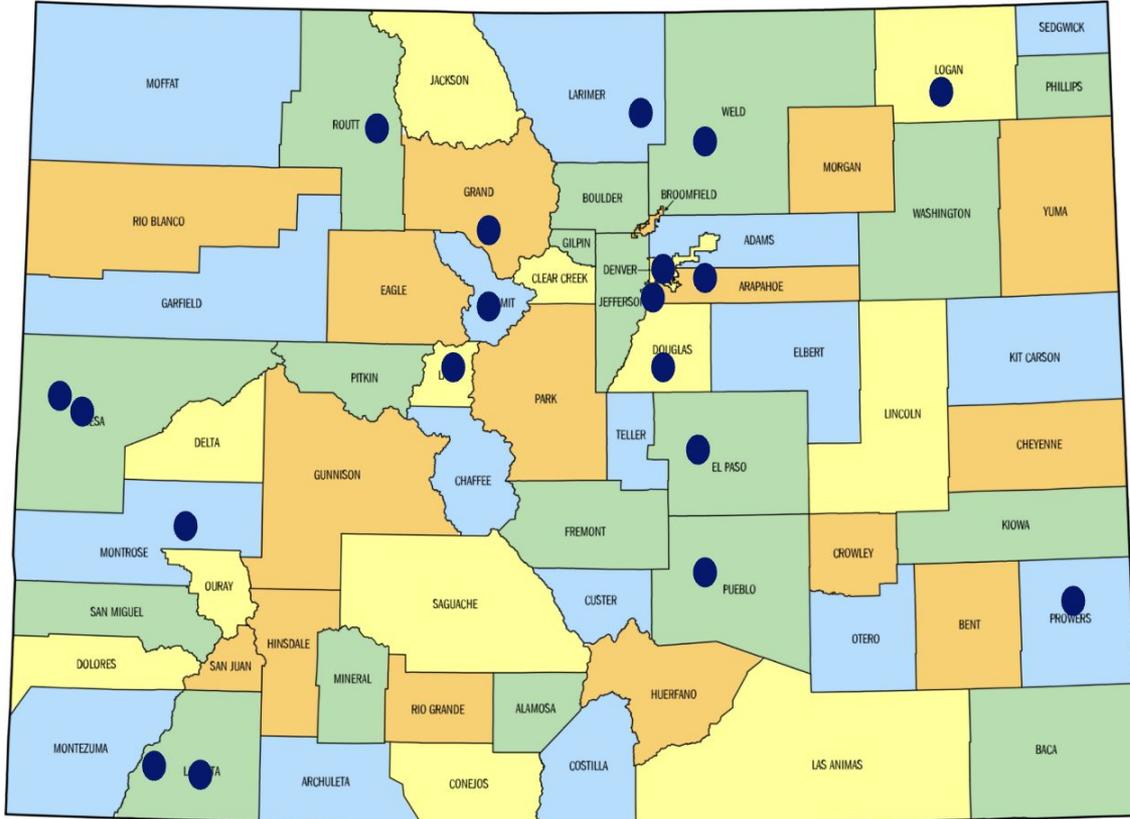
August: Pueblo

September: Denver, Grand Junction, Montrose

October: Fort Collins, Mancos, Durango, Alamosa, Greeley, Boulder

November: Steamboat, Frisco, Leadville, Pueblo, Lamar, Sterling

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# BHA FY 2026 Budget Request At a Glance

**R1**

*Increasing Access to Behavioral Health Care*

**\$3.15 Million**

- Direct Funding to Providers to Assist with Care Coordination
- Care Navigation Through BHASOs
- Supporting Provider Infrastructure

**R2**

*Advancing the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Implementation Plan*

**\$350 Thousand**

- Capacity Assessment to Determine Gaps
- Analysis to Streamline Costs
- Offset Costs Through Capacity Expansion

**R3**

*Streamlining Crisis Care*

**Net \$200 Thousand**

- Streamlined Approach to Funding Crisis Services
- Raising Awareness Through Coordinated Marketing

<b>R4</b>	<i>Alternative Funding for Behavioral Health Services</i>	<b>-\$1.6 Million</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rightsizing for Demand and Medicaid Changes</li> <li>• Maintaining Access and Quality</li> <li>• Offsetting General Fund Dollars</li> </ul>
<b>R5</b>	<i>School Mental Health Screening Savings</i>	<b>-\$775 Thousand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower Cost Program Implementation due to Vendor Efficiencies</li> </ul>
<b>R6</b>	<i>Right-Sizing I Matter</i>	<b>-\$6 Million</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining \$5 Million Appropriation</li> <li>• Continuing to Meet Need and Statutory Requirements</li> </ul>
<b>R7</b>	<i>BHE Licensing Cash Fund Spending Authority</i>	<b>Net \$420 Thousand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cover Personnel and Administrative Expenses for BHEs</li> <li>• Ensure all BHA Providers are Approved and Regulated</li> </ul>
<b>R8</b>	<i>High-Acuity Crisis for Youth and Children</i>	<b>\$3.35 Million</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correcting a Fiscal Note Error</li> <li>• Cover Anticipated Room and Board Expenses</li> </ul>

# BHASO Implementation Progression

**October 2024** - BHA announced Signal Behavioral Health and Rocky Mountain Health Plans as BHASO Contractors.

**November 2024** - BHA, Signal and RMHP hold official kick off meetings

**December 2024** - Ongoing collaboration in advance of contract execution.

**January 2025** - BHASO Contractors begin building their networks

**Spring 2025** - Executive Tour to hear from communities in advance of launch

**June 2025** - BHASO Soft Launch

**July 2025** - BHASOs are officially “online”

# Envisioning a Children and Youth Behavioral Health... Continuum

Prevention

Recovery

Inculcated System of Care

Pathways to  
Care

Intensive BH  
Services

Standards and  
Roles

Workforce  
Expansion



# Children and Youth Collaboration and Engagement Sessions

- December 5, 2024, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Community Feedback Session via Zoom
- December 6th, Tackling Barriers Interagency Meeting
- December 9th, CORE 5 Interagency Meeting
- December 13th, HCPF, RAE and County Committee Meeting
- January 9th Policy Advisory Committee Interagency Meeting
- January 16, 2024, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom



# Thank You!

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