

Aurora Health Alliance

2023 Annual Report

AHA envisions a community where all residents have an opportunity to achieve optimal health.



Our Mission:

To achieve equitable access and promote a healthier Aurora for everyone.

Aurora Health Alliance's

commitment to health equity means we strive for and promote the highest possible standard of health for all people.

To Aurora Health Alliance, health equity means everyone has a fair opportunity to be as healthy as possible, regardless of race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, language, physical and mental ability, and other core aspects of identity. It requires the dismantling of structural racism through the removal of barriers to health. It requires both improving access to the care and resources needed to thrive, along with equitable treatment once that access is gained.

Successful Changes in 2023

Aurora Health Alliance is proud of the programming changes we made for 2023. Narrowing our focus to three work groups – Access to Specialty Care, Aurora Smiles (oral health), and Unhoused, allowed us to bring more stakeholders into the groups and advance access to care for all Aurorans.

With a more focused work group structure, we were able to bring you – our members – timely and relevant webinars throughout the year.

In July, we had our first in person event since the pandemic and it could not have gone better. Aurora Health Alliance thrives in bringing key partners and communities together to have solutions focused conversations at our various forums, whether it is a networking event, quarterly meeting, webinar, or work group.

We thank our board members and affiliates for their support, none of which goes unnoticed. Thank you and we look forward to working with you to advance health access in 2024

Firearm Violence Prevention Statement

Firearm Violence is a serious and preventable public health crisis in our community. Aurora Health Alliance pledges to be informed, share resources, and promote existing firearm violence prevention efforts.



Topical Webinars

In 2023 we held **6 webinars** on timely topics:

Legislative Priorities

Children's Hospital Colorado & the Office of Governor Jared Polis.

Mental Health: Early Childhood

Child First program & Early Childhood Consultation Team, Aurora Mental Health & Recovery

Mental Health: New & Emerging Programs

Project HairCare, CU Anschutz & the Aurora Mobile Crisis Unit

Firearm Injury Prevention Part 1

University of Colorado Anschutz School of Medicine, Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative, DenverYouth Program & Department of Community & Behavioral Health & Violence Prevention

Firearm Injury Prevention Part 2

Jefferson County Moms Demand Action, & Children's Hospital Colorado

Immunizations & Medicaid Re-enrollment

Colorado Access, Arapahoe County Public Health, & Immunize Colorado

Total Attendance: 191

[Watch the Webinar Videos](#)

Quarterly Community Meetings

Our Summer QCM in July was our **first in-person event since the pandemic!** About 70 people joined us at Del Mar Park to hear from the three new county health departments.

Though our January Quarterly Community Meeting was canceled, in the remaining 3 meetings we heard about: Omni-Salud, Show & Tell, the new County Health Departments, ArapCo's Harm Reduction Program, Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning, & CU's Wellness, Opportunity, Resiliency through Health (WORTH) program.

Total Attendance: 145

[Watch the QCM Videos](#)



Access to Specialty Care Work Group

This group focuses on understanding and addressing the barriers to accessing specialty care services. In 2023 we heard from **Kaiser Permanente** about their eConsult platform in its tenth year of use and ongoing reports on the new **Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's** new eConsult platform going live in 2024. Thanks to our Chair: **Rich McLean**, AHA Board.

Total Attendance: 84

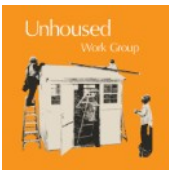
[Watch Videos of ASC Meetings](#)



Aurora Smiles Work Group

Various organizations and AHA collaborate to improve access to oral health in Aurora. We are nearly finished transcreating with **Vuela for Health** our **Guide to Low Cost Oral Care in Aurora** to produce a truly bilingual and bicultural guide to help community members navigate oral health services. The **Delta Dental Foundation of Colorado** three-year grant continues to support the Aurora Smiles work.

Total Attendance: 56



Unhoused Work Group

Our 2023 meetings convened numerous organizations to collaborate and connect to help address the health care needs of people experiencing homelessness in Aurora by understanding current access points and collecting and disseminating health care resources. We heard from **Safe Parking Colorado**, **Bridge House Ready to Work**, University of Colorado **CU Street Medicine** on their needs assessment, and an update on the **City of Aurora's** Camping Ban.

Total Attendance: 78

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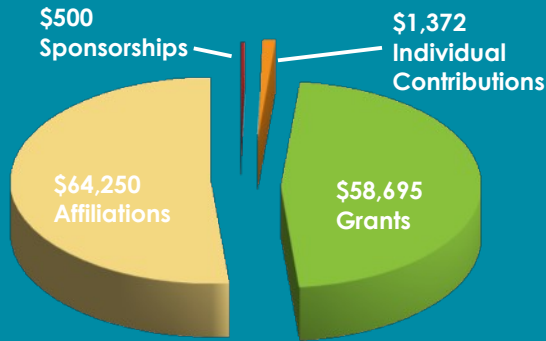
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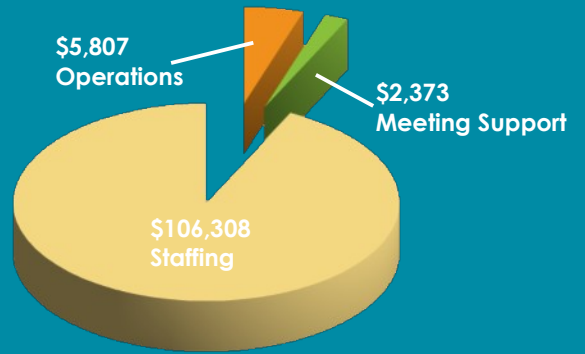
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AHA Expenses 2023

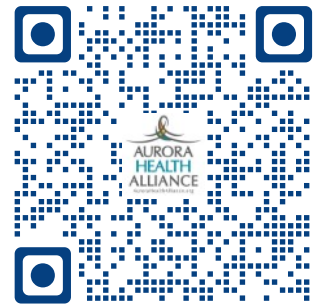


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