



Colorado Alliance
for School Health

Collaboration Plan 2022-2024



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Background

VISION

Every Colorado student is healthy, learning and thriving.

MISSION

The Colorado Alliance for School Health transforms how health care and education partners collaborate to create sustainable systems that result in health equity among all Colorado public school students.

VALUES

- Equity seeking
- Community-focused
- Innovative
- Authentically collaborative
- Committed to quality

ABOUT THE ALLIANCE

Alliance membership includes over 15 organizations in the healthcare, behavioral health, public health, and education sectors.

In 2019, the Alliance prioritized a [Call to Action](#) that includes:

- 1. Increase Staffing and Support for School Health Services.**
- 2. Ensure that Student Healthcare Services are Coordinated.**
- 3. Ensure Students are Ready to Learn by Expanding or Requiring Well-Child Visits.**

2022-2024 COLLABORATION PLAN

- In 2020, implementation of the Call to Action was placed on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Alliance organizations continued to meet and utilize their relationships to support schools and school districts during this difficult time.
- During planning sessions in June, August, and October 2022, the Alliance discussed and determined future actions and purpose over the next 2-3 years.



Collaboration Plan Goals

During the Alliance 2022 planning sessions, members completed activities and discussions, such as outlining the most effective aspects of the group and potential priorities. The following draft Goals were developed based on their input.

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Goal One-

Through June 2024, continue to engage a high functioning Alliance that supports collaboration across sectors with timely and relevant updates.

Measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Organizations represented on the Alliance● Member participation in meetings and activities● Updated documents outlining Alliance's operations (i.e., Charter)
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Review Alliance participation annually<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Determine group needs, representation, membership● Document attendance at meetings and activities via agendas● Review and update the Alliance Charter with the group and review annually● Provide onboarding resources and Alliance background to all new members

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Goal Two-

Through June 2024, ensure a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) lens is incorporated throughout the Alliance's work.

Measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Documentation of DEI expert input on efforts● Documentation of Alliance DEI Value Statements● Documentation of partnerships with new organizations with DEI expertise
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Conduct ongoing review of Alliance efforts and how a DEI lens is utilized in planning and implementation● Engage DEI experts to provide guidance and planning at least annually● Finalize and review Alliance DEI Value Statements annually● Work to expand membership and/or partnership with organizations whose work centers on DEI

Goal Three- Through June 2024, collaboratively address three identified actions and work in partnership to implement activities.

Measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Creation of action plans to address each action area ● Assignment of roles and responsibilities ● Documentation how efforts are implemented with a DEI lens
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create action plans, including a policy vs. programmatic focus for each action, and determine roles and responsibilities ● Meet with Alliance monthly to address actions and roles for organizations to support implementation of the action plan ● Review progress with members and assign roles/tasks, as appropriate, at monthly meetings

Prioritized Actions

<p><u>Call to Action #1:</u> Workforce</p>	<p>Partner with colleges, universities, and other career pathway programs to promote schools as a desirable work setting for newly trained health professionals (<i>including paraprofessionals</i>).</p>
<p><u>Call to Action #2:</u> Care Coordination</p>	<p>Support the implementation of universal behavioral health screening, including the appropriate response to identified needs (<i>e.g., connection/warm handoff to school or community resource</i>).</p>
<p>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Focus</p>	<p>Promote inclusive practices in behavioral and mental health, particularly resources and support for LGBTQIA+ youth, which show the highest rates of youth suicide and other behavioral health inequities.</p>



Next Steps and Contact

This **Collaboration Plan for the Alliance** is intended to **guide overarching work between June 2022-2024**.

Alliance members will utilize these goals as the main focus for collaborative actions.

Each year, this plan will be reviewed and activities will be updated and refined, as needed.

Through collaboration, the Alliance can work toward **every Colorado student being healthy, learning and thriving; and that equity for those who have been most impactful is centered** throughout this work.

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