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Dr. Licona Award Call for Nominations Now Open



Do you know an impassioned Coloradan finding innovative and effective strategies to overcoming community health barriers across the state? Nominate them for the [Dr. Virgilio Licona Community Health Leadership Award by April 25](#).

The award program seeks to honor Dr. Licona's life legacy as an advocate for social justice, civil rights and community health. It recognizes on-the-ground changemakers helping Colorado communities thrive. The award program is designed to:

- Advance innovative, proven and replicable solutions to critical health issues in Colorado communities
- Recognize the power of community-based leadership in driving positive health outcomes
- Recognize and acknowledge impactful efforts affecting social justice and improvement in the health delivery of communities most in need
- Inspire others to strive toward Dr. Licona's standard of excellence and to acknowledge those whose work embodies his spirit of care, compassion, activism and dedication

Watch a [short video](#) to learn more about Dr. Licona. [Access the nomination criteria](#) and [submit your nomination](#) by midnight on Wednesday, April 25. Questions? Contact Keri Jones, Colorado Health Foundation communications officer, at 303-953-3695.



Elisabeth Arenales Receives Award

Congratulations to Elisabeth Arenales on her Grantmakers in Health 2018 Andy Hyman Award for Advocacy!

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Building Healthy Places Workshops

ULI Colorado is offering one-day workshops to enhance community health and wellness through built environment.

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2018 KIDS COUNT Report Released

The Colorado Children's Campaign published its annual KIDS COUNT report tracking child well-being trends.

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Foundation Announces Carlos Martinez as New Board Member



Earlier this week, the Foundation named Carlos Martinez as the newest member of its Board of Directors. Martinez is the executive director of the Latino Community Foundation of Colorado, where he leads efforts to expand philanthropy by Latinos and support nonprofit organizations serving the Latino community in Colorado. He brings 28 years of nonprofit experience to his Board appointment, much of it in an executive position. Previously, Martinez served as CEO of GLBT Community Center of Colorado. He also is vice president of the Denver Public Library Commission.

"It is an honor to join the Board of Directors at the Colorado Health Foundation, as I am inspired by their mission to improve the health of Coloradans," Martinez said recently. "I look forward to collaborating with others on the Board to help ensure everyone in our state has the opportunity to live a healthy life."

[Learn more about Carlos Martinez.](#)

Foundation Opposes Conscience Rights in Health Care Rule



Last month, the Foundation [submitted a letter](#) to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights strongly urging them to withdraw a [proposed rule that would expand the ability to deny care or coverage](#) based on religious and moral conscience objections. If enacted, these protections could create even greater barriers for Coloradans to get the medical care they need. Access to high quality, culturally-responsive care is already a challenge, particularly for those living in areas with limited access to health providers or those who may encounter bias or discrimination in health care settings due to personal characteristics or the type of care they are seeking. Allowing a health care provider to turn people away or refuse to provide certain types of treatments will add yet another obstacle to ensuring health is in reach

for all Coloradans.

The Foundation firmly believes that health is a basic human right, and it is unacceptable for anyone to be denied health coverage or necessary health care on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, family structure or type of procedure sought. We hope the Department of Health and Human Services will withdraw this proposed rule because of the negative consequences it could have on Coloradans' ability to receive the care they need.

Mark Your Calendar

[Dr. Licon Award – Deadline for Nominations](#)

April 25, 2018

[Symposium Unplugged – Sign Up for Our Live Stream](#)

April 26, 2018

[Next Grant Application Deadline](#)

June 15, 2018

[2018 Colorado Health Symposium](#)

Aug. 1-3, 2018
