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## In Good Health

*Editor's Note: "In Good Health" is a new feature in the Progress Report offering thoughts on health from Foundation President and CEO Karen McNeil-Miller.*



Next week is a big one for me. My staff and I are hosting the annual [Colorado Health Symposium](#) and it will be my first time experiencing this event. I'm looking forward to meeting and talking with those attending in person, but there are many other Colorado residents who won't be in the Keystone Conference Center with us, which is why we are hosting a live stream for much of the event. If you won't be with us in Keystone, make sure to [join the conversation by watching the morning and keynote speakers online](#).

This event is a key moment during the year when we get to hear from and engage with people and organizations devoted to making Coloradans healthier. Every year, Foundation staff try to design an experience that promotes and provokes conversations and ideas. This year, we hope is no different.

During our recent [#HealthiestCO Statewide Listening Tour](#), we heard from community members throughout Colorado who personified and amplified an idea we talk about every day: that health is everyone's business. We all have a role to play, no matter who we are or what we do.

This year's Symposium line-up will drive the message home that health should be priority one. It will look at the heart of the matter: to better understand how communities, families and our children can prosper, thrive and live life best. We will explore how creating and exercising community can catapult a neighborhood, town, city, county and state to better health.

We know that health happens in the community. The places we live, learn, work and play are gateways to health. We intend to explore how our youngest can change the trajectory of their health and well-being – and how it connects to social barriers, economics, education and geographic location. You'll hear from speakers who represent these drivers of health, who have succeeded in galvanizing and acting on community and public will, and others who will share personal stories and experiences – from growing up in poverty to living with addiction.

I encourage you to take your conversations and engagement to the next level this year. [Join us in person or in the online discussion](#) and help us remind your community that health is everyone's business.

In Good Health,



Karen McNeil-Miller



## Join the Symposium Online

Follow the conversation on Twitter (@HealthSymposium #16CHS) and watch the Symposium live stream.

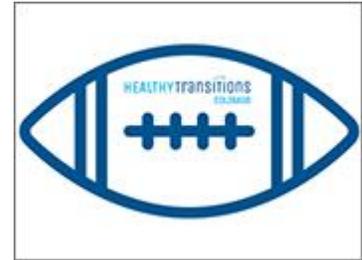
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## New KaleidosCOPE Video

To create a more positive recess for students, Morris Elementary School decided to improve their playground.

[Watch...](#)



## Tackling Payment Reform

Healthy Transitions Colorado is hosting "How Leveraging Value is Changing the Game" conference on Aug. 21-22.

[Learn...](#)

# New Funding Opportunity: Primary Care Leadership



The Colorado Health Foundation is excited to announce an upcoming funding opportunity, [Primary Care Leadership](#), within our *Health Care* outcome area. As a part of the Foundation's primary care strategy, this initiative will fund programs supporting the development of primary care clinician champions who advocate for comprehensive, person-centered care at the practice, community, state or federal level. Nonprofit organizations inside and outside of Colorado will be considered. Awarded programs must be designed with a focus on Colorado's

health care system and participants must be primary care clinicians practicing in the state. Priority will be given to programs that target clinicians serving rural and low-income communities. [Read more about this funding opportunity.](#)

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact [Tanya Weinberg](#), senior program officer at the Foundation, by Thursday, Sept. 1, indicating intent to apply.

## HCPF Launches the State's New Medicaid Program, Health First Colorado



The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) last month launched the new brand for Colorado's Medicaid Program. With its new name and logo, [Health First Colorado](#), reflects Colorado's innovative approach to health care coverage through program enhancements including new benefits, expanded eligibility to cover a greater number of Coloradans and more. The program offers more than 1 million Coloradans the

foundation for a more secure life by providing greater access to integrated health care for improved physical, mental and social well-being. Learn more about [Health First Colorado](#).

## American Society on Aging Webinars



The American Society on Aging is hosting a series of webinars to share best practices nationally for community-based organizations (CBOs) delivering long-term services and supports. Of interest, [tomorrow's webinar](#) will provide practical strategies that can enable CBOs to establish positive working relationships with physician groups, hospitals and health plans. An [Aug. 17 webinar](#) will provide methods to make a convincing business case for CBOs intent on partnering with the health care sector. View all of the available webinars through [American Society of Aging's site](#).

This work aligns with the Foundation's overall strategy to support the creation of a quality, cost-effective and person-centered [long-term services and supports system](#).

## Mark Your Calendar

### [Colorado Health Symposium](#)

July 27-29

### [C\(3\)Forum: An In-Depth Discussion on Nonprofit Advocacy, Public Policy and Community Engagement](#)

Aug. 2

### [Building Better Health 2016: Roadmap to Health](#)

Oct. 13-14

### [Next Grant Application Deadline](#)

Oct. 15

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