



# Progress Report

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## Submit Your Exchange Session Proposals for the Symposium By Tomorrow



The [2018 Colorado Health Symposium](#), hosted by the Foundation, will be held Aug. 1-3 at the Keystone Conference Center in Keystone, Colo. The Symposium, a national health conference, is a unique chance to interact with cross-sector experts and dedicated professionals who are leading the way in addressing health equity. This year's theme, Achieving Equity in Behavioral Health, focuses on the complex ecosystem of behavioral health and the role that inequity plays, from prevention to recovery. From a worsening opioid epidemic to pervasive issues with access

to care, Coloradans are facing tough barriers that keep health out of reach.

New this year, the Foundation is currently [soliciting proposals](#) for the afternoon exchange sessions during the Symposium. Sessions should address how systems, policies, innovations and advocacy can drive what attendees need in order to help Coloradans address mental health disorders, suicide, substance abuse, trauma and culturally competent care. Submitted proposals must include clear learning objectives, be relevant for attendees and offer a clear connection to the Symposium's theme of Achieving Equity in Behavioral Health. [Submit a proposal for an exchange session](#) by end of day tomorrow, March 14.

Registration for the 2018 Colorado Health Symposium will open mid-May. Questions? Please contact us by [email](#). Follow [@HealthSymposium](#) and our event hashtag #18CHS on Twitter for more.



## Apply for Symposium Fellowships

The Foundation offers several fellowship programs for individuals from Colorado to attend the Symposium.

[Apply...](#)



## Attend Symposium Unplugged

The upcoming Symposium Unplugged will focus on poverty's impact on health and takes place on April 26 in Cañon City.

[Register...](#)



## Latino Community Foundation

The Latino Community Foundation of Colorado announced it will become its own entity in 2019 and receives \$1 million gift.

[Learn...](#)

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## The Foundation Shares Our Refined Strategy



Earlier this month, the Foundation shared how our updated strategic framework is focused on strengthening bodies, minds and communities in the fight for health equity. We got specific about what is foundational to both our work and expected of the partners we seek. We call these our [cornerstones](#), which are designed to help ensure that all we do has an impact on the people, families and communities in our state who need it most, and make clear that we only engage in opportunities that:

1. Serve Coloradans who are low income and/or historically have had less power or privilege;
2. Intend to create health equity; and
3. Are informed by community and those we exist to serve.

We also shared an update on our [focus areas](#), which are now organized to:

- Maintain Healthy Bodies
  - Nurture Healthy Minds
  - Strengthen Community Health
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- Champion Health Equity

In addition, we have long-term [cross-cutting efforts](#) that span multiple priorities, so we can work deeply within a specific geographic or subject area. These long-term efforts require extended focus and investment, which means that we are careful to take on only a few of them at a time. Currently, the Foundation considers our existing Healthy Schools and new Locally-focused bodies of work as cross-cutting.

Our refined strategy keeps equity at the heart of our work, because without it, we will not achieve our vision that across Colorado each of us can say: “We have all we need to live healthy lives.” Learn more about our [focus areas](#) and [cross-cutting efforts](#).

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## Colorado Food Assistance Benefit Calculator Launches



Now available, the [Colorado Food Assistance Benefit Calculator](#) is a new tool that allows users to input their household information and calculates their estimated monthly Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit amount. The tool also includes valuable resources for users to apply for SNAP, contact their county human services office or seek additional help.

The information provided by the Food Assistance Benefit Calculator is only an estimate and not a substitute for an official determination by a county eligibility technician. However, this tool is intended to provide a useful estimate to assist clients, case managers and advocates with determining the appropriate SNAP benefit amount for recipients. [Access the new tool](#) and share this resource with your network.

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## Mark Your Calendar

[Symposium Unplugged: Poverty's Impact on Colorado's Health](#)

April 26, 2018

[Upcoming Grant Deadlines](#)

June 15, 2018

Oct. 15, 2018

[Colorado Health Symposium](#)

Aug. 1-3, 2018

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