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## Sign up to Watch the Symposium Livestream Next Week

Registration to attend the [Colorado Health Symposium](#) is **sold out**, but you can still watch the conference online for free July 24-26. Keynote speakers and panelists will be broadcast live from Keystone each morning during the conference.

Check out our [livestream agenda \(en Español\)](#) to see the lineup of presentations covering topics related to this year's theme, The Intersection of Health, Housing and Inequity. We

encourage you to [sign up for the livestream today](#) to receive a reminder to tune in as we get closer to the event. We also encourage you to follow the discussion on Twitter [@HealthSymposium](#) and share your own takeaways by tagging conference-related tweets with the hashtag [#19CHS](#).

Want to watch videos from a previous Symposium to know what to expect? Check out our playlists on our [YouTube channel](#).



### ***Arts In Society Grant Program***

Apply now for RedLine's next [Arts in Society grant program](#), supported by the Foundation and SCFD. Grants from \$10,000-50,000 are available to individuals and organizations engaged in cross-sector work through the arts.

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### ***2019 KIDS COUNT Report***

The [30th edition of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT Data Book](#) was released last month. You can find national data accessible in English or Spanish, or download your state's Kids Well-Being profile.

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## Scaling a Community Land Trust's Efforts in Rural Colorado

While attention to Colorado's deepening affordable housing crisis often focuses on urban centers such as Denver and Colorado Springs, rural communities are increasingly facing hardship as well. Individuals and families in rural communities on average experience higher, more persistent levels of poverty and have less access to affordable credit than their urban counterparts.

In response to the growing need for affordable housing in rural Colorado communities, the Foundation earlier this year approved a \$1 million investment in the [Chaffee Housing Trust](#). The investment will help the nonprofit scale its efforts to build new modular homes and purchase existing properties in Buena Vista and Salida. These homes will then be kept affordable through a [community land trust model](#).

The funds also go towards guaranteeing a newly-established \$2.5 million mortgage lending program for low-income buyers in partnership with High Country Bank. The program offers 99% financing and eliminates the need for costly private mortgage insurance. It also allows eligible homebuyers the ability to finance all closing costs and fees.

Last month, area residents joined the Chaffee Housing Trust at its Old Stage Road Rowhouses in Salida to celebrate with a community BBQ. Several of the program's first-time homeowners [shared about their journey to homeownership](#) and gave tours of their new homes. Attendees also learned about the nonprofit's planned expansion for its other partnership to provide units in a development in Buena Vista, called The Farm.

Chaffee Housing Trust will be one of many Colorado organizations participating in next week's exchange sessions at the [2019 Colorado Health Symposium on The Intersection of Health, Housing and Inequity](#).

Questions about the Foundation's investment in the Chaffee Housing Trust? Contact [Ben L. Bynum, MD](#), portfolio director of Program Related Investments, at 303-953-3673.



**Foundation Opposes Proposed "Mixed-Citizenship Status" Rule by HUD**

The Foundation recently [submitted a comment letter](#) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) opposing proposed changes to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980: Verification of Eligible Status, commonly referred to as the “mixed-citizenship status” rule.

The proposed rule would prohibit families – that include both U.S. citizens and non-citizens – from living in housing subsidized by HUD. If adopted, this regulatory change could prompt the eviction of an estimated 25,000 families from their homes across the United States. In fact, HUD’s own analysis of their proposal finds that more than 55,000 children who are U.S. citizens or who are otherwise eligible to receive housing benefits could face eviction.

At the Foundation, we believe that a safe, accessible and affordable place to call “home” is a basic human right and a key component of what it means to have good health in reach. We are greatly concerned about the impact this proposed rule will have on the overall health and well-being of immigrant communities across our state. If finalized as proposed, this regulatory change would continue to create fear and uncertainty among immigrants and their families, as well as place higher demands on local shelters and emergency assistance groups already operating at maximum capacity.

The Foundation urges HUD not to adopt this proposed rule change and instead to focus on making significant new investments in affordable housing resources across the country in ways that equitably serve the needs of individuals and families living on low income.

Questions? Contact [Sara Monge](#), public policy officer, at 303-953-3664.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

[Colorado Health Symposium](#)

July 24-26, 2019

[Next Grant Application Deadlines](#)

Oct. 15, 2019

Feb. 15, 2020

June 15, 2020

## The Foundation in the News

[Milliken school awarded \\$500,000 for playground rebuild](#), *Loveland Reporter-Herald* (7/14)

[100 community volunteers building new playground in Kit Carson](#), *Kiowa County Press* (7/12)

[Community: Housing listening forum at MCC](#), *The Fort Morgan Times* (6/27)

[Report Spotlights Challenges Facing LGBT Coloradans](#), *Public News Service* (6/24)

[Denver's Saint Joseph joins health care providers across the country in addressing affordable housing and homelessness](#), *Denverite* (6/21)

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