



2026 CBHC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Meeting the Moment for Communities

September 30 - October 3, 2026

Beaver Run Resort & Conference Center | Breckenridge, Colorado

Ci Clinical Bd Board Bu Business/Upper Management

Wednesday | September 30, 2026 | CBHC Pre-Conference Workshops

8:00am - 4:00pm	Peak 17	#1 Pre-Con Workshop Ci Bd Bu Behavioral Health Trainings: Building the Future of Prevention, Education, and Community Impact
8:00am - 4:00pm	Imperial Ballroom	#2 Pre-Con Workshop Ci Bd Bu Meeting the Moment With AI: A Practical Playbook for Behavioral Health Leaders and Clinicians Jonathan Liebert, MA

Thursday | October 1, 2026 | CBHC Conference

8:45am - 10:30am	Breckenridge Ballroom	Thursday Keynote & Mental Health First Aid Awards Ci Bd Bu Keynote Sponsored by NextGen Healthcare  nextgen. Meeting the Moment: Moving Beyond Coping to Build Resilient, Connected Communities Johnny Crowder, CRPS-Y/A
10:30am - 11:00am	Colorado Ballroom	Coffee Break Visit the Exhibits & Sponsors in the Colorado Ballroom
11:00am - 12:00pm	Peak 17 Peak 14-16 Peak 6-10 Peak 11/12 Coppertop 2 (Beaver Den) Coppertop 3 Imperial Ballroom	#100 Bd Bu Keeping Coloradans Covered: Preventing Medicaid Coverage Loss Under HR1 Liz Owens #101 Bd Bu Bypassing a Bachelor's Degree: How Alternative Admissions to an MA Degree Can Revolutionize Workforce Development Kevin Doyle, EdD, LPC LSATP & John Solomon, LPC #102 Bu Beyond Compliance: How Actionable Data Supports Sustainable Behavioral Health Care Dorota Carpenedo, MPH & Robyn Odendahl, MPA #103 Ci Ghost Asylums: When Families Become the System for Psychotic Disorders Kelly Comcowich, MA & Robin Predny, LPCC, MS, MA #104 Ci Bd Elevating the Voices of People with Lived Experience Latisha Quintana, LCSW; Jennifer Turner, MSW; Lottie Elliott, HS; Barbara Vassis; Tyler Himmelstieb #105 Ci Bu Bridging Care and Community: Food Is Medicine in Behavioral Health Mindy Klowden, MNM & Marti Macchi, DrPH, MPH, MED #106 Ci When Postpartum Risks Collide: Dyadic Considerations Around Perinatal Mental Health, Substance Use, and Intimate Partner Violence Sarah Briley, MPH, CHES; Lauren Smith, BSSW; Sonia Subudhi Warwick, MD, MPH
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Colorado Ballroom	Lunch/Meetings See Program for Locations to: CCBHC; Data & Technology (CIO); MarComms Lunch Meetings (Invitation Only) See Program for Locations
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Peak 17 Peak 14-16 Peak 6-10 Peak 11/12 Coppertop 2 Coppertop 3 Imperial Ballroom	#200 Ci A Perfect Storm: Why Trauma, Neuroscience, and Attachment are Fundamental Elements for Understanding the Science of Addiction Meredith Buschart, MSW, LCSW & Anne Hellstrom, MEd, LPC #201 Ci Bu Gettin' By: How Poverty Changes the Brain, Which Changes Everything Linda Riddell, MS #202 Bd Bu Safety Net Merger Experiences: From Concept to Reality in a Changing Environment Jania Arnoldi, DHA, MBA & Simon Smith, MHA #203 Ci Bu Reimagining Youth Crisis Care: Key Takeaways from Implementation of the Youth Crisis Resolution Team in Weld County Zhaelin Cruz, MSW; Natoshia Murray, LPCC; Samantha Santy, LCSW; Lyza Verosky, LCSW #204 Ci Bu For Everyone Who Takes Care of Everyone Else: Accessing Your Own Tools Kat Atwell #205 Bd Division of Fire and Prevention and the World of BHE's Pete Anderson, FI-III, CLSS-HC & Craig Montoya, FI-III #206 Ci Bd Bu From the Capitol to the Community: CBHC Budget and Policy Updates for 2026 Frank Cornelia, MS, LPC; Veronica Bell, MPPA; Karen Wick, MPP; Gilbert Romero, JD
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Colorado Ballroom	Coffee Break Visit the Exhibits & Sponsors in the Colorado Ballroom
3:30pm - 5:00pm	Peak 17 Peak 14-16 Peak 6-10 Peak 11/12 Coppertop 2 Coppertop 3 Imperial Ballroom	#300 Ci Bd Bu General Session HCPF & BHA Panel Meeting the Moment: A State Perspective on Youth and Family Systems of Care Stephanie Beasley, MSW, BHA Commissioner & Gretchen Hammer, HCPF Executive Director #301 Ci Bu Side-by-Side: A Blueprint for Seamless CMHC and School Integration in Times of Crisis Mary Alex Dill, LCSW & Alison Harris, PhD, LPC #302 Ci Bu Scaling Dyadic Solutions: A Roadmap for Sustainable Family Interventions in Colorado Melissa Buchholz, PsyD; Anna Marie Neal, LSW; Julia L. Roguski, MA, LPC, CAC III; Jennifer Sommer Sheppard, LCSW, IMH-E #303 Ci Technology, Social Media, and Antisocial Behavior in High-Risk Youth: Strategies to Strengthen Caregiver Control and Reduce Risk Dana Garofalini, LMHC, LPC & Cory Robbins #304 Ci Bu SMI Barriers and Transitions: Collaboration Overcoming Complexity Owen Love, MHA, MA, LPC, LAC, ACS & Bonnie Wright, MBA, MS #305 Bd Bu Advancing Quality Through Measurement-Based Care: A Real-World Implementation Journey Cathie McLean, MA, LPC, CAS & Mike Braithwaite #306 Ci The Transformative Impact of Peer Support on Reducing Suicidality Megan Bettenberg, MA, LPC & Marchell Taylor
5:15pm - 6:30pm	Colorado Ballroom	Networking Reception Ci Bd Bu (Colorado Ballroom) Sponsored by Mile High Behavioral Healthcare Bristol Myers Squibb ReliefAI Health

Friday | October 2, 2026

8:45am - 10:30am	Breckenridge Ballroom	Friday Keynote & Golden Abacus/Golden Lightbulb Awards & CBHC Behavioral Health Legislative Champion Awards Ci Bd Bu Adaptive Leadership in Complex and Uncertain Times: The Power of Mindset and Resilience Amer Kaissi, PhD
10:30am - 11:00am	Colorado Ballroom	Coffee Break Visit the Exhibits & Sponsors in the Colorado Ballroom
11:00am - 12:00pm	Peak 17 Peak 14-16 Peak 6-10 Peak 11/12 Coppertop 2 Coppertop 3	#400 Ci Bu Lessons Learned: 5 Years of Providing the Full SUD Continuum of Care Jennifer Holcomb #401 Ci Bu Universal Adoption of Outcome Tools Lindsay Gries, PsyD #402 Ci Bu Embracing AI in Clinical Training: One Counseling Program's Approach to Using AI for Good in Clinical Skill Development Jane Flournoy, PhD, LMFT, LPC, LAC; Liz Catbagan, BA; Britt Feia, BA; Benjamin Keller, BA #403 Bd Bu Fulfilling a Century-Old Promise: The Integration of Housing and Behavioral Healthcare Evan Caster & Tyler Jaeckel, JD, MPP #404 Bu Bd Community Engagement from Assessment to Presence Biko Bloom-Fisher, MS #405 Bd Bu Promoting Parity Through Data: What Transparency in Coverage Means for Colorado Behavioral Health Providers Mindy Klowden, MNM
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Colorado Ballroom	Lunch/Meetings See Program for Locations to: Deputy Directors; CBHC Member CFO/Finance & Budget Lunch Meetings (Invitation Only)
12:00pm - 12:30pm 12:30pm - 1:30pm	Imperial Ballroom	CBHC & Membership Org Board Members Only Half-Day Event (Imperial Ballroom) Bd Annual CBHC Board Meeting Bd CBHC Board Awards Ceremony & Lunch
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Peak 17 Peak 14-16 Peak 6-10 Peak 11/12 Coppertop 2 Coppertop 3	#500 Bd Bu Colorado System of Care: Where Are We Now? Stacey Davis, LCSW; Perry May; Mary Kay Meintzer, LPC, LAC, ACS; Marc Winokur, PhD; Kelli Reidford, LCSW; Jenn Conrad, LCSW; CCM; Annie Stiasny, MFT; Amanda Berger, MSW, LCSW #501 Bu Bd From AI Chaos to Trust: Enterprise Governance for Colorado Behavioral Health Innovation Brandon Ward, PsyD #502 Bd Bu When Reform Meets Reality: Practical Lessons from Colorado's Behavioral Health Overhaul Gina Lasky, PhD; Shannon Breitzman, MA; Angela Bergefurd, MPA #503 Bd Bu CANCELED Embracing the Shift: Tools for Reducing Tension and Increasing Performance Across Four Generations #504 Ci Leading the Way Home: Integrated Health Services and Wraparound Supports for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness Anna Shapiro, MD; Amanda Smith, LCSW; Roberta Sturgeon; Allison Ulness #505 Bd Ci BHA Panel Operationalizing Colorado for ALL: A Unified Approach to Behavioral Health Access Meghan Shelton, LPC; Marque Green, MS; Elizabeth "Liz" Thomas; Alyssa Hetschel, LCSW, LAC; Marc Condojani, LCSW, CAS
1:30pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 3:30pm	Imperial Ballroom	#506 Bd CBHC & Membership Org Board Members Only Session (Imperial Ballroom) Federal Policy in Motion: HR1, Medicaid Budget Pressures and Work Requirements in Colorado's Behavioral Health System Bd Panel Presentations Cristen Bates, MPH; Liz Owens; Kari Snelson, LCSW, CHC Bd Facilitated Discussion
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3:30pm - 4:30pm	Peak 17 Peak 14-16 Peak 6-10 Peak 11/12 Coppertop 2 Coppertop 3	#600 Bu CCBHC and PPS in Practice: A Colorado Perspective Melissa Eddleman, MSW, LCSW, MPA; Steven Ihde, MS, PhD; Carly Donohue-Torres #601 Bu The AI Shift: How Clients Find Care Now and What Your Team Must Change Timothy, A. Zercher, MBA #602 Bu Ci Do as I Say, Not as I Do: Applying Behavioral Health's Expertise to Support the Workforce Cheri L. Skelding, LCSW & Brandon Wilcox #603 Ci Microdosing Psychedelics in Clinical Practice: A Holistic Framework for Mental Health Integration Jessica Eden, LCSW, LAC, ADS-RT, NMIT #604 Bd Bu Beyond Alignment: Practical Strategies for Behavioral Health–Public Health Collaboration Shannon Breitzman, MA; Angela Bergefurd, MPA; Robyn Odendahl, MPA #605 Bu Ci Everything Under One Roof: Practical Lessons in Building Integrated Behavioral Health Care Allison Pokrzywa, PA-C, MPH & Briana Tillman, DO, MED
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Imperial Ballroom	Bd CBHC & Membership Org Board Members Only Reception (Imperial Ballroom)

Saturday | October 3, 2026

8:00am - 11:00am (15-minute break)	Peak 17 Coppertop 3 Imperial Ballroom	#700 Ci Bd Bu ALIGN to Thrive: A Human-Centered, Measurable Approach to Change for Behavioral Health Teams Steven Haden, MSW, MBA, CPRP #701 Ci Trauma, Oppression, and Audism: Clinical Implications for Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities Paula DuPont, LCSW & Marja Possner #702 Bd Bu From Badge to Behavioral Health: Building Colorado's Crisis Response System in Real Time Gordon R. Coombes, MA
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CBHC 2026 Annual Training Conference Links



Program



Handouts



CBHC Industry Partners



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Evaluations Drawing | Two-Night Stay at Beaver Run Resort & \$100 Visa Gift Card

Continuing Education Credits | Up to 19 CEU Credits from NASW & NAADAC!

Certificates available at the CBHC Registration Desk on the third floor foyer

Future CBHC Conference Dates

2027 | October 5 - October 8 (Tues-Fri)

2028 | October 3 - October 6 (Tues-Fri)

2029 | October 2 - October 5 (Tues-Fri)

2030 | October 1 - October 4 (Tues-Fri)

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