

## **Baby Bear Hugs, CMH receive grants**

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The Caring for Colorado Foundation recently awarded nearly \$3 million in grant funds to 62 nonprofit organizations statewide to help support access to health care for underserved populations across the state.

Two of the grants directly impact Phillips County residents.

Baby Bear Hugs, which serves Phillips, Logan, Morgan, Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma counties, received \$76,209 for their nurse-family partnership implementation. Funds will be used to implement an evidence-based nurse home visitation program in the six counties in northeastern Colorado.

Centennial Mental Health Center, which serves Cheyenne, Elbert, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma counties, was awarded \$50,000 for their Parenting with Love and Limits program in Northeast Colorado. The nonprofit will provide an evidence-based family therapy program to improve school outcomes, family functioning and to reduce interactions with the juvenile justice system.

Around the state, Caring for Colorado grants will help Coloradans obtain needed primary care, mental health and oral health services.

More than 1,600 children and adults will receive oral health care. Prenatal care will be provided to 170 low-income women. More than 4,000 individuals will benefit from the assistance of patient navigators who will help link them with care.

At least 2,100 patient visits for primary care will be provided in a single county. Transportation to medical appointments will be provided to clients via almost 4,000 rides. Mammography services will be introduced in a county in which women currently have to make a three-hour roundtrip drive to the nearest mammography facility.

A new program will be initiated to use telehealth technology to connect rural communities with

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hard-to-find mental health services including child psychiatry, Spanish-language therapists and therapists for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Six counties will expand capacity to provide mental health services to children and families.

Caring for Colorado is a health grantmaker working to increase access to health care statewide. For more information, please visit [www.caringforcolorado.org](http://www.caringforcolorado.org) .

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