Caring for Colorado funds public policy advocacy at local and state levels to support efforts that improve health, well-being and opportunity for children, youth, and families in Colorado. We prioritize work that aligns with the foundation’s Guiding Principles.

**STATEWIDE**

We fund statewide public policy advocacy efforts that:

- Improve access to high quality health care for children, youth, and families experiencing barriers to care.
- Support efforts to strengthen or expand public programs or benefits to help families prosper.

Children, youth, and families must be a core component of an organization’s advocacy agenda, and the organization must explicitly work to create or improve policies that reduce economic, racial, and gender-based inequities.

**LOCAL**

We fund local public policy advocacy efforts that:

- Respond to emergent or urgent issues, or capitalize on new opportunities to improve health, well-being, and opportunity for children, youth, and their families.

**YOUTH-LED**

We fund public policy advocacy efforts that:

- Partner with young people to identify and respond to issues that affect youth health, well-being, and opportunity.

Statewide funding supports:
- General operating
- Capacity building
- Network and coalition building
- Research and analysis
- Nonpartisan voter education
- Policy implementation, engagement, and monitoring
- Regulatory efforts
- Leadership development

Local funding supports:
- Organizing
- Campaign development
- Network and coalition building
- Research and analysis
- Polling
- Nonpartisan voter education
- Policy implementation, engagement, and monitoring

Youth-Led funding supports:
- Youth leadership development and training
- Organizing
- Network and coalition building
- Nonpartisan voter education

We do not fund political candidates or partisan activities.