

## Funding Priority: Youth Health and Well-Being



**PURPOSE:** To advance health and well-being for young people, ages 9 to 25, in Colorado who experience health inequities due to economic injustice, racism, and discrimination through strategic investments designed to support young people, strengthen families, and build youth-centered communities.

### Priority Populations

At Caring for Colorado, we work to improve health outcomes for people experiencing the greatest inequities in health, well-being, and opportunity. **Recognizing that economic injustice, racism, and discrimination are major drivers of health inequity, Youth Health and Well-Being funding opportunities prioritize:**

- Young people and families living with low incomes, defined as living below 260% of the federal poverty level, 80% Area Median Income, or TANF eligible.
- Communities of color, including individuals from various racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds not identified as white.
- Young people who identify as 2SLGBTQAI+.
- Young people who are experiencing the child welfare system.
- Young people who are being raised by grandparents or other kinship caregivers.
- Young people who are experiencing housing insecurity.
- Young people who are experiencing the juvenile justice system.
- Young people who are pregnant or parenting.
- Young people who are experiencing interpersonal or family violence or abuse.
- Newly arrived immigrants or refugees.
- Young people who are experiencing family separation and/or instability due to parent involvement in the justice or immigration system.
- Young people living with visible or invisible disabilities, including physical or intellectual disabilities or mental health conditions that create barriers to education, healthcare, or employment.

#### Priority Populations and Funding Eligibility

To advance equity in health and well-being, proposed work in the Supporting Young People and Strengthening Families focus areas can **meet eligibility requirements by explicitly centering one of Caring for Colorado's priority populations**. Explicitly centering means that at least 90% of the young people or families served identify with that population. We recognize that young people hold multiple, intersecting identities and may experience overlapping forms of inequity. **This eligibility approach is designed to ensure that resources support efforts created by and for a specific priority population.**