

Leading and Advocating for Reproductive Equity in Colorado

Efforts in Advancing and Protecting Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice

From 2021 to 2025, ReproCollab awarded \$1.8 million to 17 organizations to promote reproductive health, rights, and justice through movement building, community engagement, and policy advocacy. The Lead and Advocate for Reproductive Equity funding opportunity supported nonprofits leveraging community, regulatory, and legislative expertise to promote policy change and mobilize communities. Our goal was to use these areas of expertise to create public policies that advance reproductive equity in Colorado.

Key Outcomes

- **Movement Building:** Grantees fostered a statewide reproductive justice movement rooted in community power and intersectionality.
- **Legislative Advocacy:** Grantees secured protections for family planning access for communities historically denied opportunities to health, including young people, people who are undocumented, and people facing financial barriers to care.
- **Community Organizing:** Grantees leveraged a myriad of tools, including research and targeted messaging, to engage diverse communities around reproductive health issues, such as contraceptive care and sexual health education.

Funding Strategies

We recognize that public policy advocacy is integral to every aspect of an individual's ability to make decisions about their reproductive health. We supported organizations to lead, mobilize, and shape policy that protects and expands reproductive equity through the following strategies:

- **Coalition Building** – support for a strong and intersectional reproductive equity advocacy network.
- **Policy Implementation** – support for organizational advocates to effectively implement policy.
- **Emerging Leadership** – leadership development for nonprofits emerging as leaders for reproductive equity.



Results

- Grantee partners led the successful ballot campaign to pass **Amendment 79** in 2024, enshrining abortion access in the Colorado Constitution with 61% voter support.
- Funded organizations to mobilize young people, faith leaders, communities of color, and rural voters to support reproductive rights.
- Funded a groundbreaking survey centering Black Coloradans' experiences in accessing reproductive healthcare—insights now guiding statewide and national engagement on reproductive equity movements.
- Invested in organizations that brought young people, women, and 2SLGBTQ+ people to testify and share their stories before the Colorado State Legislature.
- Backed a strong advocacy coalition that passed legislation protecting access to family planning services and securing state funding to expand reproductive healthcare.

EXAMPLES OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Reduced surprise billing and patient cost-sharing for reproductive health services in private insurance.

SB23-189: Increasing Access to Reproductive Health Care

Shielded patients and providers from legal threats related to protected reproductive healthcare in the state.

SB23-188: Protecting Healthcare Patients, Providers, and Assistors

Required insurers and pharmacy benefit managers to reimburse for a 12-month supply of contraception.

SB23-284: Ensure 12-Month Contraception Coverage

Expanded Medicaid access to family planning services for individuals who lack documentation.

SB21-009: Contraception for Undocumented People Through Medicaid and Expanded Access to Contraceptive Care

Clarified Medicaid coverage for family planning services, ensuring cost-sharing-free STI testing and prevention, regardless of gender or visit type.

SB21-016: Ensuring Access to All Forms of Contraception Without Costs to Patients

Raised Medicaid income eligibility to \$260% of the federal poverty level for family planning services.

SB21-025: Expanded Income Eligibility for Medicaid Family Planning Services

**Total Funding by ReproCollab's Lead and Advocate for Reproductive Equity in 2021-2025:
\$1,857,500**

Funding Strategy: Coalition Building		
Organization		Total Funding
Boulder Valley Women's Health Clinic	Boulder Valley Health Center (BVHC) is a nonprofit clinic providing inclusive reproductive and sexual healthcare since 1973. With ReproCollab support, BVHC expanded access to reproductive healthcare services for people living on low incomes or facing other barriers to care.	\$20,000
Cobalt Foundation	Cobalt Foundation, a reproductive rights advocacy organization, convened a coalition of Black organizations and faith leaders to survey Black Coloradans on reproductive health attitudes. Funding supported message development for ballot campaigns, legislative efforts, and policy implementation.	\$160,000
Colorado Community Health Network	Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) represents 21 Community Health Centers, serving over one in seven Coloradans. Funding supported collaboration with partners to expand access to person-centered contraceptive care statewide.	\$20,000
Colorado Rural Health Center	Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) is the State Office of Rural Health. Funding supported rural clinics in providing contraception without cost barriers for patients lacking other access points and informed ReproCollab's Lead and Advocate strategy.	\$27,500
Colorado Safety Net Collaborative	Colorado Safety Net Collaborative (CSNC) is a network of clinics serving uninsured and underinsured patients. Funding expanded access to contraception by removing cost barriers in safety net clinics and informed ReproCollab's Lead and Advocate strategy.	\$50,000
Denver Health & Hospital Authority	Denver Health & Hospital Authority is Colorado's primary "metropolitan anchor hospital," serving a diverse population, including many uninsured and underinsured patients. Funding supported hands-on clinical training in LARC insertion/removal for community health centers and safety net clinics providers. It also helped inform ReproCollab's Lead and Advocate funding strategy.	\$100,000
Interfaith Alliance of Colorado	Interfaith Alliance of Colorado is an interfaith advocacy organization. Funding supported education and mobilization of new and experienced faith leaders on reproductive rights, gender-affirming care, and the ballot measure to repeal the public funding ban on abortion.	\$155,000
Progress Now	ProgressNow Colorado is a progressive communications organization. Funding supported outreach and education efforts around reproductive health and rights, amplifying public support for reproductive equity.	\$40,000
Soul 2 Soul Sisters	Soul 2 Soul Sisters (S2SS) advances reproductive justice for Black Women, Femmes, and Gender Expansive individuals. Funding supported digital tools, voter guides, and legislative resources to mobilize communities and expand Black-led advocacy.	\$195,000
The ACLU of Colorado	The ACLU of Colorado provides legal expertise and public education to protect reproductive rights. Funding supported the Public Education, Activism, and Know Your Rights program, which trains new leaders and develops messaging and legal strategies across the state in La Plata, Adams, and El Paso counties.	\$90,000

Funding Strategy: Policy Implementation

Organization		Total Funding
Colorado Children's Campaign	Colorado Children's Campaign leads the Family Planning Access for ALL Coloradans (FPACC) Coalition. Funding supported legislative and regulatory work to improve access and financing for family planning services.	\$140,000
Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR)	Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR) promotes reproductive freedom through advocacy, voter mobilization, and leadership programs. Funding supported education and organizing in Latinx communities around contraception, abortion access, and sexual health.	\$205,000
Elephant Circle	Elephant Circle advocates for birth and reproductive justice. Funding supported safe, neutral spaces for emerging leaders to follow legislation from passage to implementation, making policy processes more accessible.	\$175,000
New Era Colorado Foundation	New Era Colorado Foundation is a youth civic engagement organization. Funding supported youth mobilization around policy implementation, litigation, and the 2024 ballot measure to repeal the public funding ban on abortion.	\$140,000
Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains	Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains (PPRM) is a key health-care and advocacy partner. Funding supported coalition-building and efforts to translate legislative wins into expanded access to reproductive care.	\$140,000

Funding Strategy: Emerging Leadership

Organization		Total Funding
Clayton Early Learning	Clayton Early Learning advances early childhood education and family outcomes. Funding supported the Parent Ambassador Program's advocacy to stock the Clayton Care Market with free reproductive health products for families in financial crisis.	\$110,000
Voces Unidas de las Montañas	Voces Unidas de las Montañas supports rural Latina/o leaders through advocacy and training. In partnership with COLOR, funding supported the Colorado Latino Policy Agenda, shaping reproductive health messaging and organizing strategies.	\$ 90,000

Advancing Reproductive Equity in Colorado

ReproCollab's approach to public policy advocacy reflected a strong commitment to strengthening community assets by investing in movement leaders rooted in reproductive justice.

Many of these leaders were also statewide policy experts advancing and protecting reproductive healthcare and rights.

Our partners led bold efforts, including passing a landmark constitutional amendment, driving community-led and culturally

responsive advocacy, and championing key legislative wins.

Our goal was to **cultivate new leaders, strengthen advocacy networks, and ensure they were equipped to respond** to threats and seize opportunities.

In short, ReproCollab's investment benefited Colorado by employing multi-layered strategies to advance reproductive equity. We are proud to have funded a strategic approach that advanced policy goals while fostering our partner organizations' expertise and community values.

