



# Community UPDATE

November 2018

HEALING  
is our purpose.  
HELP  
is our promise.  
HEALTH  
is our passion

## MHP Receives \$4-Million Dollar Award to Continue Journey Towards Achieving “Gold-Standard” for Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Care

Mental Health Partners (MHP) has been awarded a two-year, \$4-million dollar demonstration grant by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services



Administration (SAMHSA) to continue to work toward becoming a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), the “gold standard” in the delivery of mental health and addiction recovery care. MHP is the first mental health center in Colorado, and only 1 of 52 in the nation, to receive this prestigious award.

“This award is a significant step in MHP’s vision to rely on health outcomes, population health management and a multi-disciplinary, team-based approach to transform the delivery of high-quality mental health and addiction recovery services to our communities,” said Matt Meyer, Chief Strategy Officer for Mental Health Partners. “This grant recognizes the time, energy and hard work MHP staff has put into implementing the building blocks of this vision, which includes the creation of our Integrated Health Home (IHH) and implementing a Behavioral Health Home (BHH) model, and that we are leaders in this field.”

Over the next four months, MHP will develop a strategy to meet certification requirements in six criteria domains. In addition, this grant helps MHP focus on

reducing disparities in healthcare access and outcomes for three, key underserved subpopulations (Hispanic individuals, individuals experiencing homelessness, and members of the Armed Forces and Veterans and their families) by meeting six, main criteria areas: staffing; access; care coordination; scope of services; quality and other reporting; and organizational authority, governance and accreditation.

For the most current news and updates about the implementation of this grant, please visit MHP’s Community Page at [www.mhpcolorado.org/community](http://www.mhpcolorado.org/community).



## Get a Head Start on Your Holiday Giving! “Colorado Gives Day” is Tuesday, December 4th

Colorado Gives Day is annual statewide movement that celebrates philanthropy in Colorado and aims to increase the amount of online giving to power nonprofits. Mental Health Partners (MHP) is proud to participate in this traditional day of giving, believing that communities are strengthened when Coloradans come together towards a common goal.

MHP’s primary philanthropic focus for 2018 Colorado Gives Day is our suicide prevention education campaign. Contributions donated to this campaign will be used to fund scholarships for individuals and

groups to attend suicide prevention trainings; create and distribute suicide prevention education resource materials; translation of these materials into Spanish; explore the use of new technology in suicide prevention, especially for teens and emerging adults; and support additional community conversations and education about suicide prevention.

Though suicide prevention is MHP’s focus, community members can still choose to direct contributions to any of our mental health or addiction recovery programs and services, as well as unrestricted donations. A complete list is available on the

Colorado Gives Day website:

[www.coloradogives.org/cogivesday](http://www.coloradogives.org/cogivesday).

Also, you can start giving now!

Donations can start being submitted for 2018 Colorado Gives Day on Nov 1st.



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Yes! I want to contribute  
to Mental Health Partners!



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Lafayette, Colorado 80026

- ☐ Use this contribution for the suicide prevention education campaign.
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Enclosed is my tax-deductible charitable contribution of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Or visit [www.mhpcolorado.org](http://www.mhpcolorado.org) and click on  
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To sign-up to receive information about MHP electronically, visit [www.mhpcolorado.org/community](http://www.mhpcolorado.org/community).



Anne Hyink poses with Rotarian Bill Farrow and son in front of the "Little Free Library" bench located at MHP's Lafayette Office

## 4 MHP Locations Feature "Little Free Library" Benches and Books

Thanks to a contribution from the Boulder Valley Rotary Club Foundation, four Mental Health Partners locations in Boulder (Broadway office), Lafayette, Longmont (Coffman) and Broomfield now have "Little Free Library" benches and books.

The Boulder Valley Rotary Club selected this project because statistics show that children growing up in homes without books average three years behind academically compared to children in homes with lots of books. The project was the idea of Anne Hyink, MHP Manager of the Longmont Children & Family Services, who had a lot of fun and spent considerable time working with BarbedWire Books to help select age-appropriate books and materials. BarbedWire Books in Longmont has also agreed to help keep the libraries well stocked.

## Thank you to everyone who attended the first two Young Minds MATTER lectures!

**Navigating Teen Depression** kicked off the lecture series and was presented through a partnership with HOPE Coalition of Boulder County and Colie's Closet. The evening featured a discussion with teen leaders from Boulder Valley School District high schools about depression and suicide.

MHP welcomed Dawn Comstock, PhD, professor of epidemiology at the Colorado School of Public Health, for the second presentation, which focused on **How Concussions in Youth Sports Can Lead to Mental Health Challenges**, providing important information for parents, teachers, coaches and students about how traumatic brain injuries is linked to depression and anxiety among young people.



Representatives from Colie's Closet share part of the information they give to students in presentations throughout area schools. Last year, they talked about suicide with more than 3,000 youngsters.

The Young Minds Matter series will pick up again in January 2019 with the final two lecture topics. For more information and to RSVP, visit [www.mhpcolorado.org/community/lecture-series](http://www.mhpcolorado.org/community/lecture-series).