



Communities That Care MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January & February Coalition Updates



Pictured above: The Executive Committee reviewed the data from the 2025 coalition health survey and identified the coalition's three strengths (youth partnership within the coalition has increased, the coalition is aware of CTC's goals and mission, the coalition demonstrates shared unity and clear direction) and three opportunities for improvement (establish processes for handling conflict and a clear process for making decisions, create mechanisms for continued engagement between meetings, and establish a shared measurement system between agencies).

Outreach & Youth Involvement Workgroup

- Created the action plan for the year—
activities include promoting CTC in the

Socoyogo Committee

- The SoCoYoGo Committee held a Strategic Planning Session in January
- Decision: Due to cost and capacity constraints, the SoCoYoGo app and

community, doing more things that are youth-led, and helping youth with their passion projects

- Team started planning the coalition team building activity for the year: A make-your-own screen shirt with a fashion or food drive for local high school pantries
- Niko, youth advisor, is collecting data from young people about their behaviors with vaping to better inform vaping prevention materials [link]
- Did skills assessment to identify what skills youth and adult workgroup members have, want to build, and want to share with the workgroup. Coming soon-- Ted Talk-like trainings to build our skills!



Open Call For **Artists**

Bus Stop Beautification

Deadline: Tuesday, February 17th at 10:00 A.M.

View full Request for Proposals at pueblohealth.org

Selected artists will be paid \$3,150

Submit full proposal via email to shannon.roybal@pueblocounty.us

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ARTS IN SOCIETY

Community Spaces Strategy Team

- Pictured above: An Open Call for Local Artists has been released to design and beautify four bus stops in Pueblo!

Artists can submit their designs and plans by February 24. Encourage the artists that you know to apply please!

- The team reviewed and approved the 2026 Implementation Plan.
- Progress continues on the Teen Safe Ride Program:
 - Eight focus groups with teens and parents have been completed
 - Meetings with local leaders and funders are underway to support implementation.

web based platform will be sunset.

- The team wants to continue core elements of the initiate, including:
 - Partnerships with youth serving organizations
 - Connecting youth to pro-social activities
 - Maintaining an interactive map of pro-social community spaces
- Next steps include identifying a transition plan for sunseting the platform and determining how SoCoYoGo efforts will be sustained moving forward.



Quality Childcare Strategy Team

- Pictured above: Strategy team members met with US Senator Michael Bennet to highlight the work that they have been doing and discuss potential solutions to the childcare crisis.
- Approved implementation plan for the year—activities include developing a system to take advantage of Colorado Childcare Contribution Tax Credit for local providers, streamline the licensing process for potential providers, and create a campaign to promote childcare resources to the general community
- Reviewed data from a survey asking the business community how childcare impacts their workforce
- Brainstormed content and key points to create a comprehensive community campaign that connects employees to local childcare resources.

Coalition Member Spotlight



Selina Valdez

**Chair, Outreach & Youth
Involvement workgroup**

What's your favorite way to spend the weekend?

- I love relaxing at home, watching movies, and having dance parties with my husband and our twin daughters. They are my whole world, and those simple moments together mean everything to me.

What are you passionate about (other than CTC)?

- I love helping others. I work for the Boys & Girls Clubs as a Teen Director and also oversee the Emotional Wellness Department. Supporting mental health is something I believe both young people and adults truly need, and I feel grateful to be in a role where I can make a meaningful difference every day.

What's one thing on your bucket list?

- One thing on my bucket list is visiting Disneyland Paris with my husband and our daughters. We are huge Disney lovers.

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