The Intersection of Health and Housing: Opportunities and Challenges

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The State of Health
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Who We Serve

1,241,000 Coloradans enrolled in Medicaid
52,800 enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus

- 51% Children & Adolescents under age 20
- 35% Adults ages 25-64
- 9% People with Disabilities in all age groups
- 5% Older Adults 65 or older

- 34% CAUCASIAN WHITE
- 29% HISPANIC/LATINO
- 25% NOT IDENTIFIED
- 7% AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK
- 2% ASIAN
- 3% AMERICAN INDIAN

- 21% live in rural areas
- 79% live in cities with populations above 10,000

Health and Housing

- SFY 2013-2014 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014)
  - 37,200 Medicaid enrollees reported any homelessness
  - $160 Million spend on services
  - Top 10% (3720) most expensive: $97.6 Million
Opportunities

Alignment of Medicaid delivery system resources: Regional Collaborative Care Organizations and Behavioral Health Organizations with supportive housing

• Enrollment, case management, care coordination, treatment and treatment support

Thank You

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