BCAP MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Boulder County AIDS Project (BCAP) is to provide support, advocacy, and education to those in our community who are living with or affected by HIV, and to serve as an outreach and information center to prevent the further transmission of HIV.

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Dear BCAP Supporters,

Welcome to Boulder County AIDS Project’s annual report, highlighting BCAP’s thirty-fourth year. Staff, Board, and volunteers worked together to provide mission-driven HIV services to more than 14,000 Coloradans. We are proud to share that through 2019 BCAP made key expansions in programming, embarked on new community partnerships, and produced lively, jocund events.

Guided by our commitment to health equity, BCAP provided compassionate HIV Care Services to 238 people living with HIV. In July 2019, BCAP hired an additional case manager, increasing staff capacity to provide immediate and comprehensive assistance to people living with HIV experiencing barriers to engaging in HIV care and treatment. Care Services staff assisted people living with HIV in reaching viral suppression and optimal health outcomes.

BCAP expanded Prevention Services to people who inject or otherwise use drugs and/or are experiencing homelessness. Prevention staff increased distribution of harm reduction, wound care, hygiene items, warming supplies, hydrating liquids, and ready-to-eat food through Syringe Access and Street Outreach. Staff also increased Narcan use training and distribution to help prevent opioid overdose. Expanding these services and providing basic needs items helped build trust, promote harm reduction strategies and self-care, and encourage testing and referrals to medical providers and treatment.

As BCAP maintains and grows our services, we are fortunate to partner actively with many community-based organizations. This year, the Boulder Community Health Foundation invested in BCAP to enhance our collaboration with Boulder Community Hospital’s Beacon Center for Infectious Diseases in support of two new programs: HIV Care Continuation for People Living with HIV Experiencing Housing Insecurity and Medical Intervention for People Who Inject. These programs helped BCAP improve the ways in which we support some of our medically and economically vulnerable neighbors.

BCAP is grateful to receive the love and support of so many, many donors. The community-wide support is always evident at annual fundraisers, like Big Top A Circus Extravaganza! and The Birds and The Bees: A Soirée Benefiting BCAP. Additionally, BCAP switched things up by hosting Local Legends Bubbly Brunch, instead of an evening gala. We recognized the year’s Local Legends: Ana Hopperstad, former Executive Director of BCAP, and Marta Valenzuela Moreno, former Executive Director of El Comité de Longmont. The Bubbly Brunch also was an opportunity to honor Alex Sierra, for eight years of exemplary volunteer service in support of BCAP’s mission.

What BCAP achieves would not be possible without the dedication of our Board and staff, as well as the generosity of our community partners, volunteers, donors, and other funders. With your support, BCAP continues to improve the lives of people living with HIV and minimize HIV and HCV transmission in Colorado and beyond.

With gratitude,

Frank O’Caña,
Executive Director
BCAP is committed to responsible and transparent financial stewardship. In 2019, BCAP maintained its Better Business Bureau Accreditation, 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, and Platinum-level Seal of Transparency from GuideStar.

BCAP focuses financial and in-kind resources on providing comprehensive, client-centered HIV Care Services for people living with HIV and Prevention Services for people at risk of acquiring HIV and/or hepatitis C. BCAP operates out of two offices with locations in the cities of Boulder and Longmont and primarily serves Boulder, Broomfield, Gilpin, and Clear Creek Counties in Colorado. In 2019, BCAP devoted 78.35% of the Agency's resources to direct program services.

Since its enactment in 1990, the Ryan White CARE Act has been BCAP's largest source of government revenue. Other revenue sources include, but are not limited to, local governments, corporations, foundations, faith-based organizations, individual donors, and special events.

BCAP’s Net Assets at the end of 2019 were $1,076,843.
BCAP’s HIV Care Services Department is led by a Care Services Director and further staffed with five Medical Case Managers, a Health Insurance Assistance Coordinator, and a Services Coordinator. HIV Care Services staff provide people living with HIV (PLHIV) specialized case management services and ensure PLHIV have access to medical care and insurance coverage, food, and other basic needs. Staff help PLHIV navigate complex systems to overcome barriers to engagement in care, treatment, and individual wellness, with the ultimate goal of helping PLHIV achieve an undetectable viral load. PLHIV who maintain an undetectable viral load for at least six months experience improved health outcomes and cannot sexually transmit HIV.

A critical barrier facing low-income PLHIV is the lack of affordable housing and increased cost of living in BCAP’s service area. 79% of BCAP HIV Care Services clients live at or below 50% AMI, and have difficulty coping with the rising costs of housing. BCAP’s Medical Case Managers work with clients to determine eligibility for housing assistance, help with housing applications, collaborate with rental agents, and assist with ongoing subsidy requirements. Three PLHIV currently reside in Eaton House, BCAP’s permanent supportive housing residence.

While maintaining affordable housing is the most common barrier to staying engaged in care, meeting clients’ other basic needs is also essential to their health and well-being. BCAP’s Jack Hodges Food Pantry provides PLHIV with food, and Case Managers provide direct financial assistance to PLHIV for utilities, transportation, and oral health care.

Thank you so much for reaching out to me… I really appreciate you so much. You have gone above and beyond in helping me out in every situation I’ve been in. I think you are awesome and I just adore you. You are so helpful, compassionate, and caring. I can’t express enough how much I appreciate you.

—ANONYMOUS
The Prevention Services Department of BCAP is led by a Prevention Manager and further staffed by two Prevention Coordinators. Prevention Services staff reduce HIV and hepatitis C (HCV) transmission via early detection, linkage to care, harm reduction strategies, risk reduction supplies, education, and outreach. Prevention Services are provided through five programs: HIV and HCV Counseling, Testing, and Referrals; Speakers Bureau; Community Outreach; Syringe Access; and Atlas.

HIV and HCV Testing clients receive risk reduction counseling, pre-exposure prophylaxis navigation, rapid linkage to care for people testing positive, and referrals to other health-related services. “HIV 101” speakers provide accurate information about transmission, prevention, testing, and anti-stigma strategies and “Positive Perspectives” speakers tell their powerful stories of living with HIV. Community Outreach includes social media messaging and street outreach. Syringe Access provides syringes, safe injection and wound care supplies, harm reduction counseling, health referrals, naloxone (opioid overdose reversal drug), and other basic need items. Atlas is a peer-based service-learning program focused on HIV prevention among men who have sex with men.

You all are really nice to me. I really appreciate the supplies you give out. I just got here from New Mexico and have been on the streets for 6 months. The supplies will keep me warm at night while I’m camping. I also like that you don’t judge me. I was sober for three months, but just had a lot happen lately, so I relapsed. You’re super cool and don’t look down me. — “MIGUEL,” A SYRINGE ACCESS PARTICIPANT
In 2019, BCAP honored Alex Sierra with the Don Holloway Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service for his service and dedication to the mission of Boulder County AIDS Project. Since starting with BCAP in 2013, Alex has contributed over 400 hours in the Prevention Department. He has had various roles throughout his time at BCAP, from performing as an opera singer in Atlas shows to regularly leading a team from his workplace to volunteer with BCAP. He regularly attends BCAP events, fundraisers, and social mixers with a warm presence, positive attitude, and bright smile. Alex is a wonderful BCAP ambassador, making friends wherever he goes as he represents BCAP in the community and in turn inviting his friends and loved ones to BCAP events. Alex has recruited many friends to get involved as event volunteers, Atlas members, and even to join the Board of Directors. Alex alone makes a world of difference, yet he is one of hundreds of volunteers involved with BCAP.

Volunteers have been critical to BCAP’s service delivery since opening in 1985. In 2019, BCAP continued to rely on volunteer support to serve the mission, engaging 275 active volunteers providing support in 50+ important roles including front desk, food pantry services, HIV/HCV test counselors, educational speakers, and BOD-level committee members. Professional attorneys, psychotherapists, acupuncturists, and massage therapists donate their time and skills to support BCAP HIV Care Services clients. BCAP’s volunteers who directly interact with clients are required to complete eight hours of agency training, which includes information on culturally responsive HIV Care Services and Prevention Services; HIV and AIDS; HIV transmission, prevention, testing, and treatment; and a panel of speakers living with HIV. BCAP offers additional workshops on inclusiveness topics throughout the year.

To learn about other BCAP volunteer positions, visit https://www.bcap.org/volunteer
Donors

BCAP could not succeed in the work of our mission without the strong support of our donors. When you donate to BCAP, you can be confident that your gift will have a significant impact on improving the lives of people living with HIV and at risk of acquiring HIV and/or HCV. We are grateful to all who contribute.

We sincerely apologize for any errors or omissions. If you would like your name corrected in any way, please contact Sarah Annecone, BCAP’s Development Director, at sarah@bcap.org or (303) 444-6121 x109.

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Until there is a cure, BCAP works to improve the lives of people living with HIV and AIDS, minimize HIV transmission, and bring an end to HIV-related stigma in our community.