Coalition for Immigrant Health Principles

Coalition for Immigrant Health, formed in 2016, is a growing group of organizations who have come together based on the commonly held principle that immigrants of any status (which also include refugees and asylees) should be treated with dignity and that every person deserves basic human rights. Immigrants contribute in meaningful ways to Colorado and should have equitable access to needed health care and coverage. We also support culturally responsive approaches to care as well as high-quality access to language services in the health care setting. We work together in this Coalition to defend Colorado’s immigrant populations against threats to their safety and health, and we also proactively work toward a long-term plan to address the gaps that remain for their health.

We work together on a variety of issues related to immigrants’ health, and we strategically determine our influence on issues that are:

- Rooted in the values of being supportive of immigrants, and is supported by immigrant communities
- Related to health care and will improve coverage, access to care, and/or quality of care
- Driven by strategic thinking, and it fills a gap that has been identified
- Supported by evidence and data, and our assumptions are confirmed that approach will have the intended impact
- Connected to a clear policy lever and is actionable (for example, state or local legislation or regulation, or systemic/administrative policies and procedures)
- Able to be supported by resources and capacity within the group to carry the action steps forward
- Avoidant of being duplicative or over-shadowing of existing work, though may collaborate or build upon that work if appropriate
- Have utilized relevant legal analysis
- Held accountable to the grassroots community and inclusive of them in the decision-making process
- Ensure that short term strategies do not undermine long-term goals or our core values

The below organizations have signed on as formal members of this Coalition:

- ACLU Colorado
- Adams County Health Alliance
- All Kids Covered Coalition
- American Academy of Pediatrics – Colorado Chapter
- Asian Pacific Development Center
- Aurora Health Access
- CDPHE’s Office of Health Equity
- Center for Health Progress
- Children’s Hospital Colorado
- Clínica Colorado
- Clínica Tepeyac
- Colorado Access
- Colorado Alliance for Health Equity and Practice
• Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials
• Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council
• Colorado Center on Law and Policy
• Colorado Children’s Campaign
• Colorado Children’s Immunization Coalition
• Colorado Community Health Network
• Colorado Consumer Health Initiative (CCHI)
• Colorado Covering Kids and Families
• Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition
• Colorado Department of Human Services / Colorado Refugee Services Program
• Colorado Fiscal Institute
• Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC)
• Denver Health Community Health Services
• FRESC: Good Jobs Strong Communities
• Full Circle of Lake County, Inc.
• Inner City Health Center
• Kids First Health Care
• La Familia Family Resource Center
• Latino Community Foundation of Colorado
• LiveWell Montrose Olathe
• Metro Community Provider Network
• Mountain Family Health Centers
• Oral Health Colorado
• Padres y Jovenes Unidos a
• Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains
• Re:Vision
• Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics
• Servicios de la Raza
• The Colorado Health Foundation
• The Urban Underserved Track, University of Colorado
• Together Colorado
• Tri-County Health Department
• Tri-County Health Network
• Young Invincibles