



# State Spotlight: Colorado



## Bolstering Partnerships: Organizations Come Together To Support Health & Wellness in K-12 Schools

Twelve individuals from ten organizations joined forces in July 2020 to coordinate ongoing quarterly Colorado Healthy Schools Collaborative (CHSC) meetings. In addition to these ten organizations collaborating to provide technical assistance and learning opportunities at meetings, approximately 50 additional partner organizations have gathered during CHSC meetings to further support each other and the health & wellness of K-12 schools. The goal of the CHSC planning team was to connect a health & wellness need of a school or district to an organization/agency that could support the need.

### Key WSCC Components:



Colorado's Statewide Health Coalition, the Colorado Healthy Schools Collaborative (CHSC), is focused on convening a variety of stakeholders who have interest in supporting school health and the WSCC model.

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CHSC Planning Team

- ★ Adams 12 Five Star Schools
- ★ Advancing Dynamic Solutions
- ★ Alliance for a Healthier Generation
- ★ Center for Rural School Health & Education - University of Denver
- ★ Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care
- ★ Colorado Department of Education
- ★ RMC Health
- ★ Springfield, Holly and Wiley School Districts
- ★ Tri-County Health Department
- ★ Wellness Training Specialists

*“Statewide resource sharing has been essential to promote the WSCC model in Wiley School District. Without the CHSC meetings and partnership we developed with The Center for Rural School Health and Education and others, we would not have been able to implement our comprehensive health and wellness plan focused on students’ social, mental, and physical health. This plan required school district, family, and community partnerships resulting in improved student health while reinforcing academic success.”*

*- School Nurse, Wiley School District*

**Results/Impact:** Over 75 schools and districts received support from at least one partner organization during CHSC meetings, with 29 of the districts representing rural areas of the state. Rural areas are often under-resourced and the success of these partnerships provided equitable access to school health & wellness resources and learning opportunities for these communities.

**Key Partners:** government agencies, local public health, non-profits, higher education, human services, foundations, healthcare providers community partners and districts and schools, both metro and rural

**Funding Source:** Improving Student Health and Academic Achievement Through Nutrition, Physical Activity and the Management of Chronic Conditions in Schools (DP18-1801)

**Website:** <https://coloradohub.org/groups/colorado-healthy-schools-collaborative-chsc/>

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