

**FLEX DOLLARS HELPING ADVANCE HEALTHCARE IN RURAL
COMMUNITIES THROUGH INNOVATION**

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Mission & Vision

CRHC enhances healthcare services by providing information, education, linkages, tools and energy toward addressing rural healthcare issues to ensure that all rural Coloradans have access to comprehensive, affordable, high quality healthcare.

Colorado's State Office of Rural Health

- One of three SORH's organized as not-for-profit
- We are NOT University or State based

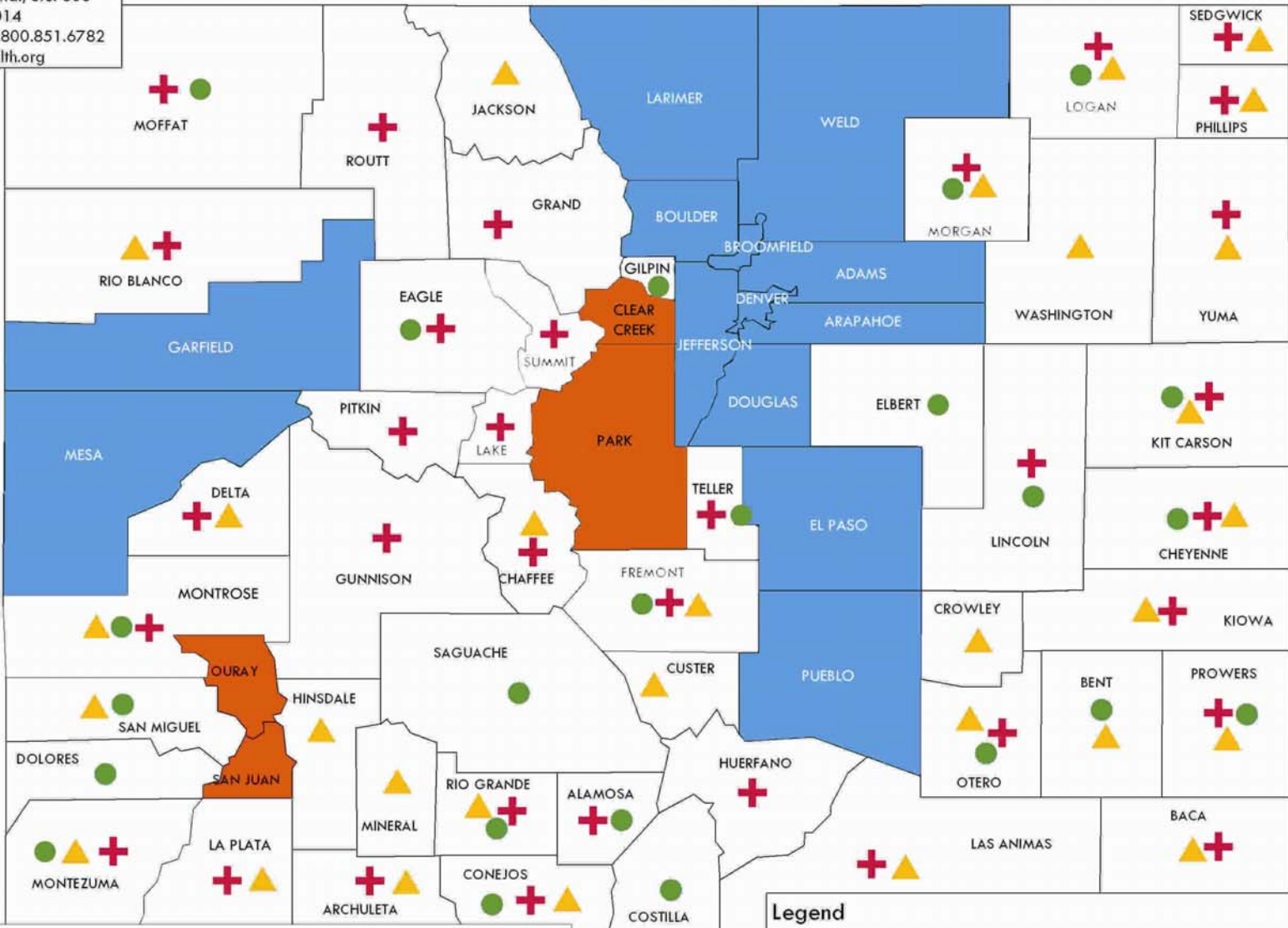


Colorado Profile

- 8th Largest State
- 103,730 square miles
- 64 counties
- 5 Million residents, 82% reside in 11 counties along front range

Facility - Types in Rural Counties 2012

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When addressing healthcare issues in Colorado, if you limit resources or participation to specific facility-types, entire counties can be excluded. Of Colorado's 47 rural counties:

- ★ 28 do not have an FQHC
- ★ 18 do not have a hospital
- ★ 21 do not have an RHC
- ★ 4 do not have any of these facilities

Legend

- ▲ Certified Rural Health Clinic(s) (RHC)
- Community Health Center(s) (aka Federally Qualified Health Center)
- ✚ Rural Hospital(s)
- Rural (non-metro) counties without any of the above facilities
- Urban Counties

Why Would Flex Get Involved?

- Seeking alternatives
- Furthering services

Community Paramedic and Flex

- **Exploring existing programs**
 - Nova Scotia's program
 - Two CRHC staff
 - A first hand look how they integrated rural EMS providers into the rural health care delivery system
 - International Roundtable on Community Paramedicine (IRCP)
 - An organization of delegates from various countries and regions dedicated to exploring the promotion and better delivery of health care through the utilization of “traditional” and “non-traditional” models of care.
 - Attended the annual meeting in New Zealand (2009)
 - Attended the annual meeting in Vail, CO (2010)
- **Committee**
 - Member of the Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care (JCREC)
 - An emphasis of this committee is to promote Community Paramedicine
- **Webinars and Conferences and town hall discussions**
 - Overview of concept and updates on the program progression
- **Convened Stakeholders**

Community Paramedic and Flex

Funding for Curriculum Development/Education Resource Manual

- Role in the Health Care System
- CP definition, scope of practice, professional advocacy and liaison roles, documentation, healthcare financing, and how to identify high risk, high need clients
- Social Determinants
 - Identify individual characteristics, understand high risk and high need population, factors that lead to inequalities of healthcare, social support, culture, policies and regulation
- Public Health & Primary Care
 - Health promotion, injury prevention, chronic disease management, behavior modification, social/environment/economic risk reduction, program evaluation
- Cultural Competence
 - Spirituality, health literacy, documentation
- Role Within the Community
 - Community health assessment and mapping, community/program/provider outreach, communication, case findings, patient navigation, system navigation, assessment, referral, tracking, and follow-up, documentation and evaluation
- Personal Safety & Wellness
- Clinical Experience

Community Paramedic and Flex

- **Evaluation**
 - Support for Health System Development and Community Engagement
 - Flex Programs are required to support efforts to assist CAHs in developing collaborative regional or local systems of care, addressing community needs, and integrating EMS in those regional and local systems of care.
 - EMS services are an important component of collaborative regional and local delivery systems and serve a pivotal role in regional and state trauma systems.
- **Collaboration**
- **Moving Forward**

Questions?

