Adams County

COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL-BEING

2023

QUARTER 2 REPORT

Data reflective of April 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023
MOBILE HOME INITIATIVE

Colorado Poverty Law Project (CPLP) recently won an Eagle Award with Housing Colorado in May for their Mobile Home Initiative (MHI) program, which first launched in Adams County in spring 2020. The MHI focuses its efforts on protecting residents living in mobile homes by offering free legal advice and representation, know-your-rights training, referrals to community partners, and housing justice advocacy at the state and local level. Adams County launched this program to support our residents in mobile home communities and CPLP has since expanded this program in other cities and counties throughout the state.

UP AND ADAMS

CSWB launched its new employment program, Up & Adams. In partnership with Adams County’s Workforce Business Center (WBC), Up & Adams connects people experiencing homelessness to job opportunities that work towards permanent employment. Participants will be placed in paid internships with employers, learn on-the-job skillsets, and receive support with resume writing, practice interviews, and other employment-related support services. Since launching in Q2, 11 individuals have been referred to the program.
OLMSTEAD GRANTS

The Atlantis Community Foundation was awarded 30 Olmstead Advancement state housing vouchers in partnership with Adams County to house people experiencing housing insecurity with complex medical needs. Within three weeks of posting a screening form for state housing vouchers, we've matched 15 Adams County residents via referrals from the Adams County Street Outreach Network. These community members would otherwise have an incredibly difficult time finding stable housing without support. Once leased, the voucher recipients will have support from the Bayaud Enterprises, H.E.A.R.T Counseling Center, and the Atlantis Community Foundation to be able to thrive in their independent housing.

The Colorado Olmstead Initiative is based on the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1999 landmark decision in Olmstead v. L.C. (Olmstead). The decision found that unnecessary segregation of individuals is a form of discrimination based on disability.

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BROTHERS REDEVELOPMENT DATA/PROGRAM UPDATE

In Q2, Brothers Redevelopment conducted more than seventy-five tenant/landlord mediations. Since the beginning of this program, approximately seventy resolutions have been agreed upon between tenants and landlords. This critical program ensures that Adams County residents can avoid the destabilizing effects of eviction. CSWB’s Data & Evaluation Team conducted a cost-benefit analysis of the first fifteen months of the tenant/landlord mediation program in Q2. The team’s results indicate that approximately sixty evictions were prevented, likely resulting in the aversion of $600k+ in downstream costs.

CODE FOR AMERICA LEADERSHIP AWARD

CSWB was named as the recipient of Code for America’s Leadership Award this past May. The award goes to an individual or group that leveraged lived experience to address inequities in service delivery. CSWB received this award after working with three Code for America fellows to develop, launch, and continue to utilize SWAPP, the Severe Weather Activation Program (SWAPP) app that allows navigators throughout Adams County to meet residents where they are and distribute vouchers during severe cold weather activations.
Ruhani Sansoya, equity catalyst, led the application for the 2023 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize. The criteria to qualify for this prize is to be able to demonstrate work that addresses structural racism, advancing health equity, working alongside community partners, fostering sustainability, and policies that commit to environmental and cultural change. This required Ruhani to quickly familiarize herself with all the work that CSWB does and the community partners that we work with. Adams County is one of fourteen finalists throughout the United States. Prize winners will be announced in September 2023.
CSWB continues to coordinate across agencies to help get veterans out of homeless situations. Q2 2023 saw a 27% reduction in unhoused veterans in Adams County.

**SEVERE WEATHER ACTIVATION PROGRAM**

The 2022-2023 Severe Weather Activation Program (SWAP) season wrapped up in April with its final activation. In total, there were over 18,000 nights of homelessness averted for over 1,300 unique individuals. A SWAP Summit was held this summer to celebrate the accomplishments and discuss opportunities for improvements to better serve Adams County’s most vulnerable residents.

CSWB’s Lyft program continues to provide the benefit of free Lyft rides to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness as well as residents fleeing domestic violence. Despite an expected warm-weather slowdown, this program still provided 244 rides in Q2. These rides help vulnerable residents get to critical appointments, job interviews, and shelter.

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PEH DATA SHARING UPDATE
In Q2, two new partners signed on to the county’s data sharing agreement for homelessness data. Westminster is the newest municipality to agree to participate, while Almost Home is the first non-profit partner to participate in formal data sharing. These agreements continue to expand Adams County’s ability to better serve its most vulnerable residents.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Referral Increase
The Community Corrections team continues to work through an unprecedented number of new referrals; the most since 2017. Since the beginning of 2023, Community Corrections has processed over 1,200 referrals.

Core Security Audit
The Community Corrections team attended the third and final core security audit in collaboration with the state. Required state security audits have all been completed.

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BLOCK PARTY TRAILER LAUNCH

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The seasonal graffiti program, launched in 2021, celebrates its third year. The program aims to help those who have experienced, or are currently experiencing, homelessness. It has a 100% success rate in after-program outcomes for those that have participated.
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**TOOL SHED GROWTH**

The toolshed program, launched in 2021, has increased in usage by 235% when compared to Q2 of 2022. The most requested items are lawn mowers, weed trimmers, and electric cords.

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SUMMER KICK-OFF EVENT

The second annual Adams County Connect Summer Kick-Off event took place at Rotella Park on May 23rd, organized by CSWB Neighborhood Services. CSWB’s team works to engage with our communities in a meaningful way by organizing events like this to connect Adams County residents with enrichment programming and resources.

The event showcased an impressive lineup of over forty resource tables, where residents could access various services while enjoying offerings of food trucks, live performances, face painting, interactive art stations, bounce slides, an inflatable sports area, and a nerf arena.
In response to a spike in graffiti and an increase in homelessness in Adams County, CSWB, launched a seasonal graffiti program. The program hires those who are experiencing or have experienced homelessness. CSWB launched this program to foster upward mobility and economic stability for a population that faces barriers to employment. In 2023, the Code Compliance team further expanded to a regional collaborative approach to graffiti clean-up to help reduce the spread of graffiti into unincorporated areas of the County by assisting our surrounding jurisdictions with the beautification of our roads, neighborhoods, and businesses that serve all residents and visitors to Adams County. CSWB Neighborhood Services entered an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Federal Heights and the City of Brighton in quarter two of 2023. 279 instances of graffiti were removed in Federal Heights and 162 instances were removed in Brighton.

**Strengthen Neighborhoods**

**SEASONAL GRAFFITI PROGRAM EXPANSION**

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162 removals in Brighton

279 removals in Federal Heights
**TREE PLANTING**

CSWB partnered with Public Works and Parks Open Space & Cultural Affairs (POSCA) to distribute 32 trees to residents in the Berkeley Gardens neighborhood as part of the CSWB environmental equity initiative. This neighborhood was selected because of the environmental impacts of a 2019 Public Works project, where curbs, gutters, and sidewalks were installed in this neighborhood, and where tree canopy would be beneficial. This is effort is inspired by the Sustainable Adams County 2030 Plan to improve air quality in neighborhoods impacted by air pollution and removing barriers to tree planting.

**GRAFFITI REMOVAL IN THE NEWS**

Ryan Dodge and David Haldburd were in the local news regarding their hard work in the graffiti removal program. The articles applauded the seasonal program that aims helps those experiencing homelessness and the collaboration with other municipalities, such as the City of Brighton.
## Strengthen Neighborhoods

### Animal Management

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<td>Minutes to Complete Calls for Service</td>
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### Code Compliance

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<th>New Cases</th>
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<td>Average Days to Respond</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>% of Voluntary Compliance YTD</td>
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### Graffiti Removal

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<td>% of Citizen Complaints</td>
<td>0.5%</td>
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### Neighborhood Tool Shed

| Requests for Tools | 77 | 235% when compared to Q2 of 2022 |

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### QUARTERLY & YEAR-TO-YEAR COMPARISONS

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<th>KPI</th>
<th>Q1 ('23)</th>
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<th>% Change</th>
<th>YTD</th>
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<td>Voluntary Compliance (Code Compliance)</td>
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<td>75</td>
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<td>78</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>Average Response in Days (Code Compliance)</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Graffiti Removed</td>
<td>935</td>
<td>256</td>
<td>265%</td>
<td>1,191</td>
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<td>Nights of unsheltered homelessness averted</td>
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<td>6,867</td>
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<td>ComCor Referrals</td>
<td>598</td>
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**NOTE:** Accela Platform for administrating code compliance cases. Chameleon for measuring animal management. SWAPP for the digital intake form for the SWAP program. Community Correction database. Voluntary Compliance includes code compliance cases that were observed to be in violation and received a letter.

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EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT AWARD

In April, Adams County’s CSWB and the City of Commerce City were jointly selected to receive the 2023 Excellence in Government award from Volunteers of America Colorado. This award was in recognition of Adams County’s support of Volunteer of America Colorado’s throughout the process of locating the new Aging and Nutrition Services building in Commerce City. This new location brings an important food security partner to Adams County.

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**Johanna Siens**
In June, Johanna Siens was named the new Community Corrections Administrator. Johanna has been with the county for nearly five years as both a Community Corrections Specialist I and II.

**Katherine Burczek**
In June, Katherine Burczek was promoted to Neighborhood Services Administrator. Katie has been with the County for over ten years, with the last four being in CSWB.

**Douglas Fish**
In July, Douglas Fish was promoted to the Neighborhood and Community Enrichment Coordinator. Douglas has been with the County for more than a year starting as a Code Compliance Officer.

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