

2024 Legislative Session Preview

12/21/2023



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What's happened since Session ended in May?

- Local Elected Official Event
- Health Department-wide training on Policy & Advocacy
- Board of Pharmacy Rule Change – final consideration
- Public Comments on early childhood education, WIC, public health funding
- Implementation Work
- JBC Chair tour of Westminster Clinic
- 7 Legislator meetings



Legislature News

- Legislator shuffling:
 - Dafna Michaelson-Jenet moved from House to Senate; replaced Sen. Dominic Moreno
 - Rep. Manny Rutinel replaced Sen. Michaelson-Jenet in the House
 - Rep. Sharbini (Brighton) resigned earlier this week
- House Democrats power struggle continues
- House Committees shuffled up in rare move Mid-General Assembly
 - 2 Health Committees combine to create Health & Human Services Committee



Association Policy Priorities

• Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials (CALPHO)

- Public Health Workforce
- Behavioral Health and Substance Use
- Communicable Disease Prevention, Investigation and Control, and Emergency Response
- Long-term priorities:
 - Local Public Health Infrastructure
 - Local Public Health Funding

• Colorado Public Health Association (CPHA)

Tier 1:

- Mental Health and Substance Use
- Climate Change and Environmental Health
- Housing
- Food Security
- Public Health Workforce

Tier 2:

- Reproductive health, gun-violence prevention, maternal-child health, immunizations



What to Expect in 2024

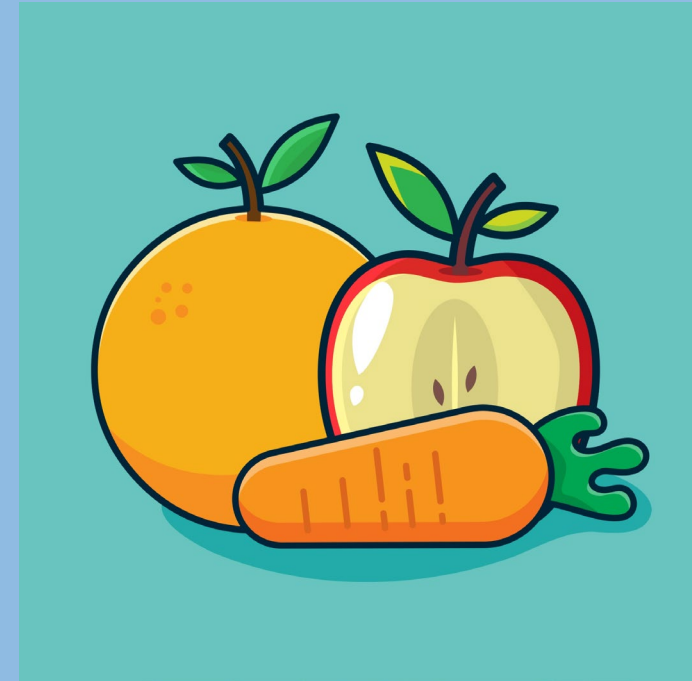
- Budget
 - \$136 million for Housing initiatives
 - \$564 for K12 schools
 - \$7.5 million for Local Public Health Agencies (*reduction in funding*)
 - \$8.5 million for iMatter and other behavioral health services in schools
 - \$14 million for Zero Fare for Better Air and Zero Fare for Youth
 - \$14 million to improve air quality
 - \$10 million for Childcare Expense Credits



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What to Expect in 2024

- Core Public Health
 - LPHA Funding
 - Title X Family Planning Funding?
 - Health Care Worker Protections
- Food Security
 - Time to Eat in Schools
 - Food Pantry and Food Bank Assistance
 - Double Up Food Bucks & Food Box Distribution \$\$



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What to Expect in 2024

- Access to Care
 - At-Office Prescriptions
 - School Based Health Centers/Referrals
 - Diabetes Medication
- Youth/Schools
 - School Mental Health Tuition Reimbursement
 - Car Seats for Kids
 - Trails to Wellness



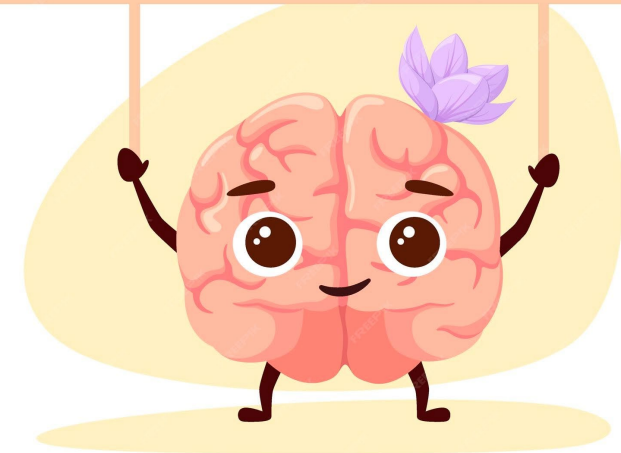
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What to Expect in 2024

- Mental/Behavioral Health
 - Youth System of Care
 - Statewide Adolescent SBIRT at schools
 - Glassware distribution via Harm Reduction
- Environment/Climate Change
 - Ozone – Permitting Reform
 - Fees on heavy trucks/cars
 - Bike Infrastructure
- Earned Income Tax Credit Expansions, county authority to regulate tobacco, Land Use (again), and more!

MENTAL HEALTH



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Policy Activity

- Direct lobbying
- Coalition Work
- Engagement with Public Health Associations
- Public comment or testimony at Legislature
- Networking with state and local policy makers
- Regulatory, Implementation work



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Questions for the Board



How do you want to support or engage with our policy efforts?



What information do you need or want to see in policy updates?



What tools or resources would be most helpful for you related to our policy efforts?

