

Adams County

**COMMUNITY SAFETY  
& WELL-BEING**

**2024**

**QUARTER 1 REPORT**

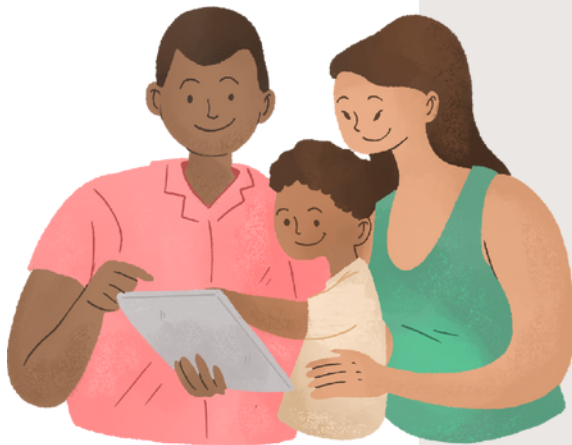


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# Elevate People

## UP & ADAMS

Up & Adams is an employment program for people experiencing homelessness that provides paid internship opportunities to acquire job-related training and provide sustainable and more permanent and meaningful employment. This quarter, we had seven participants enrolled in Up & Adams internships. In late March, Community Safety & Well-Being reviewed submissions from vendors interested in sheltering our Up & Adams participants. We unanimously selected Almost Home to offer 60 days of shelter as well as rental deposit assistance for program participants. This aspect of the program is estimated to launch in May.



- **60 days of shelter**
- **Rental deposit assistance**
- **Paid internship opportunities**



*In 2023, Almost Home Celebrated **30 years** of providing assistance to those in our communities that find themselves facing homelessness and housing instability*



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## **LIVED EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE**

The Lived Experience Committee (LEC) convened in March 2024. The meeting was well attended with 12 residents from Adams and Jefferson counties in attendance. This partnership represents a collaboration between residents who have formerly experienced homelessness, Adams County, and Jefferson County to glean insight regarding homelessness and housing instability. Meeting quarterly, the LEC serves as a vital forum for discussing pressing issues and offering feedback aimed at enhancing community welfare. By leveraging the wisdom and perspectives of those who have triumphed over adversity, the LEC upholds Adams County's vision “to become the most innovative and inclusive county in America for all families and businesses.”

## **PATHWAYS TO STABILITY PROGRAM (PSP)**

The Temporary Respite Housing program began in late 2023 to provide bridge housing to households in Adams County taking the final steps to resolve their homelessness. This quarter, we sheltered 12 households, or 24 individuals, providing them a safe space to focus on stability goals with their navigator or case manager. Based on our data, many participants use their time in the hotel to acquire vital records or apply for jobs. We also conducted a comprehensive feedback study that indicated that participants would prefer a different shelter location with more intensive case management. We plan to implement these changes in addition to rebranding the program to “Pathways to Stability.”

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## **AT THE TABLE WITH DOCTOR KING**

Juntos CO hosted *At the Table with Dr. King* in collaboration with the Mizel Museum. It was a multifaceted performance that focused on the American Civil Rights movement. It utilized music, poetry, and historical footage from Dr. King's Speech.



## **YOUTH SHELTER OPENED**

In early 2024, the Empowerment Center for Adolescents (ECA) opened as Adams County's inaugural youth shelter. The ECA is funded partially by Adams County American Rescue Plan Act funds and serves as a safe interim housing community committed to providing supportive services to displaced youth. This housing community is operated by Community Reach Center and is located in Thornton, Colorado. The program is designed to be a 21-day safe space for adolescents that will provide referrals to comprehensive services to youth who are unaccompanied, runaways, victims of human trafficking, and previously living in uninhabitable housing conditions. The goal is to foster a stable living environment and facilitate access to the necessary services needed for youth to thrive.

Referrals can be sent to [ECAReferral@communityreachcenter.org](mailto:ECAReferral@communityreachcenter.org) and walk-ins are welcome

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# Improve Systems

## **CITATION PROGRAM**

In Q3 of 2023, the BoCC approved a pilot Code Compliance Citation program to be launched in 2024. This program will allow for citations for an approved list of violations of Adams County Standards and Regulations. We have developed policy and procedure for this program and the MOU is fully executed with the sheriff. The job description was developed, approved, and posted and an offer has been made to a candidate. Anticipated hire date is end of May pending background process.



## **UNCONSCIOUS BIAS TRAINING**

In March, Joe Camacho led an unconscious bias training session for the Community Corrections Board and Screening Committee. The goal of the training was to help the board and committee recognize where biases may be within their decision-making process and other aspects of their work in the justice system.

## **TOOLSHED EXPANSION**

Toolshed booking will become available starting April 1st. We are currently exploring options for a barcode inventory system.

# Improve Systems

## GRAFFITI EXPANSION



Meetings have been arranged with a fourth municipality to explore a potential collaboration and Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for graffiti removal. Our seasonal employees will also contribute to our regional graffiti clean-up initiatives. CSWB is actively seeking to fill a fourth position through TANF applications to support the above programs, anticipating a surge in demand for the toolshed and block party initiatives, along with the growth of the regional graffiti removal program.

In February, a third Intergovernmental Agreement was finalized. We have initiated clean-up efforts leading to an uptick in graffiti removal activities early in the year. Reflecting our strategy to streamline operations, we've updated our seasonal job description to encompass roles for both the toolshed and block party program with graffiti removal. This adjustment will allow us to optimize recruiting efforts.

# Strengthen Neighborhoods

## ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE TOGETHER (ACT) UPDATE/REVIEW

All inspections/site visits were completed by the end of Q1. All letters were mailed to businesses on the west side of Federal Blvd.

**99**

properties in the pilot program

**70%**

use-related violation

**30**

cases in maintenance

## BLOCK PARTY TRAILER



Neighborhood and Community Enrichment has developed an outreach strategy to engage schools in utilizing the Block Party Trailer. Additionally, Neighborhood and Community Enrichment has concentrated efforts on connecting with community leaders with a focus on creating neighborhood groups. This includes promoting programs like the block party trailer

and the toolshed. As of now, we have secured pre-registrations for three events and are in discussions for an additional three potential reservations.

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# Strengthen Neighborhoods

## ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

**1,010**

CALLS FOR SERVICE

▲ **36%**

when compared to Q3 of 2022

## CODE COMPLIANCE

**298**

NEW CASES

▼ **-29%**

when compared to Q3 of 2022

**2.8**

AVERAGE DAYS TO RESPOND

▼ **-1.6 DAYS**

when compared to Q3 of 2022

**98%**

% OF VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE YTD

▲ **24%**

when compared to Q3 of 2022

## GRAFFITI REMOVAL

**1,247**

NEW CASES

▲ **353%**

when compared to Q3 of 2022

**0.002%**

% OF CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

▼ **-40%**

when compared to Q3 of 2022

## NEIGHBORHOOD TOOL SHED

**0**

REQUESTS FOR TOOLS

▼ **-100%**

when compared to Q3 of 2022



# Data Transparency

## QUARTERLY & YEAR -TO-YEAR COMPARISONS

KPI	Q1 ('24)	Q4 ('23)	% Change	YTD	Prior YTD	% Change
Voluntary Compliance (Code Compliance)	98%	95%	3%	98%	79%	24%
Average Response in Days (Code Compliance)	2.8	3.7	-24%	2.8	4.4	-36%
Graffiti Removed	1,247	588	112%	1,247	275	353%
Nights of unsheltered homelessness averted	0	603	--	7,470	5,340	40%
ComCor Referrals	554	598	-7%	1,787	1,604	11.4%

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.

# Employee Recognition

## **PUBLIC MANAGEMENT MAGAZINE**

John Davis and Lindsey Lewis both received their National Animal Care and Control Association (NACA) Animal Control Officer (ACO) I & II certification in Quarter 1.

These courses include over 50 hours of instruction, activities, and exercises in areas including field operations, animal health, breed identification, animal handling, community response, large animals, compassion fatigue, and many other areas designed to help professionals grow in their careers. Both courses required exam passing for certification which were achieved by both John and Lindsey!



**NATIONAL ANIMAL**  
CARE & CONTROL ASSOCIATION



**Lindsey Lewis**



**John Davis**

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