



RMHS' Mission Supports Program

Empowering Individuals with I/DD Experiencing Homelessness

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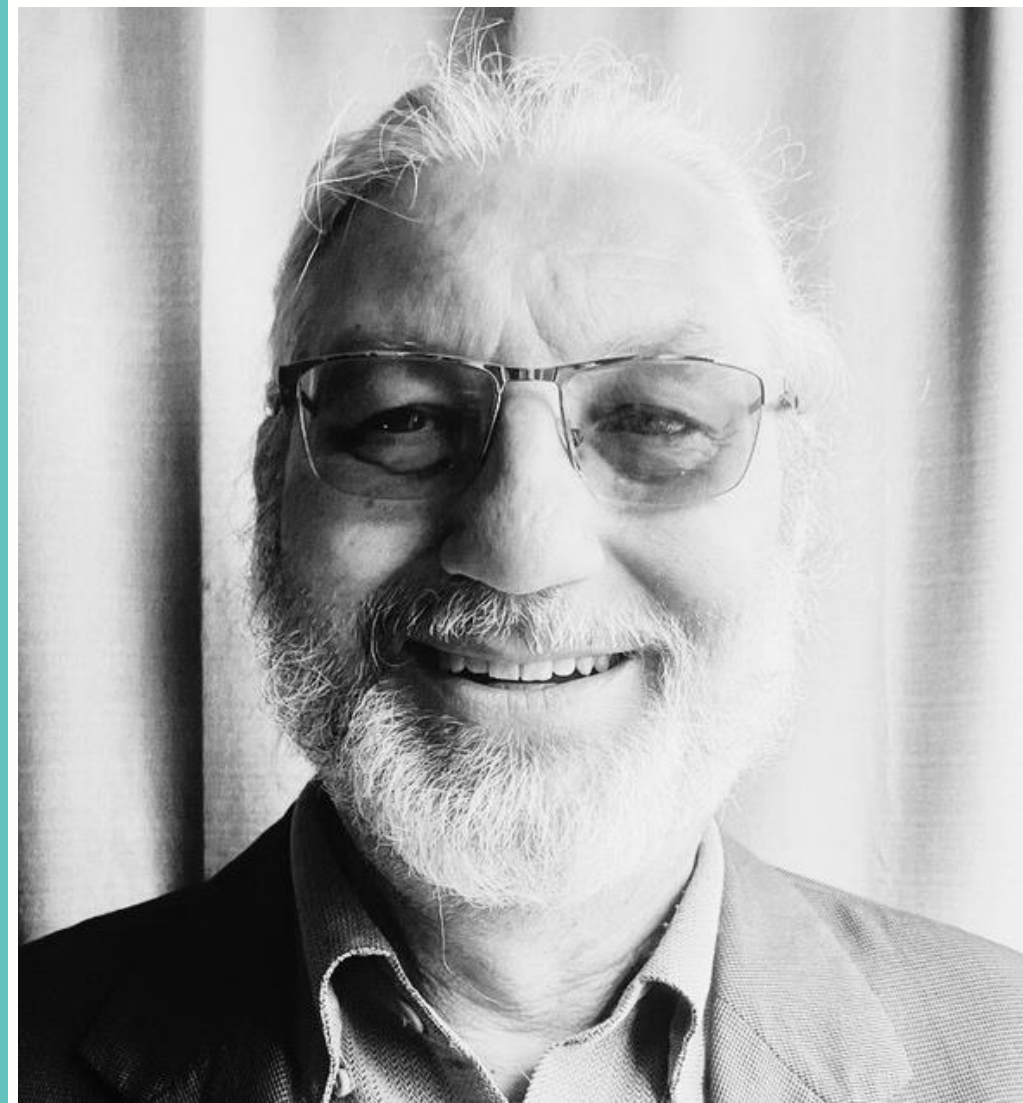
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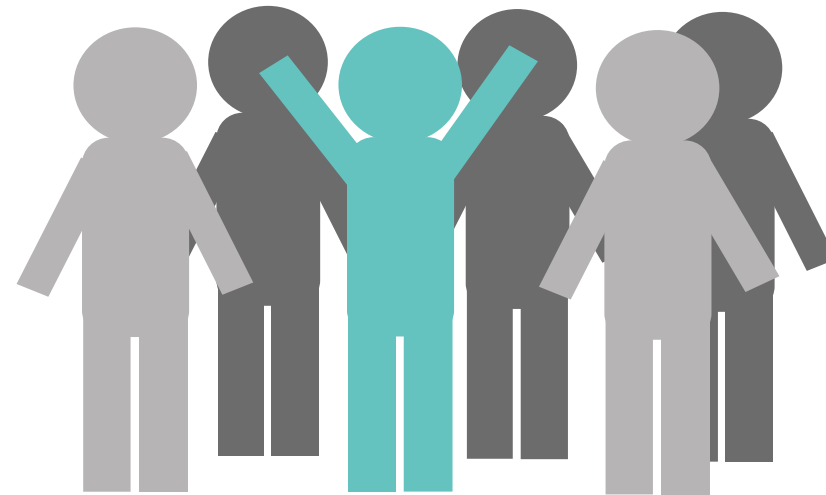
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Committed to our Community



**Case Management
Agency role**



**Seek & serve
ALL residents
in our region**



**Every CMA region
is unique**

Trini's Story:



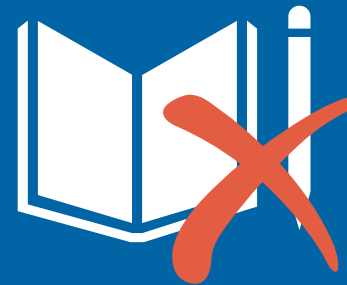
Unprepared, unserved and unfortunately, all too common



ISOLATED WITH ONLY MOM'S SUPPORT



ALONE & UNABLE TO NAVIGATE THE SYSTEM
WHEN MOM DIED



NO OUTSIDE SUPPORT OR RESOURCES



EVICTED

Denver's Homeless Population: A Growing Crisis

HOMELESS POPULATION



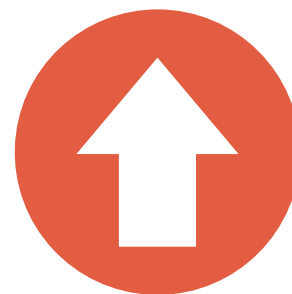
COLORADO TOTAL:
75,038



Denver County:
24,501 of total

14%

Estimated Denver homeless population that may qualify for I/DD services



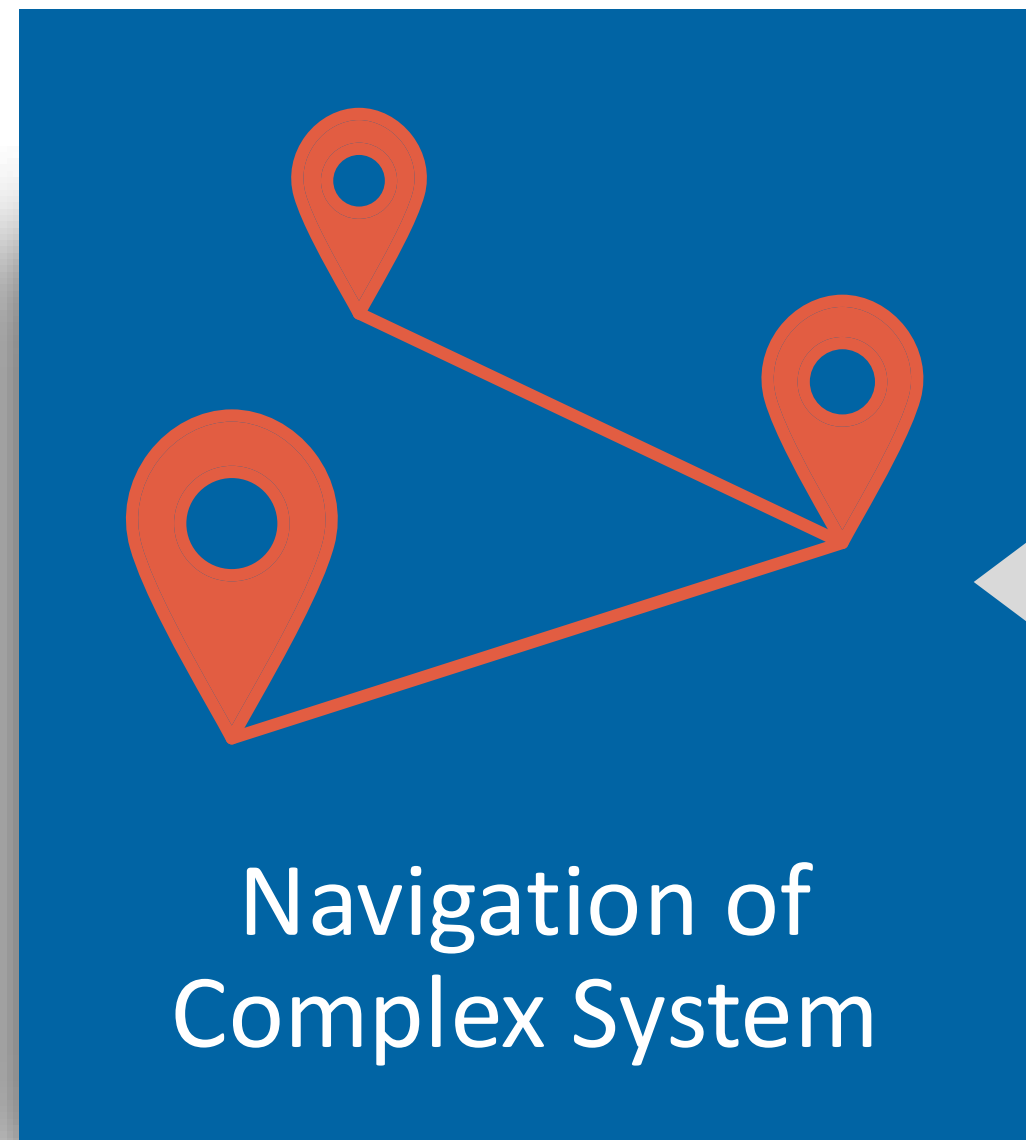
150% increase in chronic homelessness in Colorado recorded in the past 10 years*



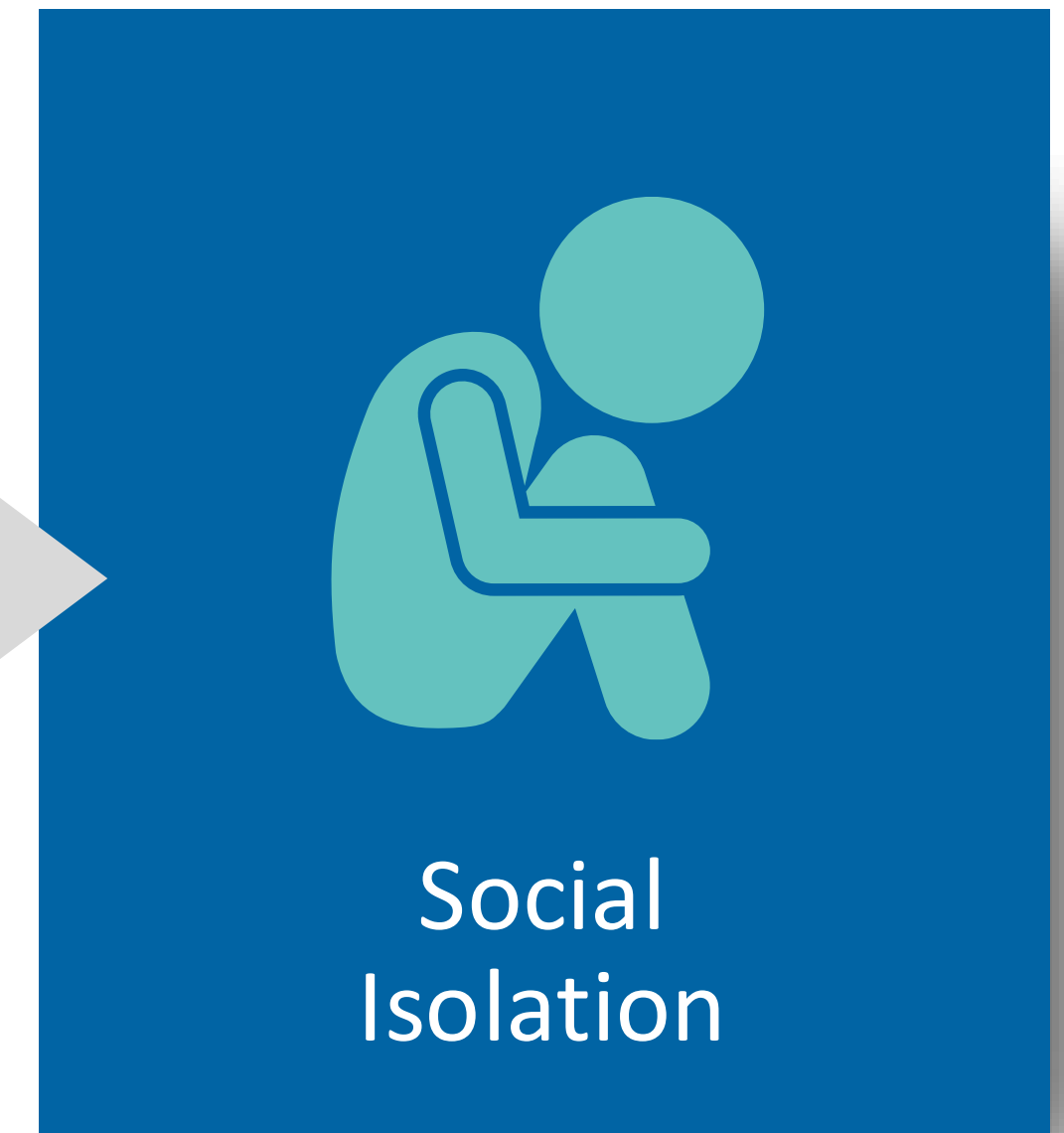
Increase in unsheltered homelessness in the past year

*https://www.coloradocoalition.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/2023%20StateOfHomelessness_CCH_F_0.pdf

I/DD & Homelessness: Understanding the Root Cause



- Lack Of Support Systems
- Economic Challenges
- Access To Services
- Service Gaps
- Educational Barriers
- Mental Health Issues
- Judicial Barriers



RMHS + Mission Supports:

Creative & Evolving Outreach Collaboration

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EARLY 2000s:
Mission Supports
Grassroots Beginnings



ON-GOING:
Funded & supported
by Denver Mill Levy
Program funds

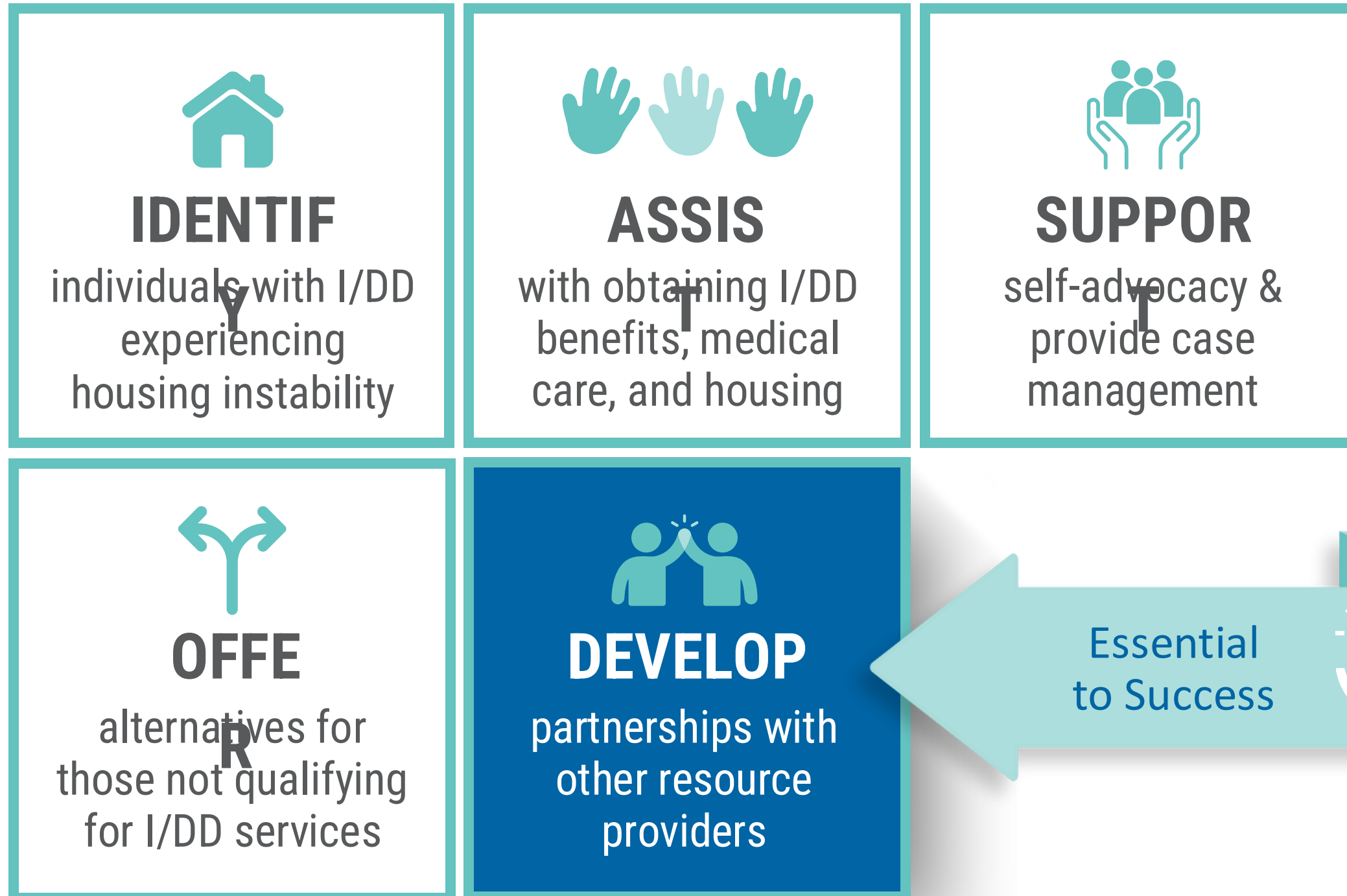


2023:
Official Integration into RMHS

RMHS & Mission Supports:

Overview of Services

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Creating Small Miracles: Goals when Providing Supports

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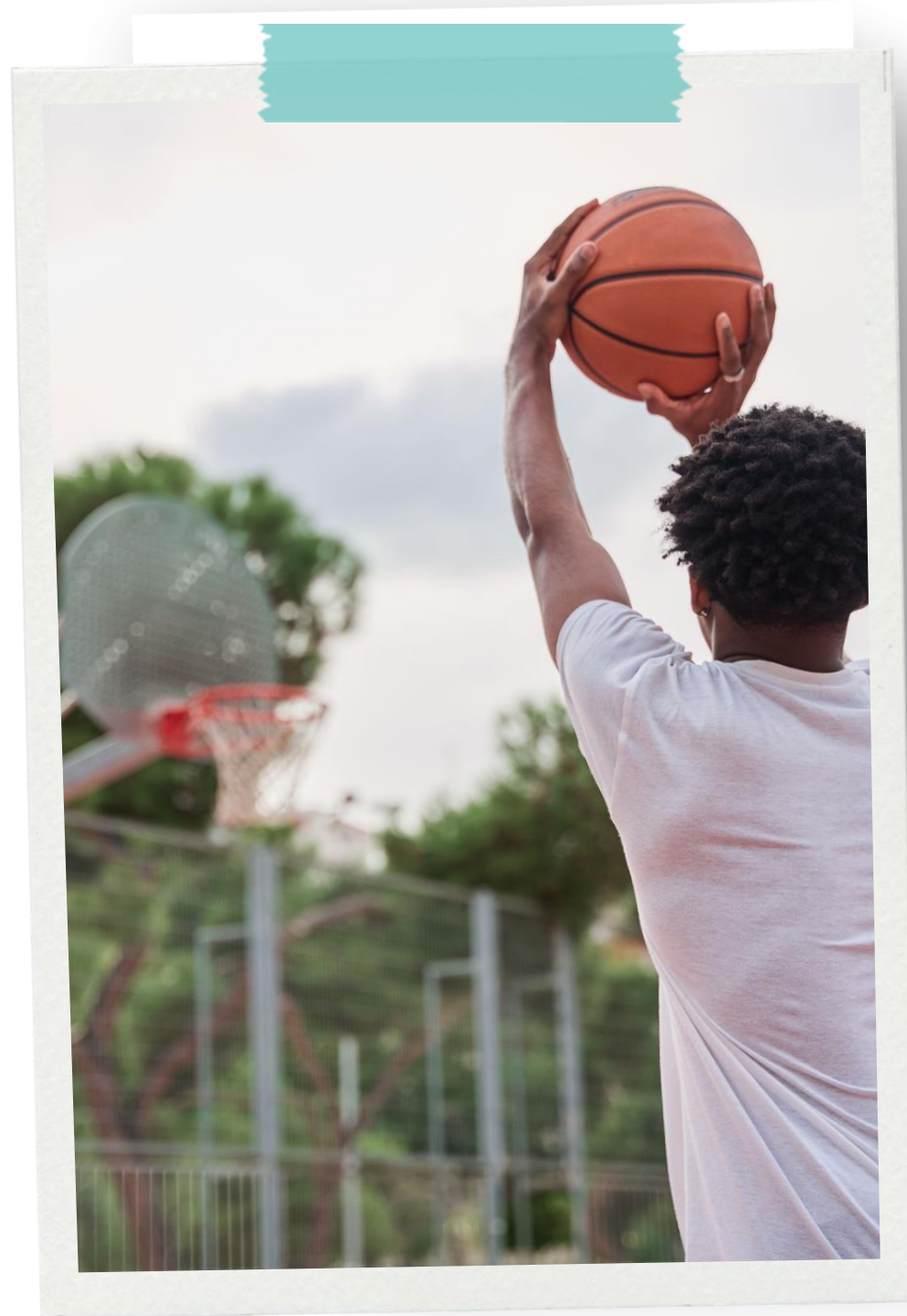
Safe and easy to use transportation
No exploitation and assaults
stability and security
No more traumatic experiences
Easy access to housing vouchers
Having some fun
Access to good food when hungry

No jail or hospital stays
More IDD awareness
A phone call from a loved one

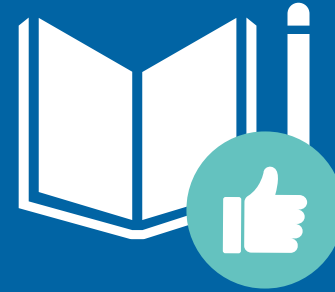
No staring, mocking and name-calling

A simpler road to "services"
Access to steady income
shelter from extreme weather

Derick's Story:



Mission Supports Success



REFERRAL FROM DENVER APS



MISSION SUPPORT PROVIDED IMMEDIATE COORDINATION



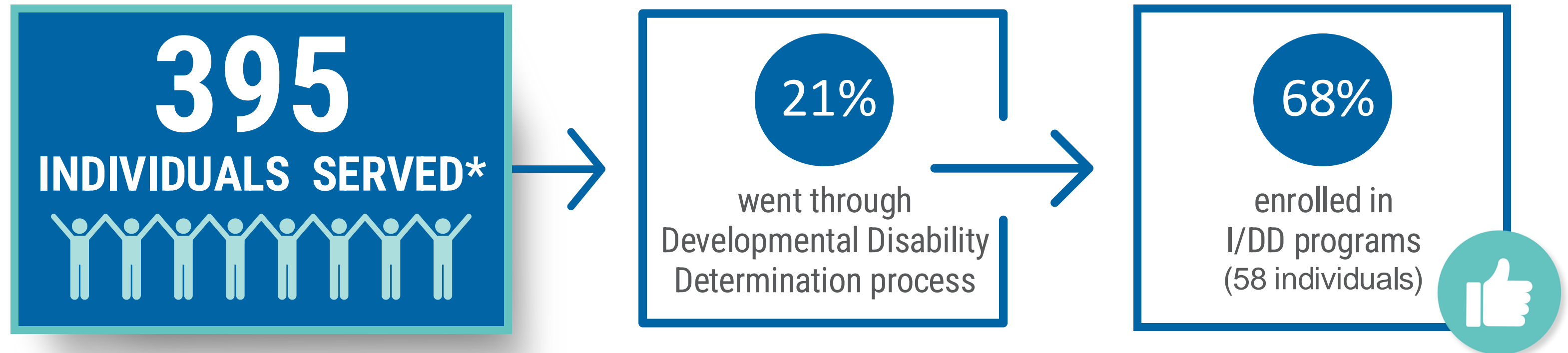
LONGTERM SOLUTION: HOST HOME



DERICK IS NOW THRIVING

Mission Supports:

Real Impact | By the Numbers



*Number of Individuals served from 2017 to present

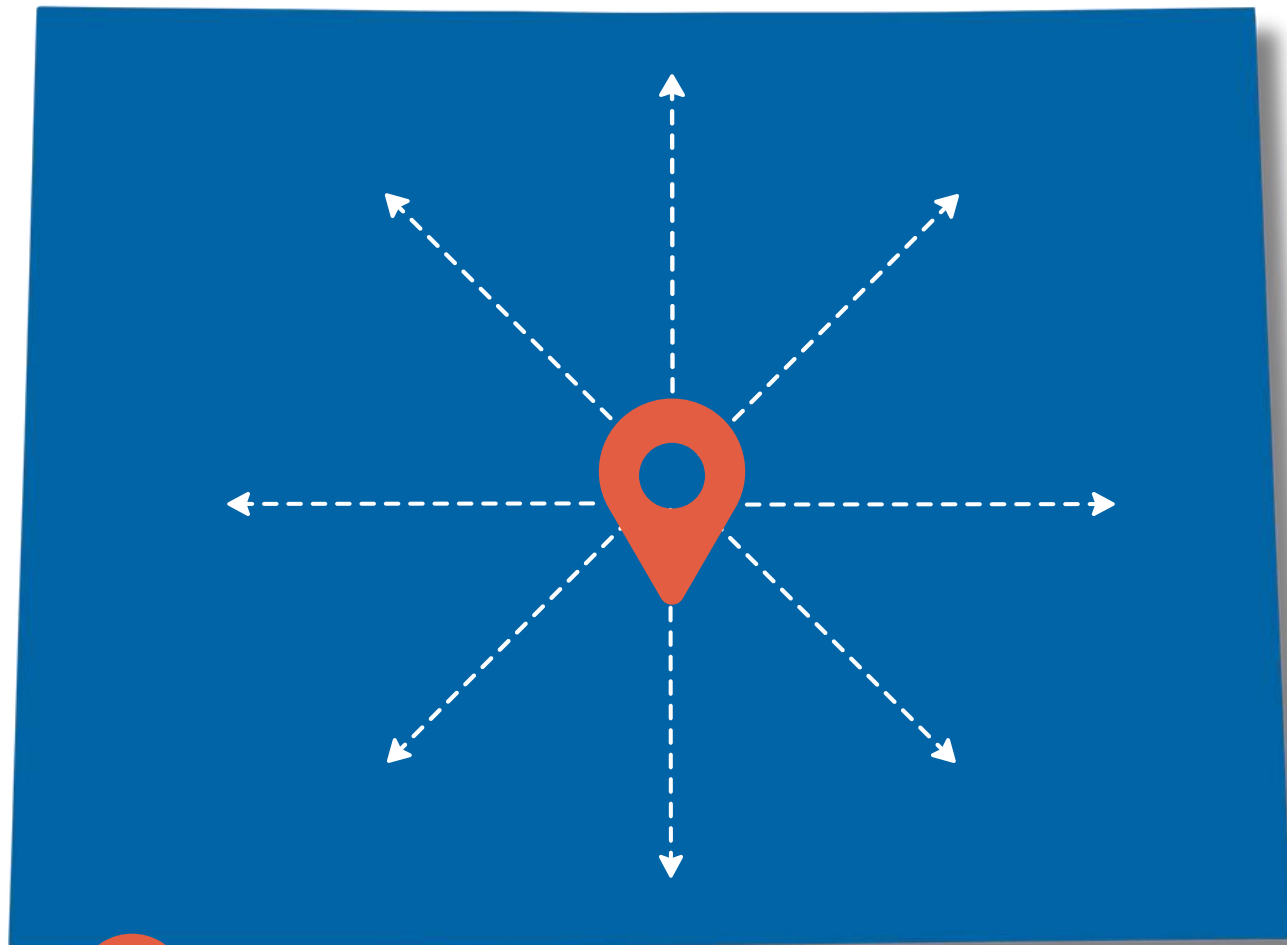
Examples of Services provided whether IDD eligible or not



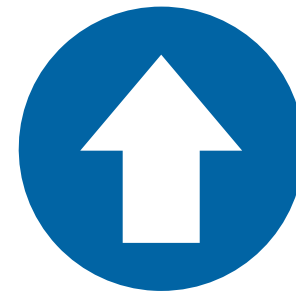
- Obtaining vital documents and identification connecting with a PCP
- Mental health supports
- Reconnecting with family or other natural support
- Submitting or reactivating claims for disability income
- Connection with other community resources
- Obtaining a cell phone, food, housing referrals, etc.
- Other resources as identified

Mission Supports:

Looking Toward the Future



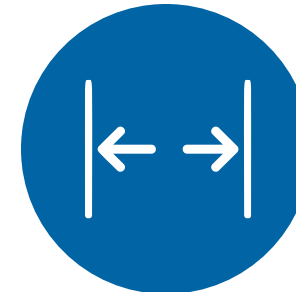
Expand reach within and beyond Denver



Grow & strengthen partnerships



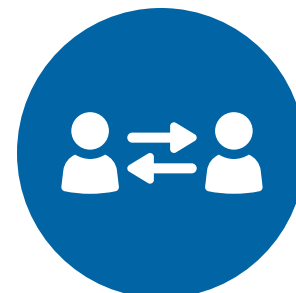
Continue to seek and find people who need our services and connect them with supports



Serve additional population groups



Diversify funding



Pursue opportunities for Peer Support

A Community Based Approach:

Our takeaways for addressing unmet needs

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IDENTIFY NEEDS

outside of what the system provides

ACTIVE LISTENING

Engage with people with I/DD and listen for what they need and are not getting

BUILD SOLUTIONS

from the ground up with community-driven insights

PARTNERSHIPS

Explore strategic partnerships



Questions?

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