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## Colorado taps federal grants to help fight opioid crisis.



**Challenge:** Community outreach is required to manage the growing opioid epidemic in Colorado. From 2001 to 2015, Colorado's opioid overdose rate increased by 179%, and in 2017 alone, 558 Coloradoans died from a prescription opioid or heroin overdose.

**Solution:** The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) received federal grants from SAMHSA to help increase access to treatment for opioid use disorder. One of the grant's funded projects was to implement mobile units to provide medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services in communities with limited resources across Colorado.



**Approach:** The funding helped produce six mobile health units which will be owned and operated by four providers in the state. Winnebago Specialty Vehicles worked with Medical Coaches on the design with two OBH managed services providers, Signal Behavioral Health and West Slope Casa. Winnebago Specialty Vehicles built the commercial platform and Medical Coaches completed the upfit.



**Impact:** Each of the mobile units will cover a specific region – southeast, southwest, northeast, and northwest Colorado – and will visit communities at the same days and times each week to build reliability.

The mobile units provide the following staffing and services:

- Individual in recovery or with lived experience – outreach and case management
- Addictions Counselor – screenings and brief interventions
- Nurse – conduct physicals, provide minor medical services, and treat wounds
- Telehealth Component – following a patient evaluation, if an individual qualifies for treatment they will see a provider via telehealth where the provider can prescribe MAT for opioid addiction.



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