

Northern Colorado Nonprofit Acronyms

501 (c) 3	Tax law provision granting exemption from the federal income tax to non-profit organizations.
AHC	<i>Affordable Housing Coalition of Larimer County</i>
AND	<i>Aid to Needy and Disabled</i>
ATV	<i>Alternatives To Violence</i> -Provides intervention, education, and prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes
Balance of State	All groups outside of entitlement HUD area's (outside of Metro Denver and Colorado Springs, see Entitlement)
BOD	<i>Board Of Directors</i>
CARE	<i>CARE Housing</i> Fort Collins-based nonprofit that provides income-based affordable housing and supporting services to working families with children
CARHOF	Collects interest on escrow accounts and donates the money to nonprofit and public agencies that help low to moderate income families with their housing needs.
CBMS	<i>Colorado Benefits Management System</i> - the computer system that determines an applicant's eligibility for public assistance (welfare programs) based upon the data provided by the applicant
CCAP	<i>Colorado Childcare Assistance Program</i> - State government subsidy to help cover the cost of childcare for low-income parents who work or are in school
CCH	<i>Colorado Coalition for Homeless</i>
CCN	<i>Catholic Charities Northern: The Mission</i> - Hostel of Hospitality Shelter, Hospitality Kitchen, Emergency Assistance, Senior Services
CDBG	<i>Community Development Block Grant Program</i> – Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley, State; A flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.
CHFA	<i>Colorado Housing And Finance Authority</i>
Churches and Faith Communities	Local churches often give money to low-income families who appeal directly to them for purposes including rent, transportation, utility, prescriptions and other types of assistance.
CICP	<i>Colorado Indigent Care Program</i> - Provides discounted health care services to low income individuals at participating providers.
Colorado General Assembly	The state legislature of the State of Colorado.
Colorado Trust	Administers funds from state tax check-off program for homeless prevention.

Continuum of Care	Network of agencies and support to guide homeless into stability, various locals; includes NFRCC
CHP +	<i>Child Health Plan Plus</i> -Federal program funded in part by the states to provide health insurance for children in families that do not qualify for Medicaid-but no other insurance is available
CSBG	<i>Community Services Block Grant</i> - funds to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities.
DHHS	<i>Department of Health and Human Services</i>
DHS	<i>Department of Homeland Security</i>
DOH	<i>State Division of Housing</i>
EFSP	<i>Emergency Food And Shelter Program</i> -Preventative arm of FEMA
EITC	<i>Earned Income Tax Credit</i> -A refundable tax credit that primarily supplements the income of single parents and couples with qualifying child(ren).
Entitlement	Cities w/ a population big enough to get automatic federal funds (see Balance of State)
ESG	Emergency Shelter Grant From State Of Colorado
FCHA	<i>Fort Collins Housing Authority</i> -Offers a variety of affordable housing programs to low-income families and persons
FHIP	<i>Fair Housing Initiative Program</i>
FHLB	<i>Federal Home Loan Bank</i> -Offers Affordable Housing Program and Community Investment Program
FirstCall 211	Compliments 911 by filling the gap between emergencies and non-emergency requests for items like rent assistance, shelter, food, childcare, and more. Run by United Way.
Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council	40 faith communities and nonprofit agencies that meet twice a month to educate on social issues and support nonprofits
FP	<i>Funding Partners for Housing Solutions</i>
Gap Analysis	A full analysis of the homeless populations' need, current inventory of beds and the estimated need for beds for the homeless based on a point in time study. (see Point in Time Study)
HACOL	<i>Housing Authority Of The City Of Loveland</i>
HMIS	<i>Homeless Management Information System</i>
HNS	<i>House Of Neighborly Service</i>
HOME	<i>Home Investment Partnership Act</i> - Fort Collins, Greeley, State
Housing Colorado	Educates, informs and advocates for affordable housing. Hosts annual housing conference Housing NOW!.
HPI	<i>Homeless Prevention Initiative</i>

HUD	<i>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</i>
IDDT/Scattered Sites	<i>Intensive Dual Diagnosis Treatment</i> -A process to determine eligibility for Transitional Housing (a.k.a. Scattered Sites) which is subsidized housing chosen by the applicant.
IHN	<i>Interfaith Hospitality Network</i> -brings shelter, meals and support services to families without homes.
LCMH	<i>Larimer Center for Mental Health</i> -Delivers high quality mental health treatment, education and supportive services to promote improved quality of life for persons with emotional and stress-related disorders and mental illness in Larimer County.
LEAP	<i>Low-Income Energy Assistance Program</i> -federally funded program that provides utility assistance to low-income and persons unable to pay their utility bills; available November 1 st to April 30 th .
Mainstream Programs	Programs that are part of the State County and Federal social services systems, i.e. Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Programs, TANF, Food Stamps, SSI Workforce Investment, Veterans Health Care, etc.
N2N	<i>Neighbor To Neighbor</i> -Fort Collins based nonprofit that provides affordable housing and rental assistance.
NCLSN	<i>Northern Colorado Legislative Social Network</i>
NRBH	<i>North Range Behavioral Health</i> -Assisting individuals cope with a variety of mental health issues.
OAP	<i>Old Age Pension</i>
Point in time Study	A study of the homeless on a specific identified date to be used for the gap analysis.
S+C	<i>Shelter Plus Care</i> - Provides rental assistance for chronically homeless persons with disabilities in connection with supportive services funded from sources outside the program.
SAL ARMY	<i>Salvation Army</i> -May provide bus passes, prescription assistance and transportation to shelters.
SECT 8	<i>Section 8</i> -A government subsidized housing program providing assistance for low-income persons and families.
SHP	<i>Supportive Housing Program</i> - designed to develop supportive housing and services that will allow homeless persons to live as independently as possible.
SRO	<i>Single Room Occupancy</i>
SSI/SDI/SSDI	<i>Supplemental Security Income; Social Security Disability Income</i> -Government income provide to aged, blind and disabled persons.
TANF	<i>Temporary Aid To Needy Families</i> -(a.k.a. welfare) temporary income assistance to low-income or no-income persons. Will become Colorado Works Program in Colorado.
UW	<i>United Way</i>

WIC	<i>Women, Infants and Children</i> -supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children
Workforce Center	County offices through which job seekers connect to jobs and improve work skills.