

COALITION ON REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT MENTAL HEALTH (CRIMH)

Founded in January 2024 by Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning and led in collaboration with Mental Health Colorado, CRIMH is a group of 80+ people who care deeply about refugee and immigrant mental health. The coalition supports state-level policies that improve mental health services for refugees and immigrants. It continuously seeks input from service provider partners and individuals with lived experience



to uplift the mental health needs of impacted populations across Colorado. This work is supported by Spring Institute's advocacy partners, The Colorado Health Foundation and Rose Community Foundation.

CRIMH AREAS OF FOCUS

- Affordability and accessibility of mental health services for refugees and immigrants
- Cultural and linguistic responsiveness of services
- Expansion of the mental health workforce to include more providers who represent Colorado's culturally and linguistically diverse populations
- Reduction of stigma surrounding mental health care
- Validation of culturally responsive approaches different from the Western medical model
- Access to affordable higher education, internships, and other activities related to mental health career pathways
- Competitive compensation for refugee and immigrant professionals

SINCE IT'S FOUNDING, CRIMH HAS:

- Attracted members from nonprofit organizations and local governments
- Developed a Steering Committee and bylaws
- Met regularly with 20+ members present

QUESTIONS ?

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Want to join us?

Anyone is welcome to join CRIMH. Our meetings happen via Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Members can participate according to their availability.