



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.

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 healthcare
- Validation of culturally responsive approaches different from the Western medical model
- Access to affordable higher education, internships, and other activities related to mental and behavioral healthcare 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
- Conducted national research and advocated for career pathways for internationally-trained behavioral health professionals
- Hosted a specialized Mental Health Fair for immigrant community members

Want to join us?

Anyone who cares about refugee and immigrant mental health is welcome to join CRIMH. Our meetings happen via Zoom on the second Tuesday of every other month from 2:30-3:30 pm. Members can participate according to their availability. For more information: outreach@springinstitute.org

