

PROGRESS MENTAL HEALTH

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Colorado has long neglected people with serious mental illnesses and persistent substance misuse disorders. When untreated or inappropriately treated, people with these conditions often become criminal-justice involved, but the criminal justice system was never designed to provide health care. Rep. Amabile works to disentangle serious mental illness from incarceration, while creating more resources so that state and local communities can begin to provide appropriate care.

LEADERSHIP

- Oversight Board Chair, Treatment of Persons with Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal Justice System
- Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services Committee Member
- Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force Member

LEGISLATION

HB22-1303 Inpatient Treatment*

Invests \$65 million to increase capacity at the Colorado Mental Health Institute and to create 120 new residential care beds statewide.

SB22-181 Behavioral Health Workforce

Invests \$73 million in our behavioral health workforce – recruitment, retention, internships, loan repayment, peer support and professional development.

HB22-1283 Youth & Family Residential

Invests \$54 million to create in-home and residential respite care for children and families, and funding for a youth neuro-psychiatric facility.

SB21-239 2-1-1 Referral System

Helps connect unemployed Coloradans across the state to behavioral health services and other vital resources needed.

* Primary Sponsor

HB22-1281 Community Gap Grants

Provides \$90 million in grants to local governments and nonprofits to implement community-based programs for mental health services.

SB22-196 Diversion from Jail*

Invests \$62 million in jail diversion programs like pre-trial diversion. Funds medication-assisted treatment for inmates with opioid use disorders.

HB21-1211 Limiting Solitary Confinement*

Provides limitations on the use of restrictive housing (solitary confinement) for people with mental health disorders.

HB21-1317 Marijuana Concentrates*

Brings common sense regulations to Colorado's marijuana concentrate market to protect people from mental and physical health harms.

RECOGNITION

- 2023 Community Behavioral Health Champion – Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council
- 2023 Legislative Champion – Young Invincibles
- Care Access Award Winner – Healthier Colorado
- Bridging the Gap Champion – Healthier Colorado
- 2023 Advocacy Award – Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado

*The fight to improve mental health care is personal for me, but it impacts everyone.
I will continue to fight for our most vulnerable and forgotten citizens.*

Judy Amabile