

Working Together Towards Whole-Person Health

We are creating a system that connects people in Colorado to the information that puts them on a clearer path to whole-person health.

WHAT IS SHIE?

- SHIE will be for **people in Colorado** who face barriers when navigating physical, behavioral, and social health care.
- SHIE will be a **network of social health data, insights, and resources** that helps all people understand and access the best path to positive health outcomes.
- SHIE will transform how Coloradans receive access to **affordable, quality healthcare** through the power of connection.

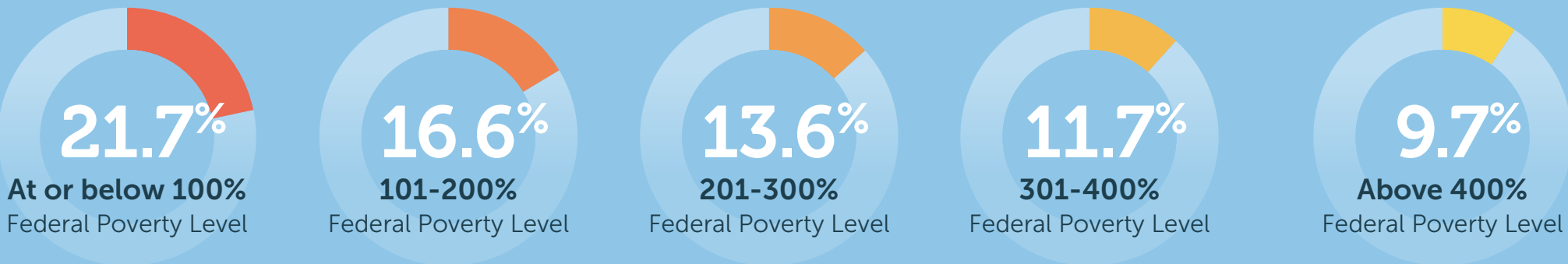
WHY IS THIS WORK HAPPENING?

Per the 2021 Colorado Health Access Survey, Coloradans who struggled to afford necessities like housing or food and those who did not have health coverage were more likely to report worse health.



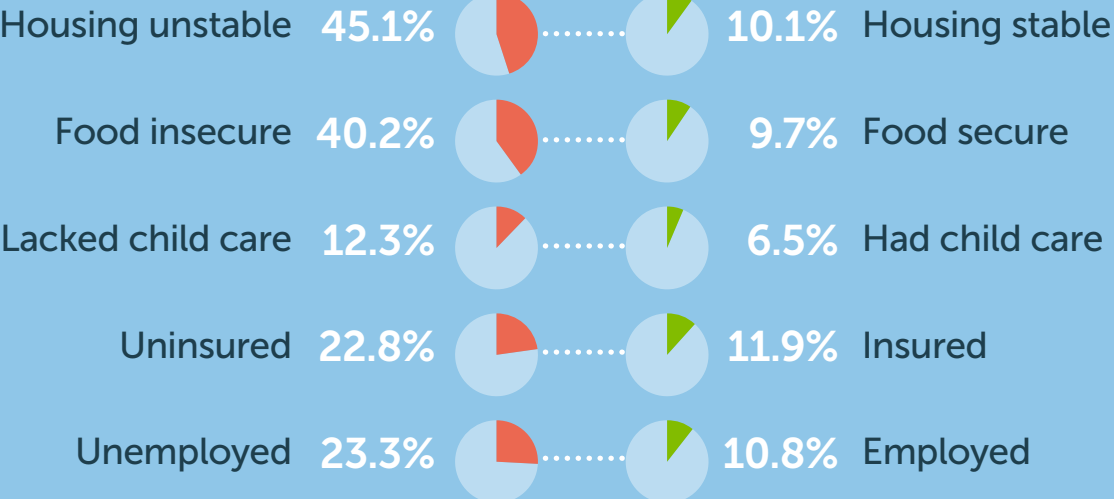
HEALTH STATUS TRACKED CLOSELY WITH INCOME

Percentage reporting fair or poor general health by income, 2021



People Who Experienced Social or Financial Challenges Reported WORSE HEALTH

Percentage reporting fair or poor general health, 2021



*Source: 2021 Colorado Health Access Survey

CONNECTING THE DOTS

- SHIE will connect people, providers, and communities to the resources they need to maximize health outcomes.
- Individuals will understand and have **meaningful access to the solutions** best suited for their needs without navigating multiple sources independently.

REMOVING BARRIERS

- SHIE will be designed to **remove silos in healthcare that limit purposeful action.**
- Ease of access is the driving force that informs SHIE's approach so **everyone is equitably supported** in their efforts.

CENTER WHOLE PERSON HEALTH

- SHIE will regard physical, behavioral, and social health as integral parts of the whole and **work to address them holistically** across health and social settings.
- This **empowers individuals** to address the various connected aspects of their health and wellness with their providers and support services.
- A holistic approach **empowers partners and providers** to reduce ineffective efforts when providing care, and instead cultivates meaningful, lasting results.



HOW WILL SHIE WORK?

- SHIE is a model that connects the social factors that influence health with a patient's physical and behavioral health care. Regardless of where a patient seeks care, they should be able to access or be referred to services that meet their physical, behavioral, and social health needs.
- **SHIE aims to reduce provider time spent on paperwork while also providing them with more information about their patients.**

WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN SHIE?

- Authorized users accessing the secure SHIE network will include people and organizations who directly participate in whole person care. Direct users who access patient/client records, conduct social needs screenings, provide partner referrals, manage care coordination, etc. may include:
 - Health care organizations (hospitals, primary care, behavioral health, etc.)
 - Case managers
 - Patient navigators
 - Community-based organizations (food banks, housing providers, etc.)
 - Care coordinators
- Individuals and their families will benefit from the holistic approach to their care.
- The SHIE network can also help public health experts, policy makers, and researchers better understand aggregate population health through safe and secure data sharing.



GET ENGAGED

If you're interested in getting involved and learning more about SHIE, please reach out to gov_ask_oehi@state.co.us.