



Inclusive Housing Coalition Annual Report 2024



Dear Neuro-Inclusive Housing Advocates,

We are pleased to present our first annual report and an opportunity to share our progress. As I reflect on this past year and the hundreds of meetings and conversations I've had with stakeholders, I continue to be encouraged by the enthusiasm for neuro-inclusive housing.

I also continue to be mindful of the need and desire for housing that allows neuro-divergent Coloradans to be an active part of a community, where they feel seen, heard, and valued despite their disabilities.

I believe 2024 was the year we established our footing to be advocates for neuro-inclusive housing in Colorado. From the initial coalition meetings early in the year to the inaugural summit at the end of October, we have created opportunities to provide a collective voice for inclusion. There remains a lot of work to do. There even still remains a lot yet to understand making the need to foster collaboration among housers, service providers, and A/I/DD community critical as ever.

I look forward to continuing the journey with all of you.

Sincerely,
Tim Dolan

Mission

Address the unique affordable housing crisis experienced by people with an A/I/DD by generating awareness and influencing partnerships towards building diverse opportunities in Colorado.

Vision

Colorado residents with an A/I/DD will have affordable residential opportunities that enable them to be an integral part of their neighborhood and greater community.

Background

The Inclusive Housing Coalition addresses the need for affordable housing for adults with A/I/DD. The Coalition emerged from community actions and a study highlighting the lack of neuro-inclusive housing. Since 2023, the Coalition has made significant progress in connecting the affordable housing sector with the A/I/DD community and service providers.




Our Impact in 2024



Building a Coalition

The year kicked off with one of our first full coalition meetings. In the months that have followed, the IHC has communicated with dozens of interested people and we now boast a solid coalition of more than **30 housing organizations and service providers** as well as family members and self-advocates.

Forming Committees

	<p>Existing I/DD Housing and Government Related Issues Committee focuses on advocacy for issues surrounding neuro-inclusive housing, innovation for under-utilized group homes as well as clarifying the housing voucher and other housing support systems to help them work better for people with A/I/DD.</p>	<p>15 Members</p>
	<p>I/DD Risk Factors and Empowerment is working to create a Neuro-Divergent friendly community program to train people at neuro-inclusive properties and the greater community how to communicate effectively.</p>	<p>6 Members</p>
	<p>The Elderly Housing Alignment, Design and Programs Committee engages with partners and stakeholders, including elder housing providers, to ideate and innovate around what neuro-inclusive housing could look like for higher needs individuals with A/I/DD.</p>	<p>12 Members</p>

Setting Priorities

In collaboration with the Existing I/DD and Government Related Issues Committee, the IHC set the following priorities for advancing the cause of neuro-inclusive housing.

- 1** Shortage of Affordable Housing that is Cognitively Accessible
- 2** Aging Parents and/or Caregivers
- 3** Preservation of Existing Housing and Services for Persons with Higher Needs
- 4** Availability and Flexibility of Housing Vouchers
- 5** Waitlists for Medicaid Waivers

Community Events and Communications

Inaugural Neuro-Inclusive Housing Summit

On October 29, 2024 nearly 200 stakeholders came together for the first annual Neuro-Inclusive Housing Summit in Boulder, CO. The event was a collaborative effort of the IHC, Boulder County Human Services, and Denver Human Services with the generous financial support of the Boulder County Mill Levy and CHFA. The event featured 15 sessions with more than 30 panelists on topics involving housing, finance, service provision and community services. Lt. Gov. Dianne Primvera provided words of encouragement to wrap up the day.



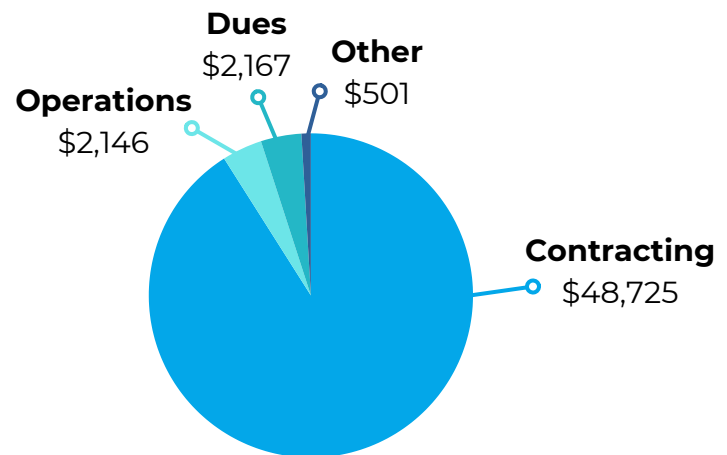
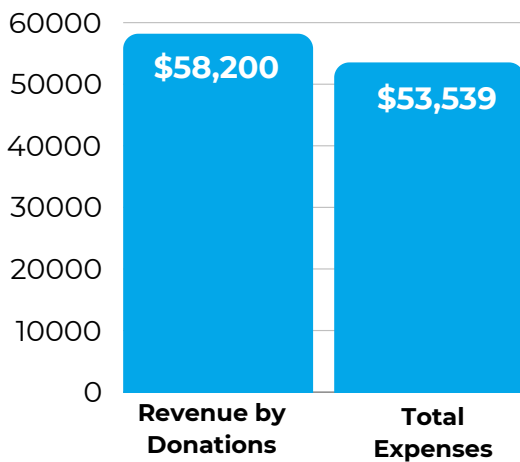
Webinars, Presentations and Communication

The IHC's Quarterly Webinar Series features hour-long presentations on a wide range of topics related to neuro-inclusive housing. Recording and slides are available on the IHC website. Other outreach opportunities include the Alliance and Housing Colorado conferences each year.

Check out previous presentations and webinars by heading to www.ihccolorado.org/presentations or scanning the QR code.



Financials and Looking Ahead



Total 2024 Revenue: \$58,200

Total 2024 Expenses: \$53,539

Net Assets: \$4,661

Supporters and Partners



Looking Ahead

We have a broad coalition of stakeholders covering many diverse areas of housing, service provision and, most importantly, parents and self-advocates. To build on our success and strengthen the collective voice, the IHC will look to strengthen our organization by broadening our coalition and adding to our board of directors. We seek members with professional expertise in accounting, legal, real estate development, fundraising and grants, and people with lived experience.

We have a small but mighty board and seek to broaden our knowledge base to help guide the organization as we grow in influence. If you are interested in joining our Board or our Advocacy Group, please reach out to us at ihccolorado.org/contact-us

Board of Directors

Cindy Opheim | Chair
Renee Ferguson Saia | Co-Treasurer
Nina Taylor | Co-Treasurer
Ben Karp | Secretary
Tim Dolan