



## Connecting Care, Building Communities:

Addressing Social Determinants of Health Together

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### History and Landscape



**Sherri Corey** 

Director, Development & Engagement

- Quality Health Network (QHN) was established in 2004
- CORHIO began operations in 2008
- CORHIO affiliated with Health Current in 2022, forming Contexture
- Contexture launched CommunityCares in 2021 to address
   SDOH in AZ
- QHN launched Community Resource Network (CRN) in 2020 to address SDOH in Western Colorado
- QHN and Contexture formally affiliated in 2024
- Full integration of QHN and Contexture to become one unified organization by January 2026

#### **Our Presenters**



**Tess McInnis** 

Manager of SDOH Technology at Community Resource Network

#### **Key Role and Experience:**

- Joined Contexture in 2018
- Over 20 years of experience in project management and business operations
- Leads the CRN team
- Led internal management of QHYN's participation in the Accountable Health Communities Model (AHCM)
- Oversees the Regional Health Connector (RHC) program in Mesa County

#### **Our Presenters**



**Kelly McGann** 

Director, Social Determinants Of Health for Community Cares

#### **Key Role and Experience:**

- Director of SDOH at Contexture
- Oversees CommunityCares, Arizona's state-sponsored closed-loop referral system
- Extensive background in health and human services and communitybased organizations
- Focused on promoting equitable access to care in rural communities
- Leads efforts to integration SDOH interoperability with a humancentered approach

### Partnership History

As partnering HIE's, Contexture and QHN have established data sharing for people's clinical information. **Examples include:** 



Clinical documents



Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs)



Admission/Discharge/ Transfer (ADTs) Alerts

#### **Better Together**



- Build to suit Community Resource Network (CRN)
  - Deployed in July 2020
  - Connected to HIE
- Envisioned and built as a whole-person care solution
- Ingestion of SDOH Screeners
- Robust reporting capabilities



- Partnership with Mile High United Way
  - Resource directory access via API
- Built the e-Referral solution in Colorado
  - Developmental Screening CDHS
  - Boulder County Connect
- Arizona approach is a statewide solution (CommunityCares)

#### **Contexture's SDOH Vision**

#### **Create Connections**

Leverage and enhance existing infrastructure\* to develop an ecosystem of interoperability that supports the automated exchange of information among healthcare providers, community organizations, public health and state agencies.

#### Close Gaps

Research shows that improving access to SDOH services that support a systemic change have the greatest impact on resolving SDOH gaps.

## **Advance Equity**

Increase and continue focused interest in intertwining SDOH within healthcare and addressing equity and inclusion of all patients across the system.

#### Improve Outcomes

80% to 90% of modifiable contributors to health outcomes fall into SDOH. A greater focus on SDOH needs results in a more holistic (whole person) approach to healthcare and will have a more substantive impact on a person's overall health outcomes.

## Community Resource Network

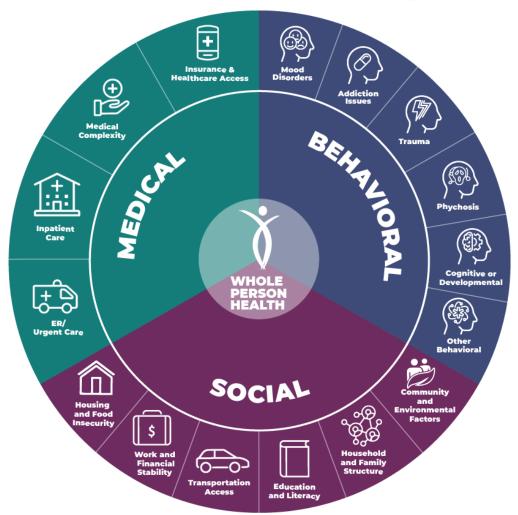
## Community Resource Network (CRN)



CRN was developed to enable providers of medical, social and behavioral health services to:

- Better communicate
- Collaborate
- Share data
- Coordinate the care of their patients/clients

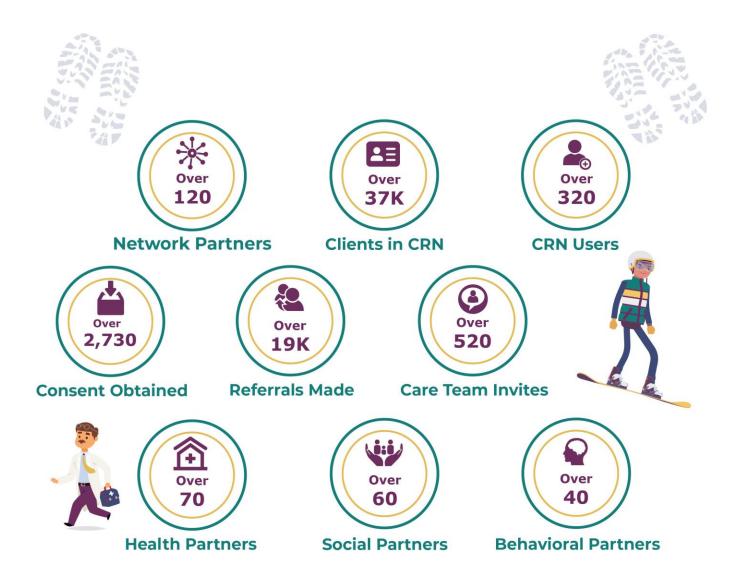
A process that has historically been vastly fragmented.



#### **CRN Features and Benefits**



## **CRN Footprint and Impact**



## **Community Resource Network Demo**



# Community Resource Network Partner:











## RESOURCE NAVIGATORS

## What is unique about our people?

- Experienced with public assistance program applications.
- Knowledgeable about community programs and services.
- Prepared to help with a wide variety of needs.
- Familiar with behavioral health resources.
- Bilingual in English and Spanish.





## **TOOLS**



WORKLOAD MANAGEMENT Community Resource Network, or CRN, is our **workload management tool.** It is a one-stop shop.

CRN provides **rich data** that informs our services.

It **streamlines referrals** to needed resources and services.





## SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY

We are a clearing house for services, programs, and information.



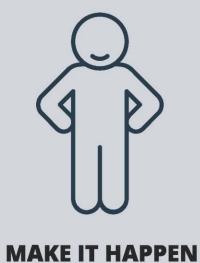
HAVE A CONVERSATION

## STEP 2



**MAKE A PLAN** 

## STEP 3



STEP 4



**FOLLOW UP** 



Can communicate in person, by phone, email, or text.

**In-person meetings** can be in our office or at a public location.

Complete a whole person/household assessment of circumstances.





**MAKE A PLAN** 

We work with community member to **determine which resources** to pursue.

Determine **what level of support** is needed.

Make a plan for **next steps**.

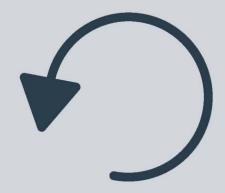




We will **remain in touch** with each community member through the entire process.

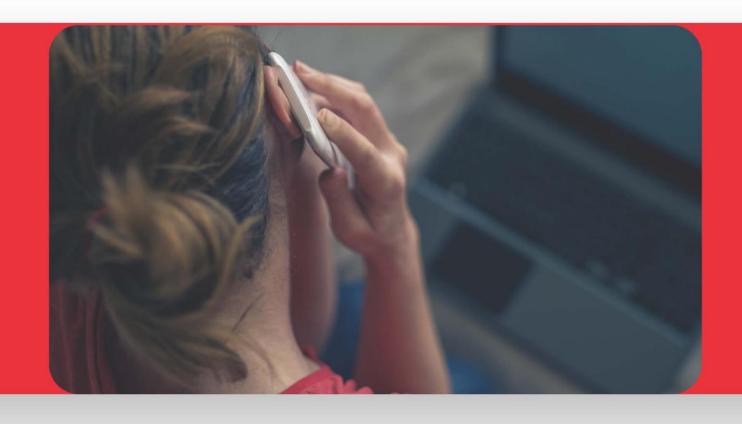
We work to ensure they are successfully connected.





**FOLLOW UP** 

We'll follow up at 30, 60, and 90 days.



## CLOSE THE REFERRAL LOOP.

We stay connected until the community member's needs are met.

## THANK YOU.







### CommunityCares Program Genesis



#### **AHCCCS Whole Person Care Initiative (WPCI)**

- Officially launched the Whole Person Care Initiative in November 2019.
- Focused on the role social risk factors play in influencing individual health outcomes.
- WPCI led to the state's SDOH initiative and the development of the CommunityCares program.



### **CommunityCares Program Benefits**

Connects healthcare and community service providers.

Screenings and assessments.

Streamlines referral process across
Arizona.

Confirmation when social services are delivered.

Access to Solari 2-1-1 resource directory.

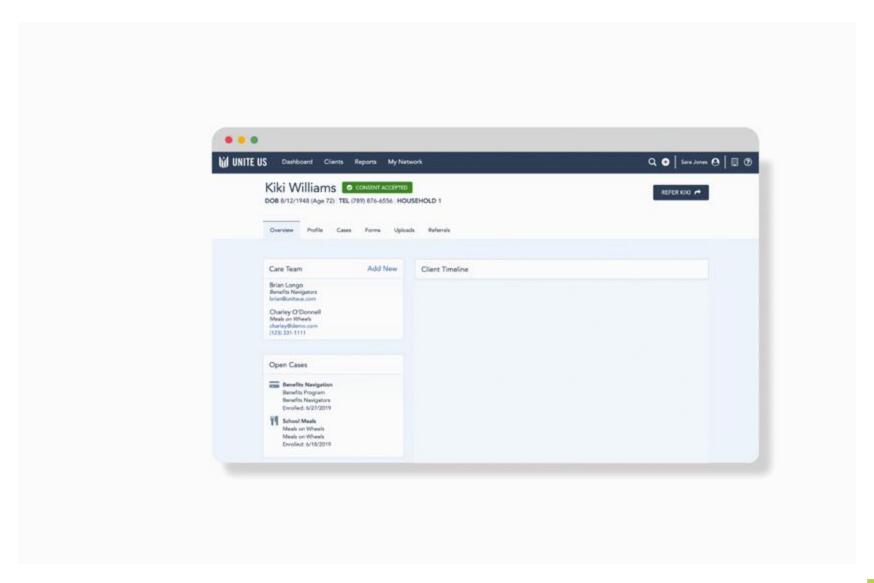
Data tracking, analytics and outcome measures.

### **CommunityCares Impact**

\*site level



## CommunityCares Platform Demo

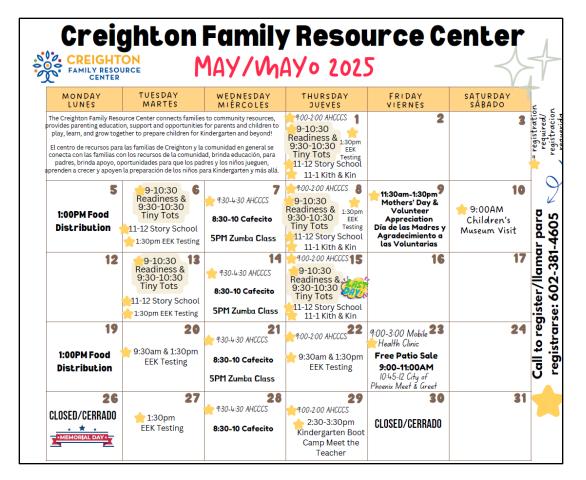


## CommunityCares Partner: Creighton Family Resource Center

### **Creighton Family Resource Center**

- Kelley Blakslee, Creighton Family Resource Center (CFRC)
- CFRC Info
  - Focus on families with children birth-5 years, but serve all
  - Recent increased focus on tangible resources
  - In-house resources & connections to other organizations as needed
  - Offerings (non-exhaustive)
    - Caregiver/child school readiness classes
    - Family story time and music classes
    - Food distribution
    - Free clothing events
    - Appointments for AHCCCS support
    - Mobile health clinic
    - Twice yearly large resource fairs
    - Community baby showers
    - Zumba dance classes
    - Summer Kindergarten Boot Camp program

### **Creighton Family Resource Center**





## Creighton Family Resource Center: How CommunityCares Supports Us

- Connection to new clients
- Come for \_\_\_\_\_, stay for or return again for \_\_\_\_\_
- Add to our contact list to receive monthly newsletters
- Increase visibility/access to other Family Resource Centers across the state
- Helps us meet the needs of our grantees
  - Well exceed designated number of referrals
- Incentive program in AZ
  - Able to stretch our budget and make some big, needed purchases

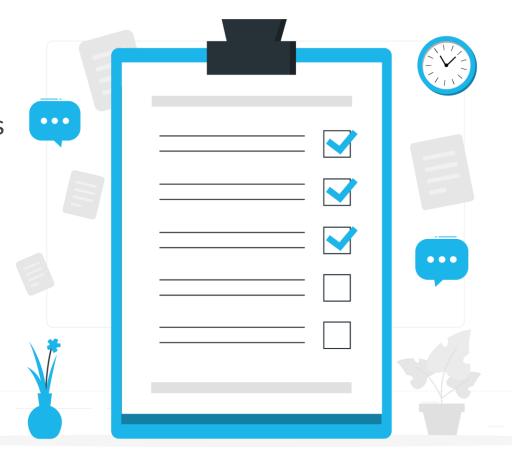
## Creighton Family Resource Center: A Little Data

- 558 referrals given out last quarter!
  - More than double our grant requirement
- Over 80 new clients added to our Newsletter list
- Inspiring other FRCs and similar organizations to get on board with Community Cares to benefit as well



## Creighton Family Resource Center: Additional Info

- Has become part of our workflow
  - As routine as checking emails
- Is flexible in how you respond to referrals
- Support available when needed
- Unite Us is a user-friendly interface



## Questions?

Thank you to Grand Valley Connects and Creighton Family Resource Center!

The recorded webinar and slides will be available here after the meeting.









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