





Are you a Boulder County Mental Health Provider? JOIN the *NEW* Wildfire Mental Health Program! Participating Providers can sign up HERE.

In response to the October 2020 Cal-Wood and Lefthand Canyon wildfires, which burned almost 11,000 acres, destroyed properties, and caused the evacuation of thousands of Boulder County residents, Community Foundation Boulder County, Jewish Family Service, and Boulder County Community Services are launching the Wildfire Mental Health Program (WMHP) to assist fire-impacted individuals and families seeking crisis support. The WMHP offers benefits for mental health services to individuals and families directly impacted by these fires and connects them to licensed mental health providers in Boulder County.

Wildfires like the Cal-Wood and Lefthand fires can have a significant impact on emotional well-being. Adults and children across the community who were impacted by the fires may experience normal stress response symptoms like mood swings, sleep disruption, and other stress reactions. After a widespread disaster event like a wildfire, it is important for communities to come together, particularly in an already tough year.

WMHP offers up to \$500 towards five individual therapy sessions (a maximum of \$100 per session), or up to \$875 towards five family therapy sessions (a maximum of \$175 per session) and provides a pool of licensed providers from which to choose.

Fire-impacted Boulder County residents will identify and select local mental health providers on the <u>Jewish Family Service website</u>. Only local mental health providers who have registered for the program are included on the list. After services are completed, registered providers invoice JFS for payment. This program will be the foundation for a faster response to community-wide disaster events in the future.

We invite licensed Boulder County providers with capacity for new clients to register as a participating provider to support County residents in the aftermath of disaster events. Provider registration will only be open until February 28, 2021, so sign up now! Mental health services are available to fire-impacted county residents until April 2022, or until all funding is expended, whichever comes first. Providers may submit invoices for services until June 30, 2022.

Register as a WMHP provider: <u>jewishfamilyservice.org/voucher-provider</u>

Register as a fire-impacted client: jewishfamilyservice.org/voucher-client

Information about becoming a Medicaid provider or for client Medicaid enrollment:

- Medicaid provider information: <u>cchacares.com/for-providers/</u>
- Client enrollment: colorado.gov/search?tid=peak

For more information about the WMHP, call 720.248.4686