

COLORADO ARTS & HEALTH CONVENING

March 5, 2026 | 8:30 A.M. – 5 P.M.

Hosted by Denver Botanic Gardens in partnership with Colorado Creative Industries, the Colorado Arts & Health Convening is a day-long gathering for arts, nonprofit and healthcare professionals exploring how arts and cultural experiences support human health, well-being and community connection. The convening will share national and local research, highlight community-based models and introduce key principles of social prescribing. Through presentations, panel discussion and table talks, participants will engage with peers and learn from existing Colorado initiatives at the intersection of arts and health.

Attendees will:

- Hear research from the field documenting impacts of arts on health and wellbeing.
- Learn about social prescribing programs and practices that harness the power of the arts and aesthetic experiences for individual and community benefit.
- Discover regional efforts in Colorado spearheaded by local champions.
- Consider how their own work/organization is already providing key resources for health.
- Connect with others during organized table discussions.

Morning coffee and lunch provided for in-person attendees.

Price: \$25 In-Person; \$10 Online

Register:

- [In-Person](#)
- [Online](#)

See the agenda on the next page.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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8:30 a.m. Check-in, Coffee, Music & Mingle

9:30 a.m. Welcome: Positioning Arts, Health & Wellbeing in the State

- Lisa M.W. Eldred, Director of Exhibitions, Art & Learning Engagement, [Denver Botanic Gardens](#)
- Josh Blanchard, Director, [Colorado Creative Industries](#)

9:45 a.m. Arts & Health Research: Notes from the Field

- Alexandra K. Rodriguez, PhD(c), MPH, Professor and Research Associate, [University of Florida Center for Arts in Medicine](#)

10:30 a.m. Positioning for Connection & Wellbeing: Community Networks & Social Prescribing

- Alyson Maier Lokuta, Assistant Vice President, Arts & Wellbeing, [New Jersey Performing Arts Center](#)
- Adrienne Hundley, Head of Community Strategy, Social Rx (formerly [Art Pharmacy](#))

11:45 a.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Creating Communities of Practice

- Andrea Camp, Senior Strategic Advisor, [NeuroArts Blueprint Initiative](#), a partnership between the [International Arts + Mind Lab Center for Applied Neuroaesthetics](#) at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the Aspen Institute's Health, Medicine and Society Program
- Bama Lutes Deal, Ph.D., Palm Beach County NeuroArts Collaborative, [Palm Health Foundation](#)

2:15 p.m. Panel Discussion: Regional Initiatives & Case Studies

- Katherine Reed, Co-Principal Investigator/Visual Art Therapist, [Colorado Resiliency Arts Lab](#), CU Anschutz School of Medicine
- Malik Robinson, President & CEO, [Cleo Parker Robinson Dance](#)
- Carrie Martin, Vice President, [Castle Rock Artist Alliance](#)
- Dagny McKinley, Executive Director, [Prescription for the Arts](#)
- Hanna Doreen Brown, Executive Director, [Sound Affects](#)

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Table Talk Breakout Discussions

4:30 p.m. Conclusion, Takeaways, Next Steps

