



CENTER FOR
PUBLIC DELIBERATION
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY



Become a Community Guide for Home2Health

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Community Guide! Completed responses must be received by: **Friday, January 31st.**

What is Home2Health?

Home2Health is a collaborative, two-year project led by the City of Fort Collins Planning and Social Sustainability Departments. We are joined in this work by our community partners - [The Family Leadership Training Institute\(External link\)](#), the [Center for Public Deliberation at CSU\(External link\)](#), [The Family Center/La Familia\(External link\)](#), and the [Larimer County Department of Health and Environment\(External link\)](#).

Over the next year and a half, we will be working to update policies, codes, and regulations to improve housing affordability with a specific emphasis on health equity. This effort will be based on community dialogue and capacity building - so that the voices and ideas of community members who are experiencing the day-to-day reality of housing instability are reflected in the policy decisions we make.

This project is being funded by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Health Disparities Grant Program. For more information about the grant program, visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/health-disparities-grant-program>.

What is a Community Guide?

If you have ever wanted to bring people together to talk about the opportunities and challenges facing Fort Collins - now is your chance. We're looking for a diverse group of community members who can help us engage local residents as we work together to address housing affordability and health equity.

Home2Health Community Guides are individuals who will play a critical role in shaping housing policy in Fort Collins. You will be trained and empowered to lead conversations within your own communities about housing affordability, community health and well-being, barriers to housing, and pathways to create more housing opportunities for all. These conversations will help decision-makers understand the housing and health challenges residents face and identify potential solutions to those challenges.

You will receive facilitation training and discussion materials to take back to your communities so that you can talk with your friends, neighbors, or coworkers about what these issues mean in their own lives. We'll also provide help with facilitation support and other resources (childcare, translation, help finding a meeting space) if you need them.

All over Fort Collins, people will be gathering to talk with each other, share ideas, and guide community conversations about housing affordability and health. Anyone can help lead these conversations – all you need is a bit of free time and an interest in hosting great conversations.

Who do we hope to involve?

Anyone can be a Community Guide, and we welcome any individual who is passionate about connecting with a community group, neighbors, friends, or coworkers. **We want these conversations to engage a wide array of Fort Collins residents - particularly those who are often left out of the conversation**

Representation and equity are integral components of the Home2Health process. To create opportunities for equitable engagement, financial support is available for Community Guides who are committed to supporting the voices and perspectives of underrepresented communities. If you or your organization has a strong connection to a historically underrepresented community, we encourage you to apply. Examples of historically underrepresented communities include, but are limited to, the following groups:

- Communities of Color
- Community members under 29 or over 65
- Individuals experiencing homelessness
- Individuals living in or seeking affordable housing
- Residents making below the median income in Fort Collins
- LGBTQIA+ Communities
- Spanish-speaking residents
- Local Indigenous Communities
- Migrant Communities
- People Experiencing Disabilities
- Veterans

Do I have to be part of an official organization?

We hope to include both individuals who can connect with their own community groups, neighbors, or friends and individuals acting in a more formal capacity on behalf of a community organization, nonprofit, or business.

Guides working as **individuals** will work within their own communities and networks to host gatherings of friends, neighbors, coworkers, or acquaintances. If you are acting as an individual, we ask that you commit to conducting one conversation, though you are welcome to host more. Individuals who can commit to working with members of underrepresented communities can apply for a stipend of \$100.

Guides representing an **official organization** will work with their organization to host gatherings among members of the organization and/or the wider community with which they interact. If you are acting on behalf of an official organization, such as a community group, non-profit, or business, we ask that you commit to conducting two conversations, though you are welcome to host more. Organizations who are committed to working with members of underrepresented communities can apply for a stipend of \$400.

Okay, I'm in. What do I have to do?

We estimate that the total time commitment for a Community Guide will be **approximately 30 hours** over the course of the next year. And it's easy to get started:

1. First, click on the link below to apply! Applications will be accepted until **Friday, January 31st**. The Center for Public Deliberation will contact selected Community Guides no later than **February 3**.
2. Attend training sessions and become an official volunteer. We'll offer two training sessions. **The first training session on February 12th** will introduce you to this style of engagement and provide you with training in hosting a productive conversation. If you've already been a Plan Ambassador or a Community Partner for City Plan or Our Climate Future, this training session will be voluntary. **The second training session on February 13th** will walk you through the "Meeting-in-a-Box" and offer you tools, tips, and practices for hosting conversations for Home2Health. Each training will take about 2 hours for a total of 4 hours of training. You will have the option of attending our **day session (3-5 pm)** or our **evening session (6-8 pm)** on both days.
3. Host one to two (1-2) Home2Health gatherings (1-2 hours each) by March 15 to discuss housing affordability and health equity in our community. If you represent a formal organization, we'll ask you to host two meetings, and if you are volunteering as an individual, you'll only need to host 1 (though you could host more if you'd like).
4. Share the notes and data from your conversations with The Center for Public Deliberation. We'll provide you with materials for your participants to fill out, and the ideas you gather will help City staff understand the issues our community is facing, our shared goals, and what approaches we should take to improve housing and health in our community.
5. Attend one (1) community meeting that will gather folks who have already participated in a Community Conversation hosted by a Community Guide as well as members of the wider community. At that meeting, we'll talk through the concerns identified during the initial conversations and work together to prioritize those concerns and begin to brainstorm solutions.
6. Participate in a debrief conducted by the Center for Public Deliberation that will ask you to reflect on your experience as a Community Guide and develop ideas for how we might improve our engagement efforts moving forward.

How do I apply?

Please fill out this form to tell us more about you, the population(s) you are interested in connecting to, and if you are able to engage historically underrepresented groups in the Home2Health process.

Completed responses must be received by: Friday, January 31st.

Thank you for your interest. We can't wait to start working together to create a better community for all!

Questions? Need more information? Email us at cpd@colostate.edu