

**City and County of Denver**  
**Department of Environmental Health**  
**West Denver CARE**  
**Denver, Colorado**

West Denver Care is the recipient of a Level I CARE cooperative agreement. The City of Denver Department of Environmental Health (DEH) mission is to promote healthy communities and with its partner, Denver Public Health (DPH), provide essential environmental public health services for Denver residents. Together, DEH and DPH are the Denver's authorized public health authority, providing public and environmental health services in Denver. West Denver Care (WDC), will address public health and environmental concerns within a place-based community defined by eight geographically contiguous neighborhoods (Barnum, Barnum West, Sun Valley, Valverde, Villa Park, West Colfax, Auraria/Lincoln Park and Baker) covering 8.5 square miles. This community has vulnerable populations, including a high percent of low-income Hispanic and foreign born residents.

The WDC will engage a high-risk community through broad-based stakeholder groups and newly created partnerships. The project will utilize the PACE-EH (Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health) model to develop a community environmental action plan. This process is designed to understand the connections between the environment, human health and wellbeing. The project will focus on which groups in the community are currently experiencing, or likely to experience an increased risk or disproportionate share of adverse health effects from environmental hazards. The WDC will also address actions that can be taken to protect human health and the environment along side resources and barriers related to these actions, the effectiveness of current environmental health protection measures, and key environmental resources in the community of West Denver.

*Established CARE Partnerships:* Denver Health Public Health, Denver Health Community Voices, Denver Health Community Health Services, Groundwork Denver, Denver Public Schools, Northeast Denver Housing Center, Del Norte Neighborhood Development Co., National Jewish Medical and Research Center, Denver Urban Gardens, and the State of Colorado Asthma Program; Research Center; and the Denver Urban Gardens.



A welcoming message invites all people to share in our diverse community.



A Chicano mural depicting the strong cultural ties of the community to its heritage.



A clever reminder that our actions affect our environment.

**WDC**  
WEST DENVER  
CARES



Families... The Heart of the West Side.



The sign says it all!



Aztec dancers celebrate Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead).