



# Colorado Artists in Recovery | 2025 Impact Summary

Colorado Artists in Recovery (CAiR) inspires healing and connection through free, peer-led creative arts programs for people impacted by substance use, mental health challenges, and anyone seeking connection or growth. Partnering with community organizations across Denver, Larimer, and Weld Counties, CAiR creates inclusive, accessible spaces where creativity fosters belonging, joy, and sustainable recovery.

“Recovery doesn’t happen in isolation. When people feel safe, welcomed, and connected, creativity becomes a powerful bridge to healing and hope.”

—Darin Valdez, Executive Director

This year reflected a period of intentional growth and deepened impact for Colorado Artists in Recovery. CAiR strengthened its role as a trusted, peer-led space for creative expression, expanding access to inclusive programs across Denver, Larimer, and Weld Counties. Through hundreds of workshops and community gatherings, participants experienced increased well-being, stronger social connection, and greater confidence in sustaining their recovery journeys. These efforts affirmed creativity, community, and joy as powerful foundations for healing and belonging.

## External Growth



We served 7,500 participants this year, up from 5,000 the year before



Including Denver, Larimer, Weld Counties, and surrounding rural communities



Including BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, Spanish language, housing instability, and justice-involved individuals

## Internal Growth



Plus a new Board President and Secretary to strengthen governance and continuity



Supporting workshop coordination, facilitation logistics, and on-the-ground delivery



Alongside a formalized commitment to Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

## Financial Growth



We were able to raise 99% of 2024 revenue



Totaling \$385,000



Up \$20,000 from 2024

## Impact



Across free, peer-led creative recovery programs delivered in multiple community settings



Including 686 community-based creative art workshops and 70 sober fellowship events



Alongside strong outcomes in connection, mental health, hope, and inclusion