Denver Health’s Pre-health programs, Healthcare Interest Program (HIP) and the Medical Career Collaborative (MC2) provide an avenue for youth to be able to explore healthcare careers. These programs specifically exist for youth from communities served by the mission of Denver Health including BIPOC, LGBTQA+, and other under-resourced communities.

**Current State: Summer 2022**

**MC2** – MC2 provides a 2-year paid mentorship program for high school juniors and seniors who come from low income and/or underrepresented backgrounds in the Denver metro area. The program provides internships, workshops, trainings, personal and professional development, and post-secondary assistance.

- **93%** of graduates from 2021 are attending a 2- or 4-year college or university.
- **98%** of students are students of color
  - 43% Hispanic/Latino
  - 28% Black/African American
  - 14% Asian/Pacific Islander
  - 10% Multi-racial
  - 2% Middle Eastern
  - 2% White/Caucasian
  - 1% American Indian/Alaskan Native

**HIP** – Partnership with University of Colorado Denver and Regis University that supports the academic and professional development of 1st generation and under-represented students in pre-health programs (including but not limited to medicine, nursing, and dentistry) combining mentorship experiences, lectures, and workshops.

- **100%** finished the HIP with higher GPAs than when they started.
- More than **87%** of students are either currently enrolled in school, still pursuing healthcare careers, or currently working in a healthcare field.

**Other programs:**
- Denver Health Traveling Medical School-educational seminars held in elementary and middle schools
- Summer partnership with Denver Youth Employment Program (DYEP)

**Future State: Goals 2022-2023**

- Grow MC2 program from 60 to 75 participants.
- Grow HIP from 25 to 30 participants.
- Host up to 50 Colorado Healthcare AmeriCorps.
- Increase number of certificates for HIP and MC2 students.