



## 2021 CHAMPS Awardees

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***Exceptional Clinical Leadership Award***  
**Karen Miller, DDS, Chief Dental Officer**  
**Pueblo Community Health Center, CO**

Very few clinical leaders have made their mark on the community health dental field to the degree that Dr. Karen Miller has. Since 1987, Dr. Miller has devoted her entire clinical practice and career to community health center dentistry. Dr. Miller started the Pueblo Community Health Center (PCHC) dental program as the single dental practitioner and grew the dental services commensurate with the overall growth of PCHC.

Dr. Miller has been a member of PCHC's leadership/executive team, including as Interim Executive Director during a CEO transition period. She gives a strong voice to dental programming needs, helping set and guide the strategic direction of the organization. Dr. Miller has served as a CU School of Dentistry adjunct faculty for over two decades, and continuously arranges student rotations. She also has collaborated with Pueblo Community College on Registered Dental Hygienist rotations and developed a general practice residency with NYU Medical Center.

Dr. Miller is a champion for high standards. Every member of her dental staff has stated they have never met a colleague who stays more current than Dr. Miller. During the COVID-19 pandemic, PCHC benefited from her expertise in infection control and employee health. Along with her technical and professional expertise, Dr. Miller is a community health advocate and difference maker. She has had a long-lasting impact on PCHC's organizational culture including playing a key role in the implementation of the center's employee engagement program. Lastly, and the greatest reason she is admired as a leader, Dr. Miller has a consistent regard for the welfare of others. She places others at the center of her concerns and responds compassionately. She treats patients, co-workers, and peers with dignity, respect, and compassion.

*For her compassionate commitment to dental excellence,  
we are pleased to present Dr. Karen Miller with the  
Exceptional Clinical Leadership Award.*