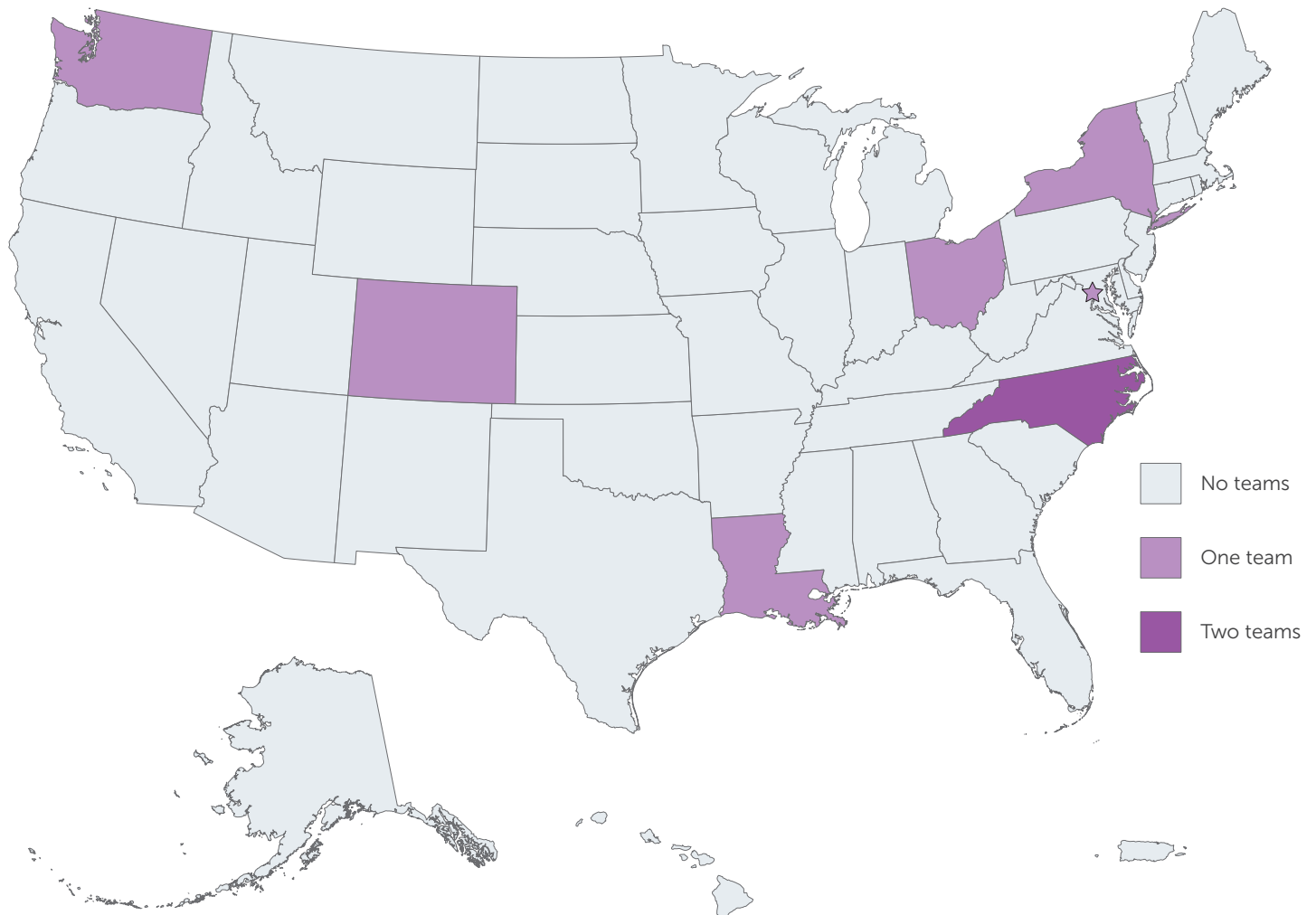


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## 2020-2023 Cohort Teams

**Colorado***Reducing the Burden of Diabetic Kidney Failure in Latinx Patients: a Community-Based, Patient-Centered Approach*

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**Louisiana***Training Community Leadership of Naturally Occurring Social Networks to Improve Access of Children Suffering From Trauma to Mental Health Services*

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**New York***Crossing Sectors Together: Forging a New Path Home for Medically Complex Chronically Homeless Patients*

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**North Carolina***Sistas Caring 4 Sistas: From Picnic Tables to Pioneers*

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**Ohio***Addressing the Veterinarian Mental Health Crisis Through an ACT-Based Program*

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**Washington***People, Pets, Love: Engaging the Human-Animal Bond to Build Trust and Improve Access to Health Care for Our Most Vulnerable Neighbors*

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**Washington, D.C. / National***Breaking Silences in the Model Minority: A National Intervention to Increase Mental Health Awareness and Decrease Stigma in Asian Immigrant Families*

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