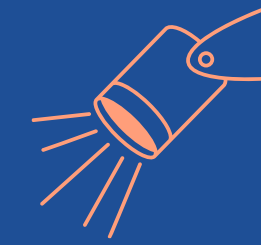


Colorado

Connecting Colorado:
Building Effective Anti-Trafficking Systems



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COLORADO PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Colorado Department of Public Safety manages the Connecting Colorado: Building Effective Anti-Trafficking Systems program. This program includes evaluation by the Colorado State University Social Work Research Center.

For their Improving Outcomes program, Colorado identified a need to create consistent, sustainable multidisciplinary team (MDT) norms and expectations across the state.

Innovative survivor engagement

The Colorado team has innovated survivor engagement practices as part of their Improving Outcomes program. The Survivor Leader Advisory Board (SLAB) is a co-created format to engage survivor leaders in project design and implementation. This unique structure includes designated wellness hours into the contracts. The partnership of SLAB with the MDT Working Group has created more integration of survivor voices into project efforts. The Colorado team has thoughtfully developed norms and practices to promote a healthy dynamic for their program by prioritizing wellness and work-life balance.

Advancing MDTs in Colorado

The Colorado team has built collaboration and consistency across the state's MDTs. By working together on the development of the MDT Toolkit, MDT Working Group members have seen the benefits of shared learning opportunities. Working group members report leaving with lessons learned after each session and implementing them within their own MDTs. By building buy-in from the state, the team has the trust and engagement of community stakeholders. The Colorado team utilizes a strengths-based approach that recognizes that local communities know best how to implement sustainable, successful programs.

WHAT IS IMPROVING OUTCOMES?

The Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking grant program supports state and tribal responses for children and youth victims of trafficking. This program is funded by the Office for Victims of Crime at the Department of Justice.

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