

Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Grant Program Annual Report: FY24

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Purpose of the Report

During the 2022 legislative session, [Senate Bill 22-145](#) created three grant programs that included The Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Grant Program; The Law Enforcement Workforce Recruitment, Retention, and Tuition Grant Program; and the State’s Mission for Assistance in Recruiting and Training (SMART) Grant Program.

The Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Grant Program, established in §24-33.5-527, was created to apply a community-based, multidisciplinary approach to crime prevention and crisis intervention strategies, specifically in areas where crime is disproportionately high. Eligible entities are community-based organizations and nonprofit agencies, local law enforcement agencies, federally recognized tribes with jurisdiction in Colorado, local health or human service agencies, and third-party membership organizations or administrators on behalf of eligible grant recipients.

Crime prevention and crisis intervention strategies may include:

1. Violence interruption programs
2. Early intervention teams
3. Primary and secondary violence prevention programs
4. Restorative justice services
5. Co-responder programs
6. Other research-informed crime and crisis prevention
7. Recidivism reduction programs
8. Support-team-assisted response programs

Advisory Committee

The Division of Criminal Justice, in the Colorado Department of Public Safety, is responsible for administering the grant program with the advice of The

Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Advisory Committee. The division was to ensure that the composition of the committee was racially, ethnically, and geographically diverse and representative of the communities where crime is disproportionately high. The committee consists of the 13 members listed in the table below (Table 1).

Table 1

Committee Position	Individual	Agency/Organization
The Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee	Joe Thome (ret.)	DCJ Director
The Director of the Division of Criminal Justice or the Director's designee	Debbie Oldenettle (frm.)	DCJ Deputy Director
Researcher from an institution of higher education with a background in evidence-based criminal justice policy and research or evaluation of effective community-based services that reduce crime and violence	Lauren Gase	Colorado LAB
An individual who has previously been involved with the criminal justice system	Andrew Matson	
A member of law enforcement from a community of over 400,000 residents	Vincent Line	Denver Police Department
Member of law enforcement from a community of between 50,000 and 400,000 residents	Sheriff Sean Smith	LaPlata County Sheriff's Department
Member of law enforcement from a community of fewer than 50,000 residents, serving a community wholly east of Interstate 25 or west of the Continental Divide	Sheriff Jaime Fitzsimons	Summit County Sheriff's Department
A member who represents a federally recognized tribe with jurisdiction in Colorado	Janelle Doughty	Southern Ute Tribe University of Denver
A victim's advocate, as defined in section 13-90-107 (1)(k)(ii), with experience in providing culturally responsive services in communities of color or a representative from a community-based victim services	Nancy Lewis	Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA)

Committee Position	Individual	Agency/Organization
organization that specializes in serving victims of color		
A member of a community-based organization specializing in behavioral health care with experience in providing culturally responsive care in communities of color and underserved populations	Chris Richardson	Well Power
A member of a community-based organization specializing in diverting individuals from the criminal justice system with experience in providing culturally responsive services in communities of color and underserved populations	Thomas Hernandez	Tribe Recovery Homes
A member who specializes in violence prevention, including in communities of color and underserved populations	Sarah Goodrum	Center for Violence Prevention
A community representative	Christie Donner	Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition (CCJRC)

Grant Award Requirements

The General Assembly appropriated \$7,500,000 each for fiscal years 2022-23 and 2023-24. Every year \$2,500,000 must be awarded to law enforcement agencies, including tribal law enforcement, or county and municipal governments, including local health or human service agencies. In addition, \$2,500,000 must be awarded to community-based organizations. Preference was to be given to applications in which two or more eligible entities collaborated.

Grant Reporting Requirements

Each grant recipient must provide a narrative and financial report to the division describing how the grant funds were utilized. These reports include data and other information relevant to the performance metrics established in their grant award, as

well as evidence of the impact of the grant on crime, criminal justice involvement, and community relationships with law enforcement.

FY 2023 Grant Review Process and Outcome

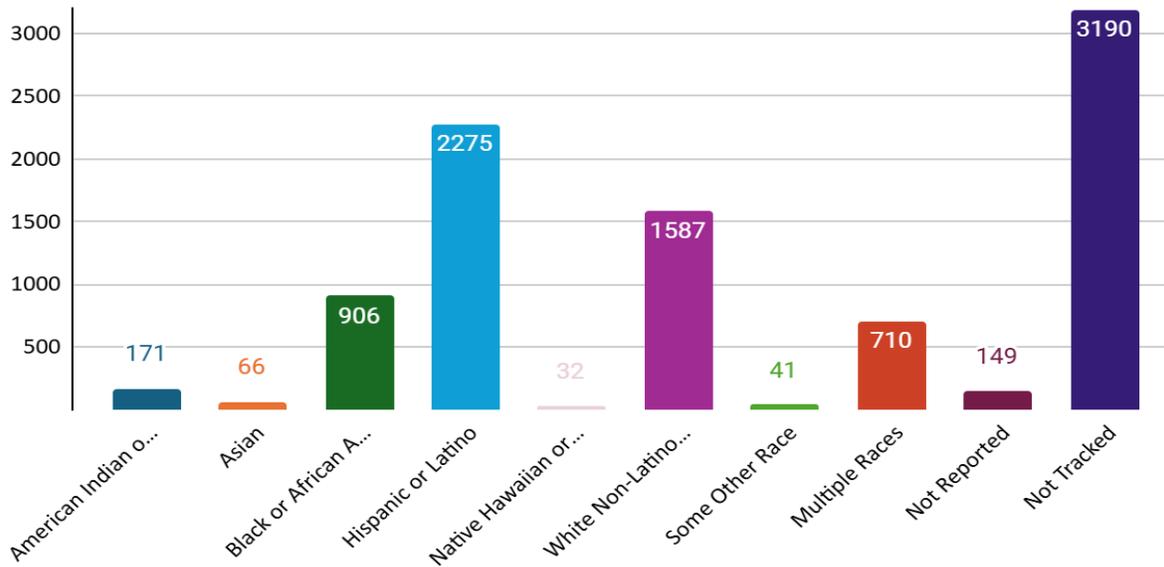
The Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Advisory Committee reviewed all the submitted grant applications. In all, there were 90 grant applications submitted requesting \$32,720,741 in funding, significantly greater than the appropriation available. The Advisory Committee recommended 52 grant applications for funding, totaling \$13,988,781 for an eighteen-month grant period spanning January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Some of the programs requested extensions into fiscal year 2025 and 2026.

FY 2024 Grant Review Process and Outcome

The Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Advisory Committee reviewed all the submitted grant applications. In all, there were 44 grant applications submitted requesting \$15,849,442 in funding, significantly greater than the appropriation available. The Advisory Committee recommended 15 grant applications for funding, totaling \$3,002,095 for a 21-month grant period spanning October 1, 2024 - June 30, 2026.

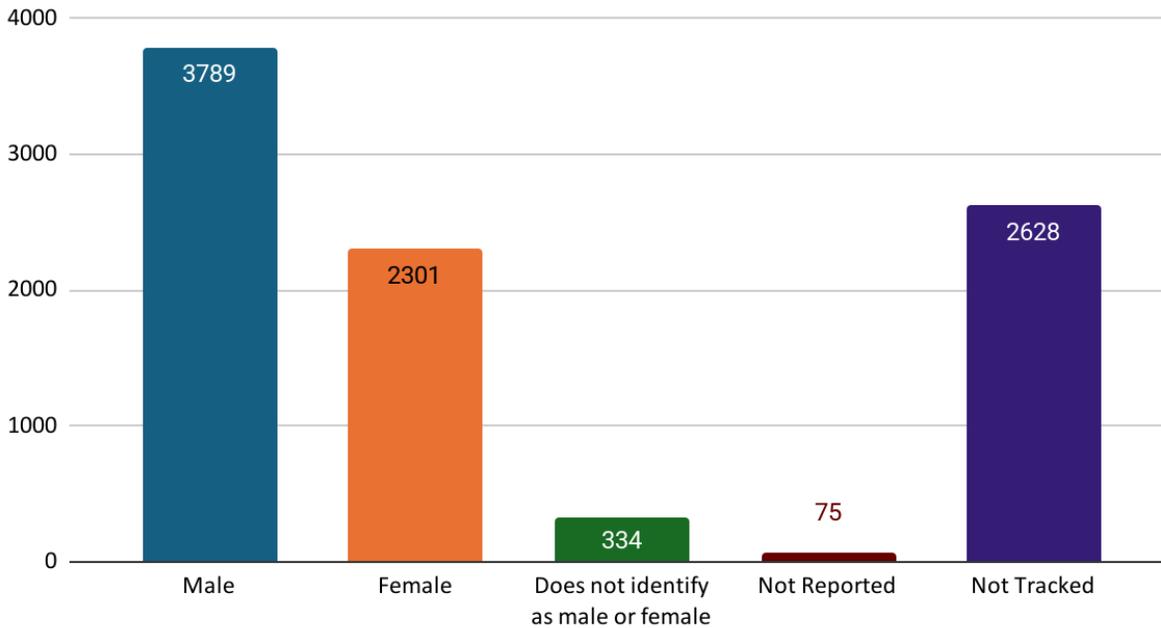
Project Data

Race/Ethnicity of Participants



During the reporting period, a total of 9,127 individuals received services. In terms of race and ethnicity, 5,788(63%) individuals self-reported their information. The largest reported categories were Hispanic or Latino, 24.9% (2,275), followed by White Non-Latino or Caucasian, 17.4% (1,587), and Black or African American 9.9% (906). Smaller groups included Multiple Races 7.8% (710), American Indian or Alaska Native 1.9% (171), Asian .04% (66), Some Other Race .04% (41), and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .07% (32). Additionally, 1.6% (149) individuals did not report their race/ethnicity, and 35% (3,190) were not tracked.

Gender Identity of Participants



Regarding gender identity, 6,090 (67%) individuals self-reported. The majority identified as Male, 42% (3,789) or Female, 25% (2,301). A total of 334 (4%) individuals reported that they do not identify as male or female. Furthermore, 75 (1%) individuals did not report their gender identity, and 2,628 (29%) were not tracked.

In programmatic activities, 17 new interventions and strategies were implemented for Violence Interruption. Early Intervention Teams provided training to 68 people. The Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program delivered 2,299 service hours this quarter. Restorative Justice Services conducted 509 outreach activities and involved 785 people in restorative justice practices or activities. The Co-Responder Program and the Support-Team-Assisted Response Program both responded to 0 calls. Finally, 377 evidence-based programs are being implemented as part of the Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and Recidivism Reduction Program.

Conclusion

This Annual Report summarizes the initial phase of the Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Grant Program, established by Senate Bill 22-145,

which was created to apply a community-based, multidisciplinary approach to crime prevention and crisis intervention. The program is governed by the Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Advisory Committee, whose mandate is to ensure racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity reflective of high-crime communities.

The inaugural funding cycle for Fiscal Year 2023 was highly competitive, with 90 grant applications submitted, requesting over \$32.7 million—significantly exceeding the \$7.5 million appropriation. Ultimately, the Advisory Committee recommended funding 52 grant applications.

The initial summaries of the funded programs demonstrate that the grant is effectively aligning with its legislative intent. Successful projects relied on strategic partnerships, such as the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office collaborating with Adams State University and local high schools on youth violence prevention, and the Axis Health System's Co-Responder Program, which partnered with the La Plata County Sheriff's Office to substantially exceed its mental health response goals and reduce unnecessary emergency room utilization.

Programs that focused on youth, such as the Apprentice of Peace Youth Organization's Mentoring Program, achieved high success rates in fostering essential life skills, resilience, and improving participants' ability to handle stressful situations, thereby reducing the risk of delinquency. The Alamosa County program reported observable outcomes like a reduction in reckless driving and increased awareness of critical social issues among high school students.

The Co-Responder model proved effective in minimizing contact with law enforcement and the judicial system, successfully resolving a majority of active calls in the field and effectively managing crises on scene.

The successful execution and outcomes of the Fiscal Year 2023 grant cycle established a strong foundation for the Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Grant Program's ongoing work. The subsequent Fiscal Year 2024 cycle continued to

uphold the program's mandate, deploying the appropriated \$7.5 million to sustain and expand evidence-informed, community-led strategies across Colorado.

The FY 2024 grant awards continued to prioritize multidisciplinary partnerships that integrate behavioral health, social services, and law enforcement. This sustained focus ensured the continued funding of effective models that address crime by mitigating root causes such as complex trauma, poverty, substance use, and justice system involvement. The outcomes of the FY 2024 cycle further underscore the efficacy of this holistic, community-based approach in: Reducing Recidivism: Supporting programs that offer essential re-entry and stabilization services to individuals transitioning from the justice system. Enhancing Youth Protective Factors: Funding high-dosage mentorship and therapeutic services that demonstrate that demonstrably improve social-emotional competencies and reduce school exclusionary discipline.

Strengthening Community Safety: Investing in violence interruption and co-responder models that provide real-time, trauma-informed crisis intervention. The consistency of these results reaffirms the program's vital role in fostering a safer and more resilient Colorado.

Appendix A

FY 2023 Funded Grant Programs

Alamosa County Sheriff's Office

Project: Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention - San Luis Valley Justice League Advocate Program

Award: \$110,649

Project Period: 1/2023 - 9/2025

Program Areas: Violence Interruption
Early Intervention Teams
Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program
Restorative Justice Services
Co-Responder Program
Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention Recidivism Reduction Program
Support-Team-Assisted Response Program

Summary: The San Luis Valley Youth Justice League Program is empowering youth ages 13 to 24 to raise awareness in their schools about bullying, sexual harassment, assault, dating violence, affirmative consent, safe bystander intervention, survivor care, rights under Title IX, suicide prevention, and other topics as they arise in their schools and/or the community. This is a free program designed by the San Luis Valley Victim Response Unit, based out of the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with Adams State University, Sangre De Cristo School, Alamosa High School, Monte Vista High School, Centennial School, Sierra Grande School, and Center High School. The program provides resources, knowledge, and the skills needed through activities that cover violence interruption, early intervention, primary and secondary violence prevention, restorative justice services, co-responders, and other research-informed crime and crisis prevention efforts.

Goals:

1. The San Luis Valley Justice League Advocate Program will sign MOUs and establish the program at the University and high schools that wish to receive services.
2. The San Luis Valley Justice League Advocate Program will collaborate with other organizations to coordinate two workshops/activities/support groups per month for students.
3. The San Luis Valley Justice League Advocate Program will become a non-profit organization.

Summary of Progress

The San Luis Valley Teen Justice League (SLV JL), led by the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office, focuses on providing injury and crime prevention presentations and outreach primarily to schools in the San Luis Valley. The program delivered 15.5 hours of hands-on education, activities, and outreach, concentrating largely on vehicular crime prevention through pre-prom safe driving presentations, including mock crash events, field sobriety tests, and impairment goggle simulations. These sessions educated students on the legal, medical, and social consequences of drunk, drugged, and distracted driving. Beyond driving safety, the SLV JL addressed topics like vaping, bullying, social media safety, sexting, cyber rights, and healthy relationships. The Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Grant have been instrumental in facilitating first responders' access to schools, fostering stronger relationships with staff and students. Between April 1 and June 30, 2024, the SLV JL provided services to nine high schools, one middle school, and one university, successfully signing MOUs to continue their work. Governor Polis recognized the program's efforts in May 2024. Positive outcomes reported include a reduction in reckless driving at Moffat Senior High School and increased student awareness about avoiding unhealthy relationships, understanding unsafe driving consequences, and asserting themselves in unsafe situations. For the upcoming quarter, the SLV JL plans to refine their programs based on feedback, focusing on presentations about the legal consequences of impaired and distracted driving, healthy relationships, and highway

safety. They will also collaborate with SLV PROM for awareness campaigns and mock drills and are actively recruiting Justice League Advocates.

Apprentice of Peace Youth Organization, dba Trailhead Institute

Project: AOPYO Mentoring Program
Award: \$252,740
Project Period: 1/2023 - 9/2024
Program Areas: Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program

Summary: This project engages youth and young adults who are currently experiencing the school-to-prison pipeline and juvenile justice system. Through positive youth development, mentoring, programming, and incorporating lived experiences, the organization strives to help provide new coping skills and resources as both prevention and intervention.

Goals:

1. Youth learn soft skills related to positive youth development that include serving as an advocate, a critical thinker, leader, problem-solver, and/or social change agent with a focus on social and emotional learning, along with the objective of visualizing the steps to address their self-care.
2. Youth learn different strategies to create safe spaces for courageous conversations focused on mental health while providing knowledge of community resources.
3. Youth learn and implement strategies through positive youth/adult partnerships to increase engagement with community members that include but are not limited to participants, families, schools, and city partners.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project was deemed highly successful, as it met all established goals and implemented all intended objectives. This success was achieved through the effective

delivery of a range of well-attended and engaging events, workshops, and programs. The positive engagement was evident in participant feedback, which indicated an improvement in their personal growth, well-being, confidence, resilience, and sense of community, and the activities fostered peer connections and a supportive environment. The project made a significant impact on community safety and reduced the risk of delinquency by equipping participants with essential life skills, resilience, and a strong support network, and by providing youth with positive outlets for stress management, emotional regulation, and decision-making. These outcomes directly addressed the intent of the legislation and the problem statement by contributing to a healthier, safer community and decreasing the likelihood of delinquency. The project's biggest accomplishment was the reported improvement in participants' ability to handle stressful situations, which was achieved through teaching coping strategies and fostering a sense of belonging.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

Looking ahead, the organization's goal is to expand the project and sustain its impact as a peer-certified RSSO organization. The plan is to continue providing peer support and strengthening programs, while actively seeking funding through local foundations and sponsorships to ensure long-term success.

Axis Health System

Project: Axis + La Plata County Sheriff's Office Co-Responder Program
Award: \$845,185
Project Period: 1/2023 - 6/2025
Program Area: Co-Responder Program

Summary: The La Plata County Co-Responder Program (LP-CORE) reduces law enforcement response to non-criminal 911 calls for service by providing a co-response approach that includes a Sheriff's deputy and an Axis clinician who work as a team to address community needs. Individuals served are connected to a wide array of wrap-

around services including mental, physical, and oral healthcare, as well as parenting support, food and nutrition resources, housing, legal services, state benefits, insurance enrollment, and other resources. The LP-CORE program is delivered through a partnership between Axis and the LPSO, in which Axis provides the clinical services and financial oversight for the program, while the LPSO provides deputies.

Goals:

1. Establish a coordinated response to LPSO calls that are best served by an Axis-LPSO co-response team, thus reducing unnecessary involvement in the judicial system and improving outcomes.
2. Individuals in crisis receive the structure and coordination they need to minimize contact with law enforcement and improve their ability to function successfully in the community.
3. People are connected to the healthcare they need - including behavioral (mental health and substance use), primary care, and oral healthcare - to reduce unnecessary emergency room utilization.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The Co-Responder project, a partnership between Axis Health and the La Plata County Sheriff's Office, was successful in meeting its primary grant goals. The team responded to a total of 2,060 calls, including 1,047 active calls, and provided essential behavioral health care and coordination to 619 unique individuals, underscoring the significant community need for the program. The project largely implemented its objectives by responding to an average of 48.1% of mental health calls received by the Sheriff's Office, substantially exceeding the 10% target, and successfully resolving 61% of active calls in the field. Additionally, M1 holds were utilized only 3.1% of the time, keeping most patients in the community, and transportation to the Emergency Department remained very low, demonstrating effective on-scene management. Although a change in the

electronic health record (EHR) system prevented the full tracking of behavioral health connections and follow-up targets, the team did conduct cultural competency training for all staff. The project had a significant impact by successfully establishing a multidisciplinary crisis intervention program that aligned with the intent of the legislation, reducing unnecessary law enforcement and emergency service usage while improving patient access to support. Its most profound achievement was the positive influence on the Sheriff's Office culture, modeling effective communication for deputies, fostering greater dialogue about alternative crisis response approaches, and strengthening relationships between law enforcement and community mental health organizations.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

The program's success and its partnership with the Division of Criminal Justice enabled Axis Health and the Sheriff's Office to secure another CPCI grant, which will support operations for 2025-2026. Plans for long-term sustainability are actively being developed in collaboration between the La Plata County Sheriff's Office and Axis. Given the program's proven effectiveness, significant changes to its structure or workflow are not anticipated. However, the team remains committed to fostering professional growth and development for its clinical and law enforcement partners. This includes participation in national conferences, such as CORECON, hosted annually by the International Co-Responder Alliance, and ongoing training to enhance clinical skills in risk assessment, cognitive behavioral therapy, dialectical behavioral therapy, and motivational interviewing. With additional funding, there is potential to expand the team, including the addition of a Case Manager. Other Co-Responder teams managed by Axis have demonstrated the value of case managers in improving care coordination for patients facing significant barriers. The partners are eager to explore opportunities to grow the program, including integrating a case manager, to further enhance the scope of services and better serve the community.

Blackhawk Youth Organization

Project: Rebuilding after Incarceration through Entrepreneurship

Award: \$15,312
Project Period: 1/2023 to 9/2024
Program Area: Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and Recidivism Reduction Program

Summary: This project provides programming and services to formerly incarcerated individuals with entrepreneurial interests to enable them to avoid illegal activities by changing their mindset. Outcomes include driving personal growth through responsibility and accountability while providing the knowledge, tools, and mentorship to launch a business venture. The goal for participants is to launch financially sustainable business ventures, but success is measured if recidivism is avoided for one year.

Goals:

1. Enable participants to create a business venture.
2. Enable participants to set and meet personal growth goals.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project was highly successful, as evidenced by achieving zero recidivism and meeting its goals for participants to start and/or grow their businesses into thriving entities. The intended objectives were implemented through the delivery of four 6-week educational, hands-on virtual and in-person workshops.

The project's primary impact was avoiding recidivism and successfully helping participants launch profitable, thriving businesses. Over the four workshops, personal and professional development segments were delivered to facilitate a shift from a fixed mindset, conditioned by a life of crime, to a growth mindset based on positive reinforcement. This outcome directly addressed the intent of the legislation by changing the trajectory of participants from the criminal justice system towards personal growth, self-worth, and investment in the community and local economy through entrepreneurship and hands-on support.

The biggest accomplishments include:

A high completion rate, with 31 out of 32 participants fully completing the workshop (97%).

Strong entrepreneurial outcomes: 24 participants (75%) registered a business, obtained an EIN, and opened a business banking account, and 20 participants (62%) completed a business plan.

Zero recidivism, with no participant having any contact with the legal system.

The organization reported that the appreciation and gratitude expressed during monitoring sessions were overwhelming, contributing to participant engagement and improved self-esteem. They concluded that with an investment of approximately \$500 per person, the trajectory of an individual can be changed.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

Given the success and impact of the program, the organization intends to continue it and is actively seeking to secure funding through private, public, donations, and fundraising efforts. The long-term plan also includes expanding the project by bringing it into jails, prisons, and transition facilities to better prepare individuals reentering society for success.

Bridge House - Ready to Work Aurora

Project: Ready to Work Aurora
Award: \$105,230
Project Period: 1/2023 to 9/2024
Program Areas: Violence Interruption
Restorative Justice Services
Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and
Recidivism Reduction Program

Summary: Bridge House’s Ready to Work Program in Aurora combines paid employment in a social enterprise with dormitory-style housing and evidence-based support services for one year as a means to independence for adults experiencing homelessness or exiting the criminal justice system. The goal of the RTW program is to help

clients break expensive cycles of homelessness, addiction, and criminal recidivism by providing opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency.

Goals:

1. Case management supportive services provided to trainees in the RTW Program.
2. Housing provided in the RTW House for up to 50 trainees who are enrolled in the program.
3. Trainees are employed in the Ready to Work Program through Bridge House social enterprises' Outdoor Landscaping Crew.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The Ready to Work program was successful. During the grant period from January 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, 66 graduates, including 5 WAGEES participants, completed the one-year program and successfully returned to the community with stable housing and employment. While in the program, clients received stable housing, utilized supportive case management services, and obtained job training through social enterprises.

The project had a significant impact by reducing re-offending among the identified population, which directly addressed the intent of the legislation and the problem statement in the application. The biggest accomplishment was that no participants incurred new charges while actively involved in the Ready to Work program. Participants were able to build sobriety, maintain employment, and reenter the community. The collaboration of the Ready to Work program allowed for restorative justice interventions and the interruption of generational justice involvement.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

The Ready to Work program will continue its mission, focusing on its "three-legged stool model" due to its success. The long-term sustainability plan involves seeking grant funding through various crime prevention, job training, and substance

treatment opportunities within the community. It will also cultivate donor relations through annual events, donor match incentives, and other fundraising methods, and expand its social enterprise contracts while improving margins on existing work.

Carbondale Police Department

Project: Conflict Resolution Training for Law Enforcement
Award: \$55,784
Project Period: 1/2023 to 12/2023
Program Areas: Violence Interruption
Early Intervention Teams

Summary: Through this project, Carbondale Police Department officers and dispatchers receive mediation training to improve conflict resolution skills. The training allows officers and staff to assist community members who are in a civil, or non-criminal, conflict with another person, and to help community members develop the skills to resolve conflicts in a non-violent manner.

Goals: 1. Prevent violent crime, improve public safety, and improve the quality of life for those in and around the community.

Project Impact and Outcomes

The Conflict Resolution Training for Law Enforcement had a significant impact on improving how officers mediate problems within the community. It also played a crucial role in fostering better relationships between officers and the community, particularly in addressing civil issues and non-criminal matters.

The project successfully addressed these goals by equipping officers with conflict resolution skills, leading to more effective communication and reduced reliance on legal avenues for civil matters.

By providing officers with effective conflict resolution training, they not only gained the ability to mediate problems more efficiently but also learned to engage with the community in a way that fosters understanding and trust.

In summary, the Conflict Resolution Training for Law Enforcement successfully impacted how officers mediate community problems, strengthened relationships with the community, and achieved the overarching goals of legislation by equipping personnel with essential communication and conflict resolution skills.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

Given the success of the project, they intend to conduct "Lunch and Learn" sessions with mediation trainers every 18 months. These sessions will serve as opportunities for personnel to reflect on and reinforce the skills acquired during the original 40-hour training.

To extend the benefits of conflict resolution training, they hope to secure grant funding, like this grant. Grant funding will enable them to offer the comprehensive 40-hour training to first responders who have not yet undergone the program. The goal is to conduct this training on a regular basis, potentially every 2 or 3 years, ensuring a continuous cycle of skill development and knowledge reinforcement among law enforcement personnel.

CCMRH - Open Heart Advocates

Project: At W.I.T.S. End

Award: \$319,522

Project Period: 1/2023 to 12/2024

Program Areas: Early Intervention Teams
Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program
Co-Responder Program
Support-Team-Assisted Response Program

Summary: Willfully Integrated Trauma Specialized ("At WITS End") Response is a joint effort between Open Heart Advocates (a community-based, nonprofit victim and trauma advocacy agency), Moffat

County Sheriff's Office, and Craig Police Department to provide victim services and successful responses to crises. This project is a collaborative training that builds staff resilience and gives the team the skills to provide ongoing "wrap-around" support to address the high rates of interpersonal violence and behavioral health crises in Moffat County.

Goals:

1. 32 staff are trained in the best practice model, ACRTI (Accessible, Culturally Responsive, and Trauma-Informed).
2. 210 unique individuals receive crisis response services with an improvement in access to services. Ongoing support to 95 individuals will result in an 85% improvement in access.
3. Decrease crime rates in those served by Crisis Response Services.

Project Impact/Outcomes

Open Heart Advocates (OHA), operated by CCMRH, served over 500 individuals and collaborated extensively with the Moffat County Sheriff's Office and the 14th Judicial District Attorney's Office on over 200 calls. They trained 134 law enforcement staff in various critical skills, including suicide intervention and trauma-informed care. OHA's crisis responses included de-escalation, sheltering victims of violence, and developing safety plans for individuals with suicidal ideations. Over 85% of their calls did not require emergency room transport or law enforcement involvement. They also supported clients in developing and adhering to 92 safety plans for suicide ideation with 100% safety when followed and assisted 33 youth IPV clients and their families. OHA also supported human trafficking victims with housing, which decreased re-victimization and led to law enforcement intervention into sex trafficking rings. The program continues to decrease the need for higher-level care for those experiencing behavioral health crises through peer advocate response.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

The sustainability plan is designed to ensure program stability through a blend of multiple funding sources to grow the Workforce Pathway components and paid internships.

Establishing agreements with external agencies interested in adopting the CHIC model. To further strengthen its reach and impact, the program plans to make the following improvements: Hiring additional case managers and group facilitators to serve more participants without reducing service quality. Offering quarterly family workshops and retreats to reinforce positive home environments.

City of Ft. Morgan Police Department

Project: Fort Morgan Police Department New Horizons Youth and Community Outreach Program

Award: \$7,192

Project Period: 1/2023 to 12/2023

Program Areas: Early Intervention Teams

Summary: The New Horizons youth outreach program is a program that reaches out to juveniles between the ages of 12 and 18. It focuses on children who are struggling behaviorally and/or academically. The program provides a variety of free services throughout the city, focusing on local citizens who are going through difficult times and are unable to do for themselves. These services can include yard work, property clean-ups, painting, etc. The people who receive these services are typically elderly, disabled, or going through a tough time that has left them financially unable to help themselves. Police officers serve as mentors working alongside the children in this program. This project builds relationships with the youth in the community while providing needed services and giving back to the community. Program staff also work with the municipal court probation department for restorative justice services.

- Goals:**
1. To build relationships based on mutual respect and trust.
 2. To grow the program by increasing the number of participants and services provided.

Project Impact and Outcomes

Although it is hard to track, the grantee believes it had an impact against crime, specifically with the juveniles directly involved in the program. The administrator of school resource officers involved in this program believes this grant helped them tremendously with building relationships with youth in their community. This grant allowed them to upgrade some tools and grow their program and see the potential for further growth. The kids involved were excited to be helping their community and having some purpose outside of themselves. It also offered them an opportunity for those kids to see police officers outside of their normal function. In a sense it even has evolved into a potential recruiting tool for youth which can help diversify their officers within their department to help represent their community better.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

The grantee would like to continue the program, moving it in the same direction and growing it to more youth within their community. As part of the program, they are trying to expand it and continue to reach out to the youth who are on the fence (so to speak) of entering the juvenile criminal system or not.

City of Pueblo

Project: Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (Pueblo)
Award: \$131,660
Project Period: 1/2023 to 3/2025
Program Areas: Support-Team-Assisted Response Program

Summary: The Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV), a formal collective impact effort, implements a strategy to address gang activity in Pueblo. This project is a community response to the increase in gang activity, gang-related crime, and gang-related

violence that Pueblo has experienced in the last decade. The city uses a community approach to systemic change that creates linkages between systems and redefines ways of working together to develop a collaborative, integrated approach to gangs. This “systems approach” requires wide-scale, integrated solutions and contributions from all impacted sectors.

- Goals:**
1. Engage leaders of multidisciplinary programs and services that help prevent involvement in gangs with each other in a formal collective impact effort.
 2. Provide information to the community about the conditions that draw young people into gangs and the range of actions needed to prevent youth involvement in gangs
 3. Develop a policy framework to help community members, service providers, funding agencies and policymakers collaborate to develop policies that address issues of gang activity, violence, and positive youth development.

Summary of Progress

There has been no activity on this project. Division staff have reached out to the grantee to discuss the barriers to implementation and adjustments that may be needed for successful completion.

Collaborative Healing Initiatives Within Communities (CHIC)

Project: Re-Enter, Re-Build, Re-Start (R3)
Award: \$211,173
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2025
Program Areas: Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program

Summary: Collaborative Healing Initiative Within Communities (CHIC) is a

Black woman-led nonprofit organization specializing in serving women and girls of color through the lens of race and gender-responsive health and healing. Since 2016, CHIC has provided high levels of mentorship, early intervention, and family support to young women and girls who have been impacted by gang violence, who are engaged in the judicial system, or who are at risk of engagement in the judicial system. CHIC's Re-Enter, Re-Build, Re-Start (R3) program provides up to 75 young women - referred from schools, courts, and community partners - with specialized and intensive individual, family, and group-based early intervention and prevention supports. CHIC's holistic and culturally competent services lead to improvements in near-term social, emotional, and prosocial behavioral outcomes that contribute to long-term reductions in risk factors, violence, and arrest.

Goals:

1. To implement robust youth and family case management/case empowerment systems and protocols to plan, support, monitor, and maintain individual and family progress.
2. To facilitate high-quality social, emotional, and prosocial behavioral group session programming that promotes critical skill development and strengthens peer-to-peer relationships.
3. To establish and maintain an ecosystem of institutional, school, and community partners that allow them to successfully implement and sustain their program.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The CHIC (Collaborative Healing Initiatives Within Communities) R3 program was comprehensively successful, meeting its goals and implementing the majority of its intended objectives. The program consistently demonstrated strong participant engagement, leading to measurable gains in protective factors and a reduction in risk factors associated with youth violence and justice system involvement. Key indicators

confirmed goal attainment, including meeting or exceeding core service delivery targets—such as biweekly groups and one-on-one sessions—and achieving measurable wellness gains, with participants reporting a 49% increase in positive emotions and a nearly 50% decrease in anger and anxiety. Implementation of objectives was confirmed through direct service delivery, use of culturally responsive programming, family engagement, and establishing partnerships with judicial and school systems. This success was attributed to strong partnerships for steady referrals, consistent staff contact that built trust, a flexible and individualized approach to case management, and the integration of mental health resources. While challenges existed, primarily related to staff capacity, high referral rates, and coordinating with the judicial and school systems, the program adapted by prioritizing high-risk participants and maintaining strong retention. The CHIC R3 program directly impacted justice-involved and high-risk young women and girls by reducing the likelihood of future criminal justice involvement through targeted early intervention and violence prevention programming. These outcomes, including improved social-emotional wellbeing and strengthened prosocial skills, directly addressed the underlying conditions contributing to violence and fulfilled the intent of the CPCI grant legislation. The program’s biggest accomplishment was demonstrating statistically significant improvements in protective factors for an extremely high-risk population while maintaining strong retention and engagement across multiple program years.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

Because the CHIC R3 Program was successful and demonstrated a clear, measurable impact, the organization plans to continue implementing and strategically expanding the project beyond the current funding cycle. The team expressed gratitude for the Division of Criminal Justice's partnership, which contributed to the program's strength and capacity-building.

The long-term strategy involves preserving the R3 Program's proven elements—trauma-informed case management, culturally responsive group facilitation, structured intake-to-graduation pathways, and embedded mental health access—while

strategically expanding its reach. This expansion includes serving more participants in Denver County and replicating the successful Jefferson High School model in additional school and community sites.

Colorado Springs Police Athletic Activity League

Project: Colorado Springs Police Athletic Activity League Violence Prevention
Award: \$105,000
Project Period: 1/2023 to 12/2024
Program Areas: Restorative Justice Services

Summary: The Colorado Springs Police Athletic Activity League (PAL) provides access to sports education and after-school activities to the children in the neighborhoods of the southeast region of Colorado Springs, while also bridging the gap between the community and the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD). The funding covers staffing costs, allowing PAL to focus on providing mentorship and boxing training to underserved youth that will help them develop leadership traits, a strong work ethic, and resilience. These life skills, combined with productive, non-enforcement-related interactions between police and community members, strengthen the community and help prevent violence in Colorado Springs.

Goals: 1. To create a safe environment for local youth that, through mentoring and sports training/education, will provide violence prevention for an at-risk population.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project was considered successful, with a significant amount accomplished and goals met. The program's effectiveness was supported by data from 30 Self-Report Surveys administered to male and female participants aged 8-12 and 13-16, with

results indicating that 91% of completed surveys showed vast improvements. Through collaboration and commitment, the grant initiative became a model of success, demonstrating the potential of targeted intervention and community resilience for a more supportive future.

The outcomes of the program exceeded initial expectations. The biggest accomplishment was the fostering of a sense of community ownership through collaboration with local churches, volunteer police officers, and consistent community involvement. Several parents reported significant improvements in their children’s health, grades in school, and overall self-confidence, which enhanced their quality of life. The impact of the program addressed the intent of the legislation by providing a targeted intervention that led to significant improvements for participants.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

This program will continue to move forward. To support endeavors, we will seek diversified funding sources, government funding programs, and possibly corporate sponsorship from local businesses. We will also gather input from the community, mentors, and customers to understand their perspectives and gather suggestions for improvements. By employing a varied approach to funding, we hope to secure the necessary resources to continue our current efforts.

Denver Dream Center

Project: Denver Dream Center’s Continuum of Care to Prevent and Reduce Crime
Award: \$450,000
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2024
Program Areas: Violence Interruption
Early Intervention Teams
Restorative Justice Services

Summary: The Denver Dream Center (DDC) provides a continuum of services to prevent and reduce crime, such as:

- Violence Interruption: Adopt-a-Block targets five low-income neighborhoods twice monthly to build rapport, identify needs, and connect youth who are on a path toward crime to programs such as DDC’s Afterschool/Summer program, and sports camps.
- Early Intervention/Co-responder programs: Street Outreach teams target hotspot communities to build long-term relationships and liaise with the Denver Police Department and public safety to help de-escalate calls involving the homeless and/or gang members.
- Re-entry programs include pre-release planning, mediation between parole officers and parolees, and workforce development, including hands-on training with guaranteed employment.
- Restorative justice: Individuals leaving the judicial system help give back to the city they damaged; Coffee with Cops allows officers to connect with gang members and the formerly incarcerated to rebuild trust.

Goals:

1. Lower recidivism rates among the DDC’s Thrive Participants.
2. Target and enhance Colorado’s Youth Violence Prevention Action Table’s strategies, which are based on CDC recommendations: 1) promote family environments that support healthy development; 2) provide quality education early in life; 3) strengthen youth skills; 4) connect youth to caring adults and activities; 5) create protective community environments; 6) intervene to lessen harms and prevent future risks.

Project Impact and Outcomes

The project was successful, and they have seen many participants receive jobs, find housing and receive community support. Their apprenticeship program has expanded and found stability in the classes taught to provide more resources to individuals. They have seen a 90% success rate in the program. They even hired an entire class on staff. There have been a few people that relapsed, but all have come back to the dream center and continue to receive help. They were able to relieve stress in communities with extra support and offer mental health resources. Families received rental assistance and job assistance.

Many of the homes are single family homes with the other parents incarcerated or involved in a gang. The support through youth programming and in the adopt- a- block program has been able to provide a new outlet for people to live a more positive and productive life.

They have seen success in reducing crime. They have seen people change habits to help with self-control and emotional control that has prevented more breakouts and fights. One of their biggest accomplishments was expanding their apprenticeship program. They have been able to help a lot more people in a short space and all have walked away with jobs.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

The program was very successful so they will be expanding the number of men they are able to support. The women's programing has launched, and they will be working on a female apprentice instead of just classes. They have partners that will be looking for support and more grants for more opportunities.

Denver Healing Generations

Project: Denver Healing Generations Network
Award: \$100,000
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2024
Program Areas: Violence Interruption
Early Intervention Teams

Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program
Restorative Justice Services
Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and
Recidivism Reduction Program

Summary: This project provides an administrative network and clearinghouse of knowledge and support through Denver Healing Generations (DHG) to expand the evidenced-based Cultura Cura (Culture Cures) curriculum. Using the Joven Noble and Girasol groups as violence interruption efforts throughout various locations in the Denver area, this is a two-pronged approach to expanding a network that provides a high-demand, evidence-based national framework to youth and families in the Denver area. In addition, the program provides wraparound assistance to facilitators and collaborating adult community members with continued support and monthly healing circles for adults.

Goals:

1. Expand the facilitation of Joven Noble/Girasol Cultura Cura (Culture Cures) curriculum in the Denver Metro Area
2. Expand the support network of healing-centered circle work among adult facilitators and community members in the Denver area

Project Impact and Outcomes

The project was successful, and both goals were met. They projected 8 groups over the grant period and ran a total of 9 with the help of city contracts for budget shortfalls. The goals of their expansion of the curriculum were successful, and it has increased demand throughout the city from probation and diversion agencies as well as local schools. The goal of expanding the adult healing circles as networks of support began with 2 gender-based groups per month and is now at 4 gender-based adult healing circles per month in 2 different locations. They truly feel as though a

movement is underway and the results of healing more youth and adults with culturally informed circles have been a rewarding one for their organization.

The project impacted both youth and adults from high-risk demographics in the intervention or prevention of crime and violence which led to a reduction of overall crime in the targeted populations. The results of the programmed goals and objectives addressed the intent of the legislation, and they believe it went somewhat beyond the intent in a way. They initially intended to serve as an intervention program serving youth in the juvenile justice system, but they also served as a preventative effort as community agencies and families began referring to some of their youth that had not yet been in the justice system. Their biggest accomplishment was both meeting and going above and beyond their stated goals and objectives, but they also saw the initial expansion they worked for get so much traction that they have seen a movement of healing work being prioritized by systems and community. It has been such an honor to be a part of this movement. The largest accomplishment in this work is seeing the impact on youth and families that are intentional in their journey of healing from trauma.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

They have applied for more grant funding from the CPCI grant for the coming cycle. They also have a vendor ID with city agencies that remain active, and they have pledged their support for their expenses as they continue to serve their clients. And, of course, there are foundations in Colorado with whom they are making a relationship with the intention of securing stable funding for the years ahead. Building relationships with foundations is a process, but they have received promising communication with a few that hopefully can not only help sustain their work but also allow them to expand their mission of serving youth in the Denver area beyond the curriculums they currently run.

Denver Police Department

Project: DPD Youth Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Program
Award: \$1,045,813

Project Period: 1/2023 to 12/2024
Program Areas: Violence Interruption
Early Intervention Teams
Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and
Recidivism Reduction Program

Summary: Denver Police Department is developing a multidisciplinary approach focused on high-risk youth at six Denver public schools. Many of the students who attend these schools are at the highest risk of committing violence and/or being victims of violence. All six of the schools are close to the downtown area and close to Colfax Avenue. While the schools may not be in communities with the highest crime and violence rates, many of the students who attend these schools live in high-crime communities, have been involved in the justice system, and are placed in the schools as they transition back onto their educational pathway. These factors provide a wonderful opportunity for a cross-sector collaboration to better serve one of Denver's most vulnerable populations at a high risk of being impacted by crime and violence.

Goals:

1. Successful engagement of identified students in behavioral health services and/or substance use intervention services.
2. Successful crisis intervention to prevent crime through restorative justice interventions, collaborative multidisciplinary de-escalation interventions, and/or safety planning.
3. Increase student engagement in the educational setting of the pathway school.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project was successful, with its goals met and all intended objectives implemented. Collaborators achieved effective progress through successful

interventions, mediations, and the expansion of support sites. The project successfully supported 14 pathway schools and was credited with leading multiple high school graduates to make life-changing decisions that will result in their becoming productive adults rather than pursuing destructive lifestyles. Parents and school staff expressed high praise and were disappointed to see the grant project conclude.

The project had a positive impact on the quality of life for students at the pathway schools by providing them with mediation and conflict resolution skills, along with essential resources, counseling, and mental health workshops. This outcome directly addressed the intent of the legislation, specifically focusing on violence interruption, early intervention, and violence prevention.

The biggest accomplishment was the positive impact on high school graduates who decided to change the course of their lives as they entered adulthood.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

The project was successful and had an impact on the problem. As the budget allows, DPD and DPS will collaborate to keep this project and resources available to Pathway school students out of general funding.

Denver Youth Program

Project: Denver Youth Program
Award: \$440,234
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2026
Program Areas: Violence Interruption
Early Intervention Teams
Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program

Summary: Denver Youth Program accompanies 1,200+ youth annually through

a robust array of primary, secondary, and tertiary violence prevention programs, violence interruption, and restorative justice initiatives for youth participants and the community. This funding supports the At-Risk Intervention and Mentoring (AIM) program, GRASP Enterprises, and an organizational rightsizing to manage complex programming and funding streams.

Goals:

1. Secondary and tertiary violence prevention: Increase the capacity of the AIM hospital-based violence intervention program to accompany youth and young adults who present to a Denver or Aurora hospital for treatment of a violent injury.
2. Primary and secondary prevention: Expand the capacity of GRASP Enterprises to offer training for the GRASP Enterprises (GE) Academy, provide in-house job opportunities for GE Academy graduates, and expand the production capacity of GRASP Enterprises through increased space and expanded embroidery and screen print capabilities.
3. Support primary, secondary, and tertiary violence prevention through expansion of organizational operations: Increase the capacity of Denver Youth Program, GRASP (Gang Rescue and Support Project), and AIM to meet growing client and community needs in the realm of violence intervention and prevention.

Summary of Progress

The Denver Youth Program is in the process of acquiring additional space and equipment for GRASP Enterprises. They enrolled in the first cohort of nine youth in the 12-week Girasol program and continued weekly healing circles and quarterly poetry events. Four youths have been hired into leadership positions. The program also graduated 89 youth from the Joven Noble program, which offers a positive, culturally rooted curriculum and pairs youth with case managers to address negative influences. Additionally, 44 individuals were met at the hospital bedside through the

AIM (At-Risk Intervention and Mentoring) program following violent interpersonal injuries, to provide referrals, case management, and reduce the likelihood of re-injury or justice system involvement. The program has expanded its space into the Five Points neighborhood, continues vehicle maintenance, and has graduated multiple cohorts from the Girasol, Joven Noble, and GRASP Enterprises Academy programs (culinary, photography, videography). They are also developing their Youth Advisory and Action Council and Youth Park Guide Program and are actively working to fill the GRASP Enterprises Director position. The annual report and website have been completed. They continue to partner with the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (HAVI) and are developing the REACH clinic to provide wraparound services for AIM clients.

Douglas County

Project: Community Response Team Expansion
Award: \$520,740
Project Period: 1/2023 to 12/2024
Program Areas: Co-Responder Program

Summary: The Douglas County Community Response Team (CRT) is a unique co-responder team of law enforcement, mental health professionals, case managers, and Fire/EMS, responding to active 911 calls for service and referrals from patrol officers and other community partners when mental health is the primary issue. Each team member fills a distinct role to ensure safety, conduct medical clearance, assess mental health and level of care needs, and facilitate connection to appropriate mental health services during and following a crisis. This grant provides funding for law enforcement positions, an enhanced wellness benefit, and specialized training for clinical staff to serve Douglas County's high-need populations: LGBTQ youth, the elderly, and parents.

Goals: 1. To partner with 3 law enforcement agencies within Douglas

County to bring a secondary specialized co-responder team to each agency creating a CRT response seven days a week.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project was successful, and its goals were met. The intended objective was to expand the reach of the Community Response Team (CRT) program, which was accomplished by expanding from six teams to nine teams. The biggest accomplishment was the expansion of the program from six teams to nine teams, which consequently expanded coverage to seven days a week. The project's impact addressed the intent of the legislation by increasing community safety and improving the success of police interactions with those experiencing a mental health crisis. The Douglas County CRTs' biggest accomplishment utilizing these grant funds was expanding the program and its coverage.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

For long-term sustainability, the program has continued its operations, with all nine teams remaining active, thanks to a financial commitment from the law enforcement partners despite the conclusion of the grant funding.

Educating Children of Color, Inc.

Project: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Achieve Educational Equity, Empower Youth, And Dismantle the Cradle-To-Prison Pipeline
Award: \$225,075
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2023
Program Areas: Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program

Summary: Education Children of Color's (ECOC) delinquency prevention programming reaches youth in 8th through 12th grades who are at risk of entering the juvenile justice system. The program focuses on youth who are currently overrepresented in juvenile justice and underrepresented in higher education: youth of color and youth living in poverty. ECOC's programs are designed to help

youth develop the skills and resilience needed to avoid delinquent behavior and to provide increased access to higher education. A project director and executive director oversee a Leadership Academy that builds leadership skills and self-confidence, encourages students to stay in school, and provides information about higher education and career opportunities. The annual ECOC Summit provides similar programming and is attended by 500 students, their parents, and more than 500 youth-serving professionals. During the grant period, 380 students will participate and benefit from the Leadership Academy's delinquency prevention programming.

Goals:
380

1. To expand the ECOC Leadership Academy to serve a total of

Students

2. To recruit and retain 20 college students from area institutions of higher education to mentor 8th-grade and high-school student participants in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 ECOC Leadership Academy.

Project Impact and Outcomes

The project decreased the risk of delinquency and increased community safety. None of the students who participated in the 22-23 or 23-24 Academic Year program received delinquency/criminal charges, nor were they implicated in criminal behavior. Several students did receive speeding tickets. They have not done a record review of the 60 students from June but will do so in December. Most of their youth are from Harrison School District 2. Their Superintendent, Dr. Wendy Birhanzel, reported an increase in student perception of their safety because of involvement with ECOC and the Leadership Academy.

One of the biggest accomplishments is that ECOC is continuously being asked to expand its reach and services. They have been asked to replicate a monthlong summer program that takes place in Cherry Creek School District that provides a Leadership Academy for expelled and suspended youth. In July they completed a Leadership Academy/Restorative Justice training for youth in Harrison School District 2.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

They will continue to provide the Leadership Academy. They have received a Transforming Safety grant, and continue to apply for regional, state and national funding opportunities. They held their first ever fundraising event in April 2024. Four ECOC volunteers, board members and employees attended grant writing training in June and July 2024. They only have two part-time employees but continue to recruit and utilize volunteers. They hope to secure funding to increase the number of employees and ultimately to have physical space so that they can continue to expand.

From the Heart Foundation

Project: WRAP Around Youth and Adult Prevention Services
Award: \$257,580
Project Period: 1/2023 to 9/2024
Program Areas: Violence Interruption
Early Intervention Teams
Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program
Restorative Justice Services
Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and
Recidivism Reduction Program

Summary: The WRAP Around Youth and Adult Prevention Services Program provides programs, workshops, and events for community members of all ages that encourage mental health and well-being and create a lifestyle of overall wellness. The From the Heart Foundation serves as a premier behavioral health/substance abuse/mentoring and leadership development agency in the

Denver metro area. They incorporate five mental health/wellness strategies that lead to crime prevention and crisis intervention, as well as an action plan that will alleviate future crises and involvement in criminal behavior. The Foundation takes a multi-agency and cross-sector approach to working with individuals and their friends/associates/families who are impacted by crises and crime.

Goals: 1. To alleviate the widespread causes of crisis in the communities served and provided healthy practical wellness tools for individuals experiencing hardship that will lead them away from criminal behavior.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project was considered absolutely successful, with every goal not only met but exceeded. The intended objectives were implemented through workshops, team training, and therapeutic mentoring services, which created a continuous support circle and strengthened the organization's internal team and collaborative partners.

The project had a profound impact on the internal foundations of participants' personal lives, families, and communities. People were able to address their own issues, create a consistent daily wellness plan, and receive new resources that helped to stop violence, shift felonies into gainful employment, and achieve extended periods of mental health wellness. The most significant outcome was participants gaining the skill and insight on how to navigate through a crisis without collapsing, leading to consistent wellness.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

The long-term sustainability plan is to continue providing workshops for both individuals and families, maintain one-on-one therapeutic mentoring for youth, and actively seek new funding sources to sustain the adult one-on-one therapeutic

mentoring. The project highlighted the necessity of adult education and mentoring within the community, especially for leading a healthy family.

Full Circle Restorative Justice

Project: Full Circle - Restorative Community Services
Award: \$91,300
Project Period: 1/2023 to 12/2024
Program Areas: Restorative Justice Services

Summary: The Restorative Community Services Program at Full Circle Restorative Justice (FCRJ) offers primary crime prevention programming through community outreach and engagement in restorative justice practices in Chaffee County. Through intentional programming, local businesses and community members learn skills needed for de-escalation, conflict resolution, and building community. With the transfer of these necessary skills, the local community is better positioned to resolve conflict in a non-violent way and change the paradigm of how it administers justice. The Restorative Community Services Project is the final piece of FCRJ’s multifaceted approach to crime prevention and intervention.

Goals:

1. Actively engage the community to build a strong referral network of participants to resolve conflict
2. Increase awareness of restorative practices in the underserved geographic area of Chaffee County
3. Offer support and advocacy to victims of crime through effective restorative circles and multidisciplinary referral networks.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The Full Circle Restorative Justice (FCRJ) project was successful and met its goals. FCRJ established itself as a vital resource by implementing a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach to community engagement, conflict resolution, and education in response to rising crime rates and community needs in Chaffee County and beyond. Through Restorative Community Services (RCS), the project successfully expanded efforts to engage stakeholders, train volunteers, and collaborate with local partners. The robust Restorative Justice/Restorative Practices (RJ/RP) training program reached over 200 individuals, fostering a community that is literate in restorative principles.

The project impacted the community by creating one that is not only more RJ literate but also embraces RJ more wholeheartedly. This focus on education, outreach, and strategic relationship building established a culture of collaboration and accountability aimed at repairing harm, fostering understanding, and creating safer, more inclusive communities, thereby addressing the intent of the legislation. Referrals to the Youth Diversion Program increased by 100% since the start of the program's start.

The biggest accomplishment was the "serendipitous opportunity" to implement Restorative Justice throughout Canon City Schools, which positively impacted over 3,400 students and 100 educators.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

For long-term sustainability, FCRJ is aggressively seeking funding from multiple government and foundational sources and has increased organizational funding by 150% over the past two years. Furthermore, the Community Services Program, which was funded by the grant, generated \$40,000 in fee-for-service income through community dispute cases and training, providing a viable revenue stream for continuation.

Fully Liberated Youth

Project: Crime Prevention through School-Based Intervention Services to High-Risk Young People
Award: \$200,000
Project Period: 1/2023 to 12/2024
Program Areas: Violence Interruption
Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program
Restorative Justice Services

Summary: Fully Liberated Youth (FLY) provides mentorship, therapy, wrap-around services, GED tutoring, restorative practices, and prosocial activities to gang-involved, system-involved, and/or high-risk young people throughout the Denver metro area. Funds are used to increase the capacity for its School-Based Intervention Services Programming which provides services to high-risk middle- and high-school students in specific communities while increasing the capacity for FLY's GED tutoring program.

Goals:

1. Reduced suspensions and expulsions within schools.
2. Increased school attendance.
3. Decreased juvenile justice involvement.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project, run by Fully Liberated Youth (FLY), was successful, and the funding was deemed absolutely critical in the development and expansion of its School-Based Prevention Services Program. The intended objectives were implemented, as FLY provided services in 8 Denver and Aurora Public Schools, funded four mentors and two contracted staff (including a restorative practice contractor), and hired a Director of School-Based Prevention Services.

The project successfully met two of its three goals:

Goal 1 (Reducing Suspensions): This was met successfully, with data showing a decrease in suspensions for youth served over several quarters. In the final quarter

reported, 32 out of 49 youths either had zero suspensions or reduced the number of suspensions compared to the prior quarter.

Goal 3 (Decreasing Juvenile-Justice Involvement): This was also successful.

Throughout the 2023-2024 school year, a lower percentage of youth became system-involved (12%) compared to the general population, and all system-involved youth are making progress toward completion of their requirements without acquiring additional charges.

Goal 2 (Increasing Attendance): The impact on attendance was less evident, with only one quarter showing significant improvement.

Impact and Accomplishment

FLY's School-Based Prevention Services directly impacted youth in high-crime communities by taking a preventative approach. The high-frequency, high-dosage mentorship provided a foundation for secure attachment, leading to outcomes such as increased emotional-regulation and decreased PTSD symptomatology. By reducing exclusionary discipline like suspensions, the program ensures youth maintain access to education and positive adult connections, directly reducing incidents that lead to crime and justice system involvement, thus addressing the intent of the legislation.

The project's greatest accomplishment was the implementation of restorative practices in schools. The grant allowed FLY to increase school partners' capacity for restorative practices, with staff focusing on developing students' conflict resolution and self-awareness skills through healing and community circles. Surveys confirmed this impact, with surveyed youth reporting a reduction in conflict with peers and adults.

Long-term Sustainability Plan

FLY is continuing its prevention work, in part with continued funding from the 2025 Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention grant, as well as additional foundation and government grants and contracts with school partners. The primary shift in the sustainability plan is an increased effort to obtain funding directly from

schools and to leverage community-based philanthropic groups, such as the Friends of Manual organization, to fund the work. This increase in diverse funding sources is intended to contribute substantially to FLY's capacity to hire new staff and continue providing mentorship services.

Hilltop Community Resources, Inc.

Project: Hilltop's Montrose Youth Crime Prevention Project
Award: \$25,000
Project Period: 1/2023 to 12/2024
Program Areas: Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program

Summary: Hilltop's Montrose Youth Crime Prevention Project focuses on the sustainability and expansion of the Juvenile Diversion program in Montrose County, as well as multidisciplinary prevention training opportunities for the community. Hilltop provides case management and group services to youth in Montrose County through a Positive Youth Development framework. Hilltop continues to strengthen existing relationships with community partners by supporting and collaborating on work and training focused on youth crime prevention.

Goals:

1. To fund a Diversion Case Manager.
2. To prioritize Juvenile Diversion community collaborations.

Summary of Progress

Hilltop Community Resources, Inc. worked to fill a Diversion Case Manager position, responsible for receiving referrals from the Colorado District Attorneys Council and providing case management and outreach to youth, including supervision of useful public service hours. During the reporting period, six youth successfully completed their Diversion contract, with one unsuccessful case, and a total of 18 youths were on diversion. Of these, three were involved in counseling, four were employed, one participated in after-school sports, and five enrolled in Wellness 360. Montrose

Juvenile Diversion aims to engage parents/guardians in the Diversion plan, and successfully discharged youth reported increased parental support, with all participants spending at least one hour per week in family activities. Hilltop provides monthly and quarterly reports on Juvenile Diversion outcomes to community partners and the local Collaborative Management Program. They emphasize the importance of useful public service hours as a restorative component of Juvenile Diversion. The program tracks youth employment, engagement in sports, and participation in Wellness 360. They also collaborate with the Montrose Collaborative Management Program for multiagency staffing and with Montrose Communities That Care for positive youth development training and a youth coalition, offering opportunities for Useful Public Service hours. Additionally, they access funding through the Colorado Youth Detention Continuum for youth with substance use history.

Homeward Pikes Peak

Project: HPP Street Outreach
Award: \$179,130
Project Period: 1/2023 to 9/2024
Program Areas: Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program

Summary: Homeward Pikes Peak’s (HPP) Street Outreach team bridges the gap between those experiencing temporary homelessness and their access to helpful services within HPP’s breadth of care. Specifically, the team works to build trust with individuals experiencing homelessness in El Paso County and educate them on the opportunity to enter shelter programs, housing, and healthcare services. HPP helps reduce police interactions with and incarceration of individuals experiencing homelessness by intervening to help them become housed and by addressing mental health and substance abuse issues before incidents occur that require law enforcement involvement.

Goals: 1. Reduce the need for law enforcement intervention with

homeless individuals by connecting them with resources to obtain housing, sobriety, and improved mental health.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The street outreach program was a significant success, proving instrumental in connecting individuals experiencing homelessness—who were often hard to reach due to their locations—with essential resources. The project’s collaboration with the CSPD Homeless Outreach Team fostered a crucial partnership that helped build rapport between the police and the clients they serve. This led to a measurable positive outcome, specifically a decrease in tickets for trespassing, as clients were successfully connected to resources and relocated.

The program directly impacted the community by increasing collaboration and rapport between law enforcement and unsheltered individuals. The subsequent decrease in arrests and jail time aided clients in developing trusting relationships with program workers, enabling them to receive the services they needed. The project’s biggest accomplishment was its ability to successfully reduce the stigma associated with both the clients and the police.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

Given its demonstrated asset to the community and successful outcomes, the organization is committed to continuing the program. The long-term sustainability plan involves actively outsourcing and securing ongoing funding to ensure the program can continue its vital work in decreasing stigma and increasing access to needed services within the community.

Inside Out Youth Services

Project: ALLY Up for LGBTQIA2+ Violence Prevention
Award: \$166,469
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2025
Program Areas: Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program

Summary: Funding for the development of a community space that expands multi-tiered violence interruption, abuse prevention, and education programs by enhancing collaboration and access to clinical and social supports; increasing employee retention and competency; and adding a co-location of mental health, medical, and other essential services. Inside Out Youth Services' initiatives support LGBTQIA2+ youth inside its community center and educational initiatives on prevention and education throughout the community.

Goals:

1. To provide LGBTQIA2+ youth with the opportunity and support to strengthen their protective factors.
2. To better prepare youth-serving adults to recognize and reduce the occurrence of violence toward LGBTQIA2+ youth.
3. Educate youth-serving organizations and municipalities (e.g. CSPD, EPCSO, probation offices, school resource officers) about resources to support LGBTQIA2+ youth and appropriately respond during a time of crisis.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project was considered highly successful, meeting or exceeding nearly all intended goals and objectives despite facing external challenges. The project effectively implemented a multi-level approach to violence prevention for and with LGBTQIA2+ youth and successfully delivered measurable benefits to participants. The program achieved its core objectives of providing support, resources, and educational outreach to both youth and youth-serving adults. The program population did not achieve a 20% increase. The organization attributed this to enhanced negative rhetoric around LGBTQ+ people following a November election, which led to decreased attendance—particularly among trans youth—from November to April due to fear of leaving home or using public transportation. Attendance began to stabilize in May and June. 78% of assessed program participants (n=37) indicated an increase in

coping skills and resilience, and 81% indicated increases in making positive life choices and engaging in healthy relationships. 83% of adults who participated in educational programs reported being better prepared to conduct difficult conversations. Furthermore, 89% of trained adults indicated they knew about resources and referrals available for LGBTQIA2+ youth as a result of their training (with post-training survey data later confirming a 100% knowledge rate after clarifying the survey's scale).

The project's impact directly addressed the intent of the legislation and the problem statement by minimizing risk factors and adverse health outcomes for LGBTQIA2+ youth, a population at elevated risk for dating/sexual violence, homelessness, and juvenile justice system involvement.

Through programming, community outreach, and education, the project cultivated a community of understanding and respect, aiming to decrease incidences of violence and neglect. By increasing access to resources, protective factors, and mental wellness support (both group and one-on-one), the project created greater safety for LGBTQIA2+ youth. By educating youth-serving adults in schools, law enforcement, and nonprofits, the program helped cultivate "trusted adults," a proven protective factor. The project's most significant accomplishment was an increase in understanding of adults' responsibility and ability to protect LGBTQIA2+ youth, independent of personal beliefs or opinions. A notable example involved a law enforcement officer who, despite holding personal reservations, stated the training helped him understand his role was to support people in crisis without allowing his opinions to "make things worse." This demonstrated that the training successfully resulted in harm-reduction practices and a positive shift in perspective.

Long-term Sustainability Plan

The project is positioned to continue its work beyond the life of the grant. Inside Out Youth Services is supported by diverse funding streams, including state agencies, funds and foundations, healthcare organizations, corporate sponsorships, and

individual donors. While portions of the outreach and education work are supported by ongoing sources like the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Denver Foundation, and Diversus Health, the organization is actively seeking further funding for grant-specific activities and personnel to ensure they can maintain and expand upon their demonstrated impact.

Joint Initiatives for Youth and Families

Project: JI Pathways Juvenile Assessment Center
Award: \$658,612
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2026
Program Areas: Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program
Restorative Justice Services
Support-Team-Assisted Response Program

Summary: Joint Initiatives for Youth and Families (JI) coordinates with local youth-serving public and nonprofit agencies to establish a Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) steeped in equity and restorative practice principles. The JAC is a coordinated, multi-agency site that contributes to the safety of youth, families, and the community through early intervention, comprehensive assessment, and improved access to services. High-impact outcomes include:

- 1) Immediate, round-the-clock assessments to identify supportive, strengths-based intervention to referred youth ages 10-17.
- 2) Coordinated crisis intervention as well as longer-term wraparound and coordinated care for an additional 150 families (for a total of 570) during the first 18 months.
- 3) New respite care programming for families with struggling youth.
- 4) New after-school programming alternatives for youth in challenging situations.

- 5) Trauma-informed, temporary crisis shelter for at least 100 youth awaiting placement.

- Goals:**
1. Partner with service providers to establish and co-locate in a new 4th Judicial District JAC.
 2. Establish and open the 24-hour Juvenile Assessment Center to provide much-needed prevention, and crisis-intervention services.
 3. Expand multi-team support for youth and their families.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project to establish and operationalize a 24-hour Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) in Colorado's 4th Judicial District was highly successful, meeting or exceeding nearly all of its established goals and objectives. The collaborative effort, led by Joint Initiatives for Youth and Families (JI), has resulted in significant outcomes for at-risk youth by prioritizing prevention, intervention, and integrated service coordination. Out of eight core objectives across three overarching goals, seven were fully achieved as intended:

Goal 1 (Establish and Co-Locate): The project successfully created an equitable and inclusive JAC Advisory Committee and formalized collaboration agreements with eight or more co-located service providers, promoting systems integration and wraparound support. They were not able to secure a subcontractor to provide a licensed, all-gender youth shelter, which was not fully realized due to delays in finalizing a formal agreement. However, the foundational groundwork was laid, and interim support was provided.

Goal 2 (Open the 24-Hour JAC): This goal was fully met. A strategically located facility was leased, improved, and opened as a fully functioning hub for crisis stabilization and referrals. The project successfully hired a Crisis Intervention Manager and a Respite Program Manager, who delivered services to over 40 families, preventing deeper youth justice involvement.

Goal 3 (Expand Multi-Team Supports): This goal was fully achieved and exceeded targets for service capacity through structured team models. The JAC expanded the reach of its Individual Service and Support Teams (ISST) and the Coordinated Care intervention model, fostering accountability and improving long-term outcomes.

The initiative had a transformative impact on juvenile justice and youth support services in the 4th Judicial District. It directly addressed the legislative intent of the Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Grant by reducing juvenile justice system involvement and expanding access to equitable, trauma-informed care through a coordinated, multi-agency model.

The operational 24/7 JAC provided a centralized hub for screening and crisis response, diverting youth from detention. The program created a new Respite Care Program for families in crisis and developed programming alternatives for youth, filling critical service gaps. The project also advanced equity and inclusion, prioritizing culturally responsive services for LGBTQIA+ youth, youth of color, and those with disabilities.

The biggest accomplishment was the institutionalization of a regionally supported, multi-agency Juvenile Assessment Center. By combining prevention, intervention, and crisis response in a single trauma-informed facility, the JAC fundamentally shifted the district's response to youth in crisis, transforming a fragmented system into a more coordinated and compassionate network of care.

Long-term Sustainability Plan

Jl's sustainability plan is two-fold and focuses on maintaining the project's long-term viability. Jl successfully recruited partners who are committed to sharing in the long-term financial sustainability of the JAC site. Jl maintains a robust capacity supported by diverse and reliable funding sources, including government grants (from the Colorado Department of Human Services and El Paso County) and private funds (from

various foundations and United Way). The organization plans to continue pursuing operational financing from private and business sources, building on past success in attracting private donations. The foundation for future shelter services has been built, positioning the program to integrate this component once funding and suitable space are secured.

Kingdom Builders Family Life Center

Project: Improving the Delivery of Violence Prevention/Intervention Programs
Award: \$96,700
Project Period: 1/2023 to 9/2024
Program Areas: Violence Interruption

Summary: Founded in 2013, Kingdom Builders Family Life Center (“KBFLC”) is a Colorado Springs nonprofit working to change the narrative of underserved individuals, families, and youth who have been impacted by violence, particularly in the African American community. The Project Right Direction program helps young people interrupt the cycle of high-risk choices and avoid anti-social behavior or involvement with the criminal justice system. In the Domestic Violence Program, “My Brothers’ & Sisters’ Keeper”, the Center’s goal is to empower survivors to leave situations of domestic abuse and build a new life free of violence. Funding supports several improvements to enhance the quality of services and increase the number of people assisted.

Goals:

1. To provide violence prevention services through Project Right Direction to youth ages 7 -17 at risk of entering the juvenile justice system.
2. To provide crisis intervention, stabilization, and empowerment services to victims of domestic abuse and their dependent children.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention & Crisis Intervention project was highly successful, achieving all of its intended goals and successfully implementing all objectives through a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach that served both adults and at-risk youth in underserved communities.

The project successfully met its goals by providing a wide range of services, including crisis intervention, advocacy, legal support, and trauma-informed mental health care for adults. The youth-focused component, known as the Project Right Direction (PRD) program, was particularly effective. Through expanded outreach into local schools and community centers, the project helped youth avoid antisocial behavior by providing mentorship, life skills training, and leadership development. The success of these services was attributed to the project's culturally sensitive approach.

The project had a profound impact on the community, directly aligning with the legislative intent to enhance crime prevention and offer holistic, trauma-informed support. Services successfully tackled the root causes of victimization and crime. Key impacts included improved Safety for Victims: Immediate safe housing and support were provided to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

The PRD program helped over 100 at-risk youth develop life skills, avoid criminal behavior, and focus on positive life outcomes, proving pivotal in preventing youth involvement in crime. Victims received necessary mental health support to foster recovery and resilience. The focus on underserved populations, particularly the BIPOC community, ensured specialized, culturally sensitive services were delivered, directly meeting the program's mandate to enhance crime prevention and reduce crime through intervention and prevention efforts.

The project's most significant accomplishment was the success of the Project Right Direction (PRD) youth program. This initiative contributed to long-term community safety by intervening in local elementary schools and diverting over 100 youth away from paths that could lead to future criminal behavior.

Long-term Sustainability Plan

Given the demonstrated success and commitment to long-term change, the organization plans to sustain and expand the PRD youth program and advocacy/crisis intervention services. The strategy for longevity includes actively seeking additional funding through grant renewals, state and federal funding streams, and pursuing sponsorships from private donors, foundations, and local businesses.

Strengthening collaborations with local organizations, schools, and community centers to secure in-kind resources and support. Increasing the number of schools and community centers partnered with, expanding the range of youth services, and exploring funding sources to address the high demand for safe housing for victims.

La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza, Inc.

Project: Just and Equitable Approaches to Crime Prevention and Intervention Services for Latinos and Other Indigenous Communities

Award: \$580,536

Project Period: 1/2023 to 9/2024

Program Areas: Violence Interruption
Early Intervention Teams
Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and Recidivism Reduction Program

Summary: Servicios de La Raza (Servicios) deploys culturally and linguistically responsive services to prevent crime and to restore justice-involved community members via peer-led, trauma-informed programs and services. For over 50 years, Servicios has been a leader in providing services to low-income Indigenous communities, with a primary focus on Latino communities. This project takes a 3-prong approach: 1) Provide crime prevention outreach to adults and young adults (18-25); 2) Expand on existing efforts to increase in-reach into prisons throughout the state to

assist returning community members; 3) Activate behavioral health services proven to decrease risk factors for school-aged youth through a multi-generational, evidence-based curriculum normed to Latino families called Familia Adelante.

Goals:

1. Reduce risk factors and increase protective factors for 120 youth ages 11-18 and accompanying family members, thereby preventing criminogenic behaviors through the Familia Adelante curriculum.
2. Foster communitywide crime prevention through targeted outreach to and/or education for 2,250 adults living in high-crime neighborhoods
3. Provide support to reduce recidivism for 100 individuals returning to community post-incarceration

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project was successful, and it implemented the intended objectives by focusing its efforts on youth and re-entering parolees in Pueblo, Colorado, a community identified as having disproportionately high crime.

The organization successfully implemented the following intended objectives:
Youth Services: The program reached over 150 youth, engaging them in the Familia Adelante curriculum. This work focused on teaching healthy family dynamics, fostering identity, and building self-worth, which helped reduce the potential for at-risk young people to commit crime.

The team successfully intercepted 147 parolees during their transition back into the community, enrolling them into case management. These clients were offered professional credentials, job placement assistance, and supportive services to help them stabilize and avoid a return to crime.

The team distributed more than 2,768 flyers with information related to reducing crime and safely reporting a crime. Additionally, they worked to reframe the public's perception of crime reporting in Pueblo, aiming for a better response to ongoing crime.

The project had a large impact in accordance with the grant's purpose of implementing crime prevention and crisis intervention strategies in high-crime areas. Key outcomes included the large number of parolees who were able to gain and keep employment were cited as a gratifying success, as empowering individuals with a steady paycheck is understood to reduce the chances of returning to prison. The outreach specialist secured the translation of the Pueblo Police Department's online instructions for safely reporting a crime into Spanish, which was considered a significant win for the city's large Latino population.

The biggest accomplishment was the success of the Familia Adelante program, which served youth personally recommended by the local school district as high-risk. This led to strong results: 100% of participants reported improved self-esteem, and 83% reported increased engagement with school. This success was highlighted as the most significant because of its focus on addressing the generational problem of crime through youth.

Long-term Sustainability Plan

The success of the project has positioned the team to create new partnerships and curriculum for serving at-risk communities. The organization will continue implementing the project and plans to:

Expand its family-based curriculum for reaching youth through a new grant.

Expand outreach to include in-reach presentations to parole meetings and correctional facilities across the state to offer resources and support release planning.

Increase educational opportunities for community engagement by offering community service opportunities through the agency.

Laradon Hall Society for Exceptional Children and Adults

Project: Globeville Neighborhood Safety Program
Award: \$23,235
Project Period: 1/2023 to 9/2024
Program Areas: Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program

Summary: Laradon Hall, in partnership with Clinica Tepeyac, WellPower, the Community Rec Center, Gorman and Co., and Rocky Mountain Apparel, utilizes this funding to address the rising crime rate of the Globeville neighborhood, where two of its affordable housing projects are located. The project consists of two elements: 1. Security Intervention through patrol inspections by a private security agency (not paid by these funds) and 2. Creating a Sense of Community through partnerships and outreach events, coordinated by a position paid out of these funds.

Goals: 1. Increase social resilience factors and community cohesion.

Summary of Progress

Laradon Hall Society for Exceptional Children and Adults reported a 30% decrease in security incidents, attributing this to the eviction of "bad actors" and security upgrades in a neighboring affordable housing complex, as well as their daily neighborhood patrols by hired security. Laradon held community gatherings to foster community support. They partnered with Denver Community Fridges, placing four refurbished refrigerators in food-vulnerable neighborhoods. Individuals in their pre-employment program clean and restock three of these fridges' multiple times a week, and the fridges are consistently emptied, indicating high utilization. Crime data for the area around their campus shows a significant decline in reported incidents from late 2022 through early 2024. Laradon collaborates with Securitas for neighborhood patrols, Gorman Management for the affordable housing buildings, District 1 and its Community Resource Officer, Councilman Watson's office, Denver Human Services, and leads the Globeville Neighborhood Watch group. As the grant concluded, Laradon

plans to continue neighborhood outreach and quarterly meetings using their own resources, if necessary.

Latino Coalition for Community Leadership

Project: Violence Interruption & Community Healing Collaborative

Award: \$900,000

Project Period: 1/2023 to 9/2024

Program Areas: Violence Interruption
Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program
Restorative Justice Services
Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and
Recidivism Reduction Program

Summary: The Latino Coalition for Community Leadership (LCCL) project design takes a place-based approach and concentrates on the counties of Adams, Arapahoe, and Denver due to the high rates of violence in those areas. Funding is used to build the capacity of two violence interruption (VI) organizations through training and technical assistance, selecting Community Partners (sub-grantees) that focus on VI strategies, and facilitating the development of a robust working relationship between community partners and local government agencies, specifically law enforcement and public health organizations.

Goals:

1. Increase the capacity of at least two community organizations.
2. Implement secondary violence prevention by targeting violence intervention and supporting those with the highest likelihood of being exposed to, and victims of, violence.
3. Create institutional cooperation between community groups and local law enforcement through more intentional check-ins, meetings, and rumor dispelling in Operation SNUG's street outreach program.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The Violence Interruption and Healing Collaborative (VIHC) project, a partnership between the Latino Coalition for Community Leadership (LCCL) and community partners Make a Chess Move (MACM) and Life-Line Colorado, was highly successful and exceeded its intended objectives over the 15-month grant period in Denver, Arapahoe, and Adams counties. Project Success and Goal Achievement

The project surpassed its goals, demonstrating a profound positive impact on participants: All three primary goals were met and exceeded, with survey results indicating 100% success against an 80-90% target:

100% of participants surveyed reported a decrease in experiencing or witnessing violence.

100% of participants surveyed reported a decrease in behaviors or actions that lead to violence.

100% of participants reported an increase in their own well-being and quality of life.

The project also exceeded its total enrollment goal by serving 224 unique individuals against a goal of 163, achieving 137 percent of its target. The project effectively implemented the Violence Interruption and Healing Collaborative by using a dual model approach and a robust capacity-building framework.

The evidenced-based Cure Violence and Operation SNUG models were implemented to directly interrupt violence, engage in secondary violence prevention, and drive cross-sectional partnerships with law enforcement, public health agencies, and academic partners.

LCCL successfully implemented a core objective of strengthening its grassroots community partners (MACM and Life-Line Colorado). This involved providing numerous sessions on programmatic and financial acumen, leading to increased knowledge and skill development among partners in key topics like allowable costs and budget management. Partners successfully adopted and integrated the Sage

system for financial expenditures and the CaseMGR database for tracking program activities, participant progress, and outcomes. The LCCL successfully convened and hosted a Community Advisory Group, an evidence-based practice of Operation SNUG, in collaboration with the Colorado University Anschutz Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative, playing a pivotal role in bridging gaps among various stakeholders.

The project's impact directly addressed the intent of the Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Grant legislation by advancing the coordinated response to violent incidents and reducing criminal justice system involvement. The funding was primarily invested in direct CVI and secondary violence prevention services. The project's implementation of the dual CVI models and the LCCL's structured capacity-building approach enabled community partners to document practice-based evidence with precision, leading to a culture of continuous improvement and proactive response to community needs.

The greatest accomplishment was the success of the LCCL's capacity-building efforts. This foundational work strengthened the community partners' programs and infrastructure, equipping them with the programmatic, financial, and organizational capabilities to effectively provide CVI services, meet grant goals, and achieve measurable outcomes.

Long-term Sustainability Plan

The work of the VIHC is set to continue, as the LCCL secured funding under a new CPCI Grant for 2025. This decision reflects a commitment to deepen collaborative efforts with the same community partners (MACM and Life-Line Colorado). The LCCL measures its effectiveness by the growth of its partners, who, on average, see a 400-500% growth in organizational budget, full-time employees, and number of funders over five years. Funding for VIHC partners is also being advanced through public schools, local foundations, and exploration of federal grant opportunities, ensuring continued engagement and organizational growth.

Longmont Community Justice Partnership

Project: LCJP Youth Pre-File Program
Award: \$102,138
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2024
Program Areas: Early Intervention Teams
Restorative Justice Services

Summary: This project provides funding for the primary role in the Longmont Community Justice Partnership's (LCJP) Restorative Justice diversion program that serves adult and youth pre-file cases referred by law enforcement or School Resource Officers. The position provides case management, volunteer support, and other services in a multi-disciplinary team of professionals from the Longmont Public Safety, Municipal Probation, and the Division of Children, Youth, and Families.

Goals:

1. Reduce the number of youths who enter the local criminal justice system.
2. Increase the connection youth and their families have with local preventive and support services.
3. Develop more trusting relationships between Longmont and Saint Vrain Valley School District youth and police officers.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project was successful. The funds were used to serve 104 youth in their pre-file deflection program. Of the youth who were served through the program in 18 months, only 3 of the 104 recidivated. Through goal one they worked with educators in St. Vrain Valley Schools to make referrals to LCJP before behavior rose to the level of criminal justice involvement and developed 2 new programs to help support the needs they saw through those referrals.

In goal 2 they set out to ensure families were more connected to supportive services to help address the need underlying the behavior. 90% of families received and utilized supportive community services such as mental health support, substance use counseling, family counseling and education support. Additionally, they established and built relationships with 2 new community partners working with marginalized groups to help create even more barriers to possible criminal justice involvement using restorative tools to help build relationships and resilience.

Their 3rd goal was also met. They were able to meet their goal to train school resource officers in St. Vrain Valley schools to build more trusting relationships with students and utilize interventions outside of issuing referrals to the deflection program. These officers used these alternative interventions over 200 times in the 18 months. These officers can also make referrals to the restorative justice services before the youth become involved with the traditional criminal justice system.

The program reported that their biggest impact was, in broad strokes, the expansion and deepening of RJ programs in Boulder County. They are reaching youth who are at serious risk of criminal justice involvement sooner and thus further reducing crime in their communities. They have maintained a recidivism rate of less than 10% for the last 10+ years and that was true for these youth as well, 101 out of 104 youth did not commit any further crimes in the 18 months of this grant cycle.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

LCJP will continue implementing the program. Unfortunately, without additional state funding to continue this work, they will have to rely on their already overburdened community of donors to help them fill the gap. They are extremely grateful for the funds, and it is challenging as a small non-profit to compensate for these large infusions of cash when they are not sustained. They are working with a national network to help better understand the field and what funding sources are available to use on an ongoing basis as well as ramping up the year-end fundraising efforts.

Mesa County Criminal Justice Services Department

Project: Crisis Intervention Team Training
Award: \$38,000
Project Period: 1/2023 to 12/2023
Program Areas: Early Intervention Teams
Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program
Restorative Justice Services
Co-Responder Program
Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and
Recidivism Reduction Program
Support-Team-Assisted Response Program

Summary: This funding facilitates two Crisis Intervention Team trainings that increase staff confidence and skills in effective communication with clients or community members who are experiencing a crisis, rather than requiring law enforcement intervention. The training promotes safety and lessens barriers due to mental health for individuals who need criminal justice services and reduces the burden on law enforcement agencies.

Goals:

1. Two Crisis Intervention Team trainings completed
2. 20 individuals complete Crisis Intervention Team training with J.C. Santelli Training and Consulting, LLC.
3. Involve other local agencies in Crisis Intervention Team training with J.C. Santelli Training and Consulting, LLC.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project was successful in that two CIT trainings were held which empowered Mesa Criminal Justice Services staff to be confident and skilled in effective communication with clients and citizens who participate in their programming. This will help to lower the impact of law enforcement intervention and possible arrest. Staff trained in CIT have been better able to collaborate on the continuum of care for an individual in crisis who is receiving services from partner agencies or outside community resources.

They had a goal of at least 20 individuals completing the training and were able to surpass that with 39 individuals completing the training. They were able to collaborate with Animal Services, Partners, and other partner agencies promoting a network of CIT training individuals in their community.

The project impacted 39 individuals who were given skills and abilities to work with clients or citizens who are going through challenges in their lives due to addiction, mental health, and other traumas that can lead to crises. Within CJSD, it has impacted on their Residential Dual Diagnosis Treatment (RDDT) clients who are suffering from mental health and substance abuse. These clients have high needs, and staff are now skilled in being able to help prevent blowups or situations escalating to crisis.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

Two CIT trainings were completed, and a total of 39 individuals were trained. The long-term plan for continued CIT training is to seek out further funding assistance.

Mesa County Sheriff's Office

Project: Mental Health Collaboration
Award: \$786,489
Project Period: 1/2023 to 12/2024
Program Areas: Early Intervention Teams

Summary: This mental health collaboration project in Mesa County provides a comprehensive response and action plan that is based on current research to address mental health issues in Mesa County. The collaboration includes the County, the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, Mesa County Partners (a non-profit organization), and a mental health provider to provide case management services selected through an RFP process. This collaboration vastly increases the capacity and coordination in Mesa County to aggressively and intelligently address mental

health issues for those who need it the most. In addition, it reduces the need for incarceration and is expected to reduce recidivism and crime in the long term.

Goals:

1. Connect individuals needing mental health support with appropriate resources under a comprehensive approach.
2. Provide needed monitoring and follow-up.
3. Provide needed advocacy incorporating coordination of services.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention (CPCI) Grant Program in Mesa County was successful, having met its objectives and demonstrated a meaningful impact on crime prevention and crisis intervention. The project effectively implemented its intended strategies, which included Restorative Justice Services, the Co-Responder Program, and various research-informed crime prevention initiatives.

The project had a positive impact on individuals and families by actively reducing barriers to mental health services and improving coordination between law enforcement and behavioral health professionals through the promotion of restorative justice practices. These outcomes are aligned with the intent of the legislation and the problem statement outlined in the original application, as they addressed the root causes of crime and recidivism in the community. One of the project's biggest accomplishments was the successful collaboration established between multiple agencies to provide truly holistic support, which ensured that individuals received appropriate services rather than becoming unnecessarily involved in the criminal justice system.

Long-term Sustainability Plan

Given the project's success and its positive impact on the community, the team is committed to sustaining and expanding these initiatives. The plan to continue

implementation includes Actively seeking additional funding sources, including local, state, and federal grants, as well as potential private-sector collaborations; Focusing efforts on expanding outreach within the community; Enhancing data-driven decision-making and refining assessment tools to measure long-term impact effectively; Exploring and utilizing additional evidence-based tools to further enhance service delivery and maximize positive outcomes.

Mission Possible

Project: Mission: Program Enhancement and Increase Service Capacity
Award: \$336,212
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2025
Program Areas: Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and Recidivism Reduction Program

Summary: This project meets the needs of youth who are at risk of entering the juvenile justice system and who are currently involved in the juvenile justice system by increasing access to High-Fidelity Wraparound, an evidence-based practice known to elicit successful outcomes for youth and families with complex needs and multi-system involvement. Funding provides an increased number of credentialed High-Fidelity Wraparound facilitators, ensures language access for non-English speakers, and enhances the use of technology to make system requirements less intrusive and more family friendly.

Goals:

1. Increase community access to High-Fidelity Wraparound.
2. Use technology to increase efficiency and communication in the delivery of services.
3. Ensure written materials are easy to understand and offered in multiple languages.

Project Impact/Outcome

The Mission Possible project was successful in many ways, meeting the majority of its three goals and objectives. The organization demonstrated resilience in achieving its core mandate of providing detention alternative programming through High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) for youth and families involved in the juvenile justice system.

The project successfully hired, trained, and credentialed two HFW Facilitators, including one bilingual facilitator, although sustaining the second position was initially challenging. The total number of youth and families served increased, with 48 unduplicated individuals receiving the wraparound process. The objective to hire a part-time clinician for Medicaid eligibility determination was not fully met due to an unsuccessful search, resulting in some unspent budget.

The team successfully purchased simultaneous interpretation equipment and two Meeting Owls to improve hybrid meetings with clients and system partners.

The objective to partner with an IT contractor was not retained, but the organization still purchased tablets and successfully revamped its website.

Mission Possible contracted a consultant to develop a comprehensive process for translation needs, reviewed existing paperwork, and created a plan for ongoing translation work to support clients with limited English proficiency.

The project had a significant positive impact that aligned directly with the legislative intent to reduce crime and recidivism. By applying the highly individualized HFW process to 48 youth and families, the project positively decreased the risk of detention. Of the participating youth, 92% did not accrue new charges, and over 90% did not return to detention, which directly contributed to improved community safety.

The most significant accomplishment was the work completed on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS). Through a contract with a consultant,

Mission Possible underwent an in-depth assessment, analysis, training development, and policy development to improve its ability to meet the needs of clients with limited English proficiency.

Long-term Sustainability Plan

Mission Possible plans to continue its work with High Fidelity Wraparound, utilizing the grant to expand its reach. The organization is actively pursuing a sustainable funding model by: Continuing to utilize Medicaid as a funding method. Securing a SAMHSA grant specifically for HFW funding for youth and young adults with substance use issues. Maintaining collaborative partnerships with community organizations to bring this service to youth and families with complex needs.

Pagosa Community Initiative

Project: Family and Therapeutic Services
Award: \$180,170
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2025
Program Areas: Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and Recidivism Reduction Program

Summary: This youth development programming includes after-school and summer programming. Eighty percent of the students that the agency serves are at-risk and underserved. Through this programming, the agency provides family services that connect high-risk families to much-needed community resources and help them work toward a more stable home life. Programs are preventive and meant to create the supportive environment that most at-risk youth and families lack. This project adds to these services by providing a full-time family advocate serving more families; strengthening existing youth development programs by providing qualified trauma-informed staff; implementing a therapeutic aspect in the existing programs and adding on therapeutic groups; creating adventure programming led by

trained therapists and leaders for the most at-risk students; and creating positive police interactions by inviting police officers to be present in programs.

Goals:

1. Strengthen existing family services programming and serve a minimum of 12 additional high-needs families.
2. Boost mental wellness in youth by implementing therapeutic services and adventure programming.
3. Collaborate with community organizations (The San Juan Mountain School, The Southwestern Colorado Areas Health Education Center, and the Pagosa Springs Police Department) to create more comprehensive programming and protective factors for families and youth.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project, which focused on strengthening family services, boosting youth mental wellness, and strengthening community collaboration in Archuleta County, was highly successful, meeting or exceeding nearly all of its goals and implementing the majority of its intended objectives. Project Success and Goal Achievement

The project was deemed highly successful because it delivered measurable benefits to youth and families, strengthened collaborative partnerships, and provided lasting protective factors for those at high risk.

Goal 1: Strengthen Family Services: This goal was fully achieved and surpassed. A full-time Family Development Coordinator provided intensive case management and wraparound support to over 75 families facing complex challenges like housing instability and behavioral health needs. Additionally, 85 families received vital emergency relief funds for needs such as rental assistance, food, and transportation, which helped stabilize home environments and reduced risk factors for system involvement and generational trauma.

Goal 2: Boost Youth Mental Wellness Through Therapeutic and Adventure

Programming: This goal was met and exceeded. The program provided one-on-one therapy to more than 80 students and offered numerous therapist-led support groups focused on emotional regulation and building peer support. It also fully implemented adventure programming during the summer months and throughout the school year, using hands-on, nature-based learning to help youth build resilience, confidence, and positive relationships.

Goal 3: Strengthen Community Collaboration: Partnerships deepened significantly.

The organization worked closely with the Pagosa Springs Police Department, which contributed over 300 hours of direct involvement in programming, helping to reduce stigma and foster trust between youth and law enforcement. Collaboration extended to the school district, the Town of Pagosa Springs, and various health and human service agencies.

The only area where an objective was not fully met was Objective 3.3 (implement Wellbriety groups), due to the planned collaborating partner relocating. In response, the Family Development Coordinator completed trainings in motivational interviewing, which included a substance abuse intervention component, and the organization continued to refer families to other local recovery resources, ensuring continued access to care. Project Impact and Biggest Accomplishment

The project had a meaningful and measurable impact on the youth and families of Archuleta County, directly aligning with the legislative intent to prevent delinquency, improve community safety, and strengthen family systems. The project's greatest impact was a significant decrease in risk factors for juvenile delinquency by expanding access to consistent, preventative programming for at-risk youth and families. Specific impacts included providing clinical therapeutic services to over 80 students, supporting over 75 families with intensive case management, and fostering protective relationships with adults, including law enforcement.

The biggest accomplishment was the creation of a truly comprehensive system of preventative care. By combining therapeutic services, adventure programming, financial stabilization, and cross-sector collaboration, the organization developed a trauma-informed, wraparound model that improved overall community safety and well-being.

Long-term Sustainability Plan

Due to the project's proven success and positive impact, the organization plans to continue and expand the program. The strong program infrastructure and community trust have enabled the organization to secure increased fundraising from local donors and successfully obtain additional grant funding from regional and state sources. The plan moving forward is to maintain the core elements of the project—therapeutic and adventure programming, family advocacy, and cross-sector collaboration—while continually refining services based on community needs.

ParadigmONE

Project: Pueblo Recovery Housing Initiative
Award: \$250,000
Project Period: 1/2023 to 10/2024
Program Areas: Restorative Justice Services
Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and
Recidivism Reduction Program
Early Intervention Teams

Summary: The funding expands recovery housing and peer support services for women and men in Pueblo, CO. This work is done in collaboration with Servicios de la Raza, Hazelbrook Sober Living, Latino Coalition for Community Leadership, Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition, and Colorado Department of Corrections.

- Goals:**
1. Secure 1-2 Houses (1 male, 1 female).
 2. Provide 150 Monthly Scholarships for clients.
 3. Provide a minimum of 450 Peer Support Services (in-house and in the community).

Summary of Progress

ParadigmONE focuses on providing stable housing and recovery-based support to justice-involved individuals. In the first quarter, they housed nearly 20 people, with clients agreeing to recovery and financial goals, and 64% attaining bank accounts, with all employed participants working at least 20 hours a week. They consistently provided 4-5 group peer services weekly. In the second quarter, 10 individuals remained housed for 32-111 days, maintained sobriety, and received 138 coaching sessions. Clients housed for over 30 days secured jobs and opened bank accounts. The program offered incarceration and rehabilitation support through outreach sessions, wraparound peer support, and peer recovery group programming. They successfully housed 19 clients through scholarships, providing individual therapy, coaching, and supportive housing, and expanded their network through outreach to over 25 organizations. The grant has shown measurable impacts in reducing crime, with a significant decrease in recidivism rates among participants. Housing and active engagement in recovery services have led to reduced involvement in criminal activities and re-offenses.

ParadigmONE collaborates with various non-profits, harm reduction programs, jail-based services, parole offices, and community health centers. They actively communicate their services and available beds to partners through meetings, information sharing, and participation in community events to facilitate client referrals and placements. As the grant concluded, their focus shifted to connecting current clients with ongoing recovery opportunities, ensuring a seamless transition and continued support. They also give back to the community through activities like a glove drive and public group facilitation. They are expanding their efforts to provide

resources in other areas and are committed to showing clients a compassionate and stable path to learn, grow, and achieve.

Project PAVE Inc.

Project: Youth Violence Prevention Education & Healing Circles

Award: \$87,109

Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2024

Program Areas: Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program

Summary: This collaborative project between Project PAVE and the ROCK Center combines the educational expertise and social-emotional learning strengths of PAVE's Youth Violence Prevention programs with the transformative healing power of ROCK Center's Healing Circles. The enhanced violence prevention education programs provide low-income youth of color access to deeply impactful, culturally relevant healing services specifically designed to simultaneously combat the root causes of violence and communally heal from the impacts of violence. This youth-driven effort is completed by PAVE's Youth Community Educators in collaboration with The ROCK Center's Youth Leaders, with oversight and guidance provided by the adult staff at PAVE and ROCK Center. This program integration allows for more robust offerings for schools and community partners from Project PAVE and the ROCK Center, ultimately leading to greater connection, increased healing outcomes, and decreased youth violence.

Goals:

1. The ROCK Center's healing circles are integrated into Project PAVE's Prevention Education Programming.
2. Fully integrated Violence Prevention Education and Healing Circle Activities provided to low-income youth of color at partner schools and community organizations.

3. Cultivate increased youth engagement and recruitment in the YCEP and Youth Leader Programs.

Project Impact/Outcomes

Overall, this project was successful and did meet the goals set out. Furthermore, the project implemented the intended objectives.

The project did impact crime prevention and youth violence prevention and the problem statement in the grant application. Relationship violence is the most common form of violence experienced by youth and this project had a profound impact on that. The biggest accomplishment of this project was the integration of healing circle strategies into PAVE's primary prevention programming. Through the healing circle training and integration of specific healing circle methods into PAVE's work, PAVE was able to provide young people with additional skills and techniques to help youth develop healthy coping , communication, and conflict resolution skills which will allow them to develop healthier relationships.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

The Grantee will continue to implement new training and implementation practices as the need for these programs is ongoing and the problem of violence and crime are phenomena reproduced by forces outside of their control.

Relevant Word Ministries

Project: SEATO Girls Mentoring Program
Award: \$156,595
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2024
Program Areas: Early Intervention Teams
Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program

Summary: This funding supports the launch of the South East Access to Opportunity Girls program ("SEATO Girls"). SEATO Girls serves girls aged 5-18, primarily minority, in the southeast area of

Colorado Springs. SEATO Girls works to provide academic achievement, college and career training, and tools to inspire girls to serve their community. SEATO Girls offers a custom curriculum that focuses on helping participants build leadership skills like self-reflection, critical thinking, sound decision-making, goal setting, clear communication, and personal accountability. This occurs both inside and outside of schools, creating a dual environment for success.

Goals: 1. Participants will have the tools and understanding to improve their lifelong outcomes.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The grantee has reported that the project was successful, goals were met, and they implemented the intended objectives. The program addressed the intended impact by educating, empowering, engaging the youth with their responsibility to the community.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

The project was successful and had a great impact on the problem. The grantee plans to continue the project by using additional grant funding as well as continuously applying for other grants from differing sources.

Rio Blanco Sheriff's Office

Project: Rio Blanco Co-Responder Program
Award: \$212,718
Project Period: 1/2023 to 3/2025
Program Areas: Co-Responder Program

Summary: Funding supports the implementation of a Virtual Co-Responder program for law enforcement agencies in Rio Blanco County and revitalizes the Community Evaluation Team (Support-Team-

Assisted Response/Early Intervention Team) to support persons who are in a crisis and who do not meet the criteria to receive aid from other programs.

- Goals:**
1. Start a Co-Responder Program in Rio Blanco County.
 2. Reestablish CET, Community Evaluation Team.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The Rio Blanco County project, led by the Sheriff's Office, was successful in meeting its primary goal. The project aimed to onboard 10 agencies to utilize the Co-Responder model, a goal that was successfully achieved during the grant period.

The project had a positive impact by specifically focusing on rural and frontier agencies. Although the number of individuals served was intentionally lower compared to urban programs, the initiative successfully demonstrated that the program works to provide residents with essential mental health services. The project's outcomes directly addressed the intent of the legislation by diverting individuals from the criminal justice system.

The biggest accomplishment was the program's ability to keep numerous individuals from entering the justice system and, instead, ensure they received the mental health services they needed rather than being incarcerated. This highlights the value of providing equitable mental health support to rural populations.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

There was no plan reported.

Rio Grande County Public Health Department

Project: PROSPER San Luis Valley: Partnership Strengthening Juvenile Delinquency Prevention
Award: \$255,148
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2025

Program Areas: Early Intervention Teams
Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and
Recidivism Reduction Program
Support-Team-Assisted Response Program

Summary: Funding for implementation of PROSPER in San Luis Valley’s two youth delinquency programs, Botvin’s Life Skills Training and Strengthening Families Program 10-14. PROSPER is a system that provides training and technical assistance for sustained, quality delivery of evidence-based practices (EBP) and links prevention researchers with county public health, the University Extension System, community agencies, and local public schools. Through PROSPER, a local team supports EBP implementation, a Technical Assistance Provider presents the team with resources and troubleshoots challenges, while a state management team develops infrastructure that supports high-quality EBP implementation and sustainability.

Goals:

1. Support evidence-based San Luis Valley prevention programs with a tiered approach to prevention training and technical assistance.
2. Prevent youth delinquency by promoting positive youth development.
3. Prevent youth delinquency by promoting family resilience.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The PROSPER San Luis Valley (SLV) project, managed by the Rio Grande County Public Health Department, was hugely successful and had a very meaningful impact on the lives of youth and families by implementing evidence-based prevention programs. The project met or exceeded all three of its primary goals and their intended objectives.

The project's success was evident in the delivery of two evidence-based programs: Botvin's LifeSkills Training (LST) and the Strengthening Families Program 10-14 (SFP 10-14).

Goal 1: Support evidence-based SLV prevention programs. This goal was exceeded by training 12 community members in the PROSPER prevention delivery system (surpassing the goal of 10) and maintaining a 95% attendance rate at State Management Team (SMT) meetings (exceeding the 80% target). This work successfully created a leadership network of facilitators and a trusted network of community-based agencies for youth development.

Goal 2: Prevent youth delinquency by promoting positive youth development (via LST). This goal was exceeded by certifying four staff members (surpassing the goal of three) and graduating 93 students from the LST program in two school districts (exceeding the approximate target of 60 students). The impact included students building skills to say no to alcohol, drugs, and smoking, increasing their resiliency, and developing self-esteem.

Goal 3: Prevent youth delinquency by promoting family resilience (via SFP 10-14). This goal was substantially exceeded by certifying 36 facilitators (six were the target) and facilitating 11 cohorts that graduated a total of 55 families (surpassing the goal of 4 cohorts serving 25 families). The outcomes included improved family communication skills, with families and youth reporting increased ability to build resiliency, handle peer pressures, and deal with stressful situations.

Project Impact and Biggest Accomplishment

The project's overall impact was to strengthen collaboration among public health, education, and community partners to deliver EBPs with high fidelity. This directly addressed the legislative intent by implementing a multidisciplinary, community-based crime prevention strategy in a rural area with disproportionately high rates of youth substance use and delinquency risk. The project's impact included:

Increasing protective factors such as family communication, peer resistance skills, and youth decision-making.

Reducing risk factors linked to juvenile delinquency, including substance use initiation, poor school engagement, and family conflict.

Enhancing the local prevention workforce's capacity through ongoing training and support.

The project's most significant accomplishment was the successful establishment of a sustainable, local PROSPER team in the San Luis Valley. This achievement ensures the region now has a tested system for implementing and sustaining effective delinquency prevention programs with high fidelity, reducing long-term reliance on external resources.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

Given the project's success, the PROSPER San Luis Valley project will continue. The long-term sustainability plan includes: Utilizing braided funding from local school districts, the Rio Grande County Public Health Department, and community partners; Actively pursuing additional support from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, the Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant, local opioid settlement funds, and community foundations; Ensuring the programs are sustained with fidelity and long-term impact through in-kind staffing, facility use, and ongoing University Extension technical assistance; Planning to expand the program's implementation to Saguache County and exploring opportunities for funding through government grants, corporate sponsorships, and impact investing.

RiseUp Community School

Project: Proactive Restorative Programming
Award: \$50,000
Project Period: 1/2023 to 8/2024
Program Areas: Early Intervention Teams
Restorative Justice Services

Summary: RiseUp Community School is implementing a three-pronged community-based approach to crime prevention and crisis intervention with at-risk youth in Denver. The school works with outside community organizations to provide interventions during the school day and integrates the program into daily operations. The program consists of direct youth programming focused on pro-social and long-term decision-making, training for adults who work with youth, and support to oversee the quality of the program.

Goals:

1. Students who participate in the Make A Chess Move program show improved social behaviors and decision-making.
2. All staff use restorative practices with students.
3. The Restorative Practices team coordinates all restorative practices at the school.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project was considered successful, having met its goal of building the proactive support necessary to keep students in school, learning, and progressing toward graduation. The project's design provided both students and staff with the tools needed to change behaviors, which resulted in suspensions being limited only to the most severe (Tier 3) actions. Overall, the initiative shifted both adult and student behavior, fostering a stronger sense of community, leading to fewer fights, and creating closer student/adult mentorships.

The project successfully addressed the intent of the legislation by implementing changes to school systems that reduce the risk of students entering the school-to-prison pipeline. The initiative's impact was a drastic change in student outcomes by integrating relationship building as an integral part of the school's behavioral systems, rather than focusing solely on student behavior. The biggest accomplishment was the

change in Tier 1 adult behaviors, a primary factor the school is proud of altering for the better.

Long-term Sustainability Plan

To ensure the continuity and progression of this work, the school is implementing a sustainable plan. A staff member is currently being trained as a trainer in the NME model and is working alongside a coach to monitor the implementation.

The Community and Culture team has created a framework for restorative practices that align with the district discipline matrix for ongoing use. The continued training for this work is being funded by the state's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) grant.

Riverside Educational Center

Project: Crime Prevention via Prosocial Youth Programming: Removing Transportation Barriers

Award: \$165,000

Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2024

Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and Recidivism Reduction Program

Summary: Riverside Educational Center (REC) provides prosocial prevention and intervention education, academic support, and mentoring services for over 800 students (many of whom are historically underrepresented) at 15 Mesa County school sites. REC utilizes this funding for passenger vehicles to transport students safely home at the end of after-school programming and summer programming, and to provide access to opportunities for off-site prosocial activities with REC partners in the community. These off-site activities are often outdoors and coupled with social-emotional learning.

Goals: 1. Prevent or reduce youth involvement in the juvenile justice system.

2. Engage students in programming.
3. Demonstrate positive programming effects.

Project Impact/Outcomes

REC's project to purchase three buses with CPCI funding was successful. Buses were purchased in spring of 2023 and have been used since then to transport REC students to/from field trip sites and to their homes after programming.

REC's goals to prevent or reduce youth involvement in the juvenile justice system, engage students in prosocial programming, and demonstrate positive programming effects were met as evidenced by 2023-2024 end-of-year data for related objectives:

- 99% of student participants avoided or mitigated involvement with the criminal justice system.
- 1,316 K-12 students participated in REC programming.
- 1,316 K-12 students participated in REC enrichment activities.
- 99% of caregivers, 99% of teachers, and 92% of students agree that REC programming has had a positive impact on student personal growth.
- 95% of students surveyed report an increase in social connectedness due to REC programming.
- 71% of high school students maintained a 2.0 or above GPA.

By providing academically focused after-school programming; engaging in on- and off-site enrichment opportunities; social-emotional development support from caring, trusted adults; and safe transportation home, REC contributed to the decreased risk of juvenile delinquency in Mesa County.

The addition of three buses to REC's transportation fleet allowed REC to reduce barriers to program participation and to serve more students with opportunities that they would not have otherwise. In FY23, REC served 986 students. REC expanded its services to 1,316 students in FY24. Additionally, 201,501 hours of individual and group mentoring, prosocial activities, and social/behavioral development were provided to students 807 3rd-12th grade students participated in Botvin LifeSkills Training 188 off-

site field trips were provided for K-12 students in the regular school year; multiple additional field trips were provided in the summer.

- 92% of students agree that they learned a new outdoor skill with REC
- 92% of teachers agree that REC students were engaged in the classroom
- 99% of caretakers agree that family engagement events provided an opportunity for prosocial community building
- 97% of caretakers report that enrichment has increased their students' creative skills
- 92% of students agree that REC helps them do better in school
- 88% of students participating in youth councils believe they made an impact on the community
- 95% of students report they feel like part of a community
- 94% of regularly attending high school seniors graduated from high school with a post-graduation plan
- 95% of HS, 87% of MS, and 94% of elementary students agreed/strongly agreed: "I would only take prescription drugs that have been prescribed to me by a doctor."
- 83% of HS students disagreed: "Peers my age who drink alcohol have more friends."
- 95% of HS students disagreed: "Using cocaine or other drugs lets you have more fun."
- 92% of elementary students disagreed: "Kids who drink alcohol (beer, wine, or liquor) have more fun than non-drinkers."
- 92% of HS students disagreed: "Smoking marijuana lets you have more fun."
- 85% of HS and 56% of MS students agreed/strongly agreed: "I would say no if someone tried to get me to vape or smoke an e-cigarette."
- 89% of elementary students disagreed: "Since a lot of people smoke cigarettes, it can't be that bad for you."

REC's biggest accomplishment was positively impacting the lives of 1,316 youth so that they have every opportunity for a bright future.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

REC plans to continue using the purchased buses to provide transportation for REC's 1,200 K-12 students for years to come. Currently, no future funding sources have been identified to replace the buses when the time comes or to purchase additional buses to expand REC's transportation fleet. REC programming is being funded over the next few years by the Colorado Academic Accelerator Program, and REC expects to receive substantial funding from Transforming Safety, The Colorado Health Foundation, and the Mesa County Opioid Crisis Recovery Fund in addition to smaller amounts from various foundations, service organizations, businesses, and individual donors.

Second Chance Center, Inc.

Project: Safe Homes, Safe Communities
Award: \$371,250
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2024
Program Areas: Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and Recidivism Reduction Program

Summary: Funding to help formerly incarcerated people transition to the community safely, including immediate short-term shelter upon release from incarceration, master leases on private homes while participants pursue career training or employment, and down payment/rental assistance when a returning citizen finds housing.

Goals:

1. Provide safe, secure housing for formerly incarcerated Individuals.
2. Client-partners housed by Second Chance Center will achieve sobriety, and stable employment, and not return to prison.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The Second Chance Center (SCC) project was reported as highly successful, meeting or exceeding all goals for providing safe, secure housing to formerly incarcerated

individuals across its three categories: emergency shelter, transitional housing, and affordable workforce housing. The project's objectives were tracked and measured using the CaseMGR database.

The project's impact directly addressed the legislative intent and the problem statement by effectively mitigating housing insecurity and promoting successful re-entry. Key positive outcomes include a notably low recidivism rate of 4.75% among clients, as well as the promotion of stable employment and sobriety, which aligns with supporting economic self-sufficiency.

The biggest accomplishment of the project is its holistic approach to re-entry support. SCC provided immediate housing solutions while also supporting long-term stability through employment, sobriety, and reduced recidivism, which contributed to broader community safety and the successful reintegration of formerly incarcerated individuals into society. The report also noted a challenge in meeting less than half the demand for housing assistance due to funding limitations.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

Second Chance Center (SCC) is actively pursuing diverse strategies to sustain and expand the impact of its successful project. These strategies include diversifying funding sources by seeking grants from federal, state, and local government agencies such as Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Justice (DOJ), as well as cultivating relationships with private foundations, corporate sponsors, and philanthropic organizations. SCC is also mobilizing grassroots support through local community engagement via fundraising events, donor campaigns, and awareness-building activities. Furthermore, the organization is exploring avenues like social impact investment and social bonds. SCC is also expanding collaborations with local government agencies, corrections departments, and community organizations to establish service contracts for specialized housing and support services. Building on its current success, SCC is pursuing grant renewals and exploring opportunities to expand the scope and geographic area of its services, all with the goal of securing sustainable

funding to continue providing critical housing support, promoting successful re-entry, and reducing recidivism rates among formerly incarcerated individuals.

Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center

Project: Sexual Assault Prevention Programming
Award: \$143,758
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2024
Program Areas: Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program

Summary: The Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center provides comprehensive sexual violence prevention education through four stand-alone programs that focus on youth ages 6-18 to provide the necessary information to begin a culture change that results at the end of sexual violence. These programs include age-appropriate information to foster skills to better support survivors, increase self-confidence, and build skills for bystander intervention.

Goals:

1. Increase access to sexual violence prevention education for youth in northern Colorado.
2. Increase protective factors and decrease risk factors against sexual violence perpetration and victimization.
3. Reduce the harm of disclosing sexual assault and/or harassment for youth.

Project Impact/Outcomes

SAVA's prevention education programs saw great success during this grant cycle. SAVA had hoped to serve 10,000 youth and youth serving adults by the end of the grant period; they exceeded that goal by reaching 12,325 individuals. Using the pre/post surveys they were able to collect data showing a statistically significant increase in youths understanding of consent, sexual violence and sexual harassment, victim

blaming and bystander intervention. For those youth with intellectual and/or developmental (I/DD) disabilities they saw increases in the understanding of bodily autonomy, public and private spaces, types of touch, safety steps, boundaries, consent and healthy relationships. SAVA staff were able to offer support to each of the students that disclosed throughout this grant cycle. They have seen a massive increase in youth disclosures of sexual assault/harassment since the pandemic and the numbers are not slowing. In 2023 SAVA received 52 disclosures. For the first two quarters of 2024 they have already had 27 disclosures. Although youth disclosures are difficult and often, they do not want crimes reported but due to their federal and state mandated reporting status, they are required to make reports when youth disclose. However, once they disclose, they are not alone and can have support through each step. Increases in disclosures are seen as a success because programming is creating safe spaces for youth to come forward and get the help they need to be safe and healthy.

SAVA's biggest accomplishment through prevention education programming is that they are changing the future. There have been many instances where prevention educators will hear from a student that participated in one of the programs and they will talk about the programs they started in their colleges because of SART. They were told by a mom once that her son's college roommate was doing some questionable things, so her son did the SART presentation for his roommate and the roommate had no idea what he was doing was wrong. SAVA has previous participants signing up their own children for SuperWorld, and they talk about how important it is for our kids to have the information SAVA provides. Although they can never say that they know someone chose not to assault someone because of SAVA, they also know it is true. Each year they are amazed at how many young people truly have no understanding of consent or how to set boundaries. Youth are learning and putting the curriculum into action by starring programs and speaking out about sexual violence.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

SAVA will have some funding through DVP and Weld VALE but due to not receiving this grant a second time, their programs are at risk and thousands of youths could lose this

programming if other funding is not found. SAVA has been successful for years at piecemealing funding from multiple sources and will continue to do so as they are committed to keeping these programs in schools for youth.

South Metro Fire Rescue

Project: South Metro Public Health
Award: \$124,000
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2024
Program Areas: Early Intervention Teams
Support-Team-Assisted Response Program

Summary: Funding to support a pilot community paramedic program to provide effective patient navigation that connects callers requiring mental health services to appropriate resources outside the emergency response system. The program encourages less use of EMS services for non-medical needs. The funding is dedicated to hiring a licensed social worker, who serves as a project lead and liaison between 3 counties, 16 law enforcement agencies, and multiple hospital systems while developing a patient navigation strategy/platform.

Goals: 1. Dedicate a full-time, qualified proactive outreach coordinator to respond to super-utilizers, as defined by identified criteria. Facilitate community access to navigate services. Leverage data collection and fine-tune tracking systems.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project was successful with its intent. In setting out, the grant funds were intended to pay for an FTE and provide training for a set number of individuals. The goals of the implemented program were to bridge the gap between people heavily involved in the 911 system and the resources that are available to them.

The program interacted with over 1000 clients during the year in question and has shown an approximate 70% reduction in 911 calls and a 66% reduction in ED visits for those that used 911 from a lack of resources or for non-emergent needs.

The biggest impact they had was an increase in community safety. Those impacted most were predominantly in the behavioral health population and the elderly/aging in place. Through prevention activities and collaborations with law enforcement, APS, and their internal community risk reduction team they were able to provide resources and education to a population that affects the 911 system frequently. With the stated reduction after intervention, these efforts resulted in a safer community experience.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

This program was successful and the FTE that was originally grant funded will now be absorbed as a full-time employee with South Metro Fire Rescue, with salary and benefits befitting them. The education portion of the grant was used to certify 10 people in Community Paramedicine, broadening their ability to recognize and evaluate social determinants of health and who needs further resources. These certifications will continue to be supported by the department moving forward. There are plans to expand the FTE's and the capital with a mobile unit moving forward after the grant. They will attempt to get more grant funding while utilizing funds internally as well.

Southeast Mental Health Services: Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.

Project: Rocky Ford Resource Center
Award: \$200,000
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2024
Program Areas: Violence Interruption
Early Intervention Teams

Summary: Funding to complete renovations on a building in Rocky Ford,

Colorado is being used to address the social determinants of health and provide peer support to homeless individuals with mental health and substance use problems. This project is led by a Rocky Ford advisory group formed to address the problems of heroin, hunger, and homelessness. It is supported by local law enforcement, fire/EMS, and business leaders. The partially finished Resource Center meets the significant needs of the community by giving unsheltered people a place to belong, showers, laundry, food, safe and sober activities, and access to integrated physical, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment.

- Goals:**
1. Prevent crime by creating a one-stop resource center in downtown Rocky Ford, Colorado, for people who are homeless or living in poverty with a mental health or substance use disorder.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The grantee reported that construction was not completed by the end of the funding period; however, the goal is partially met, and the intended objectives will be met upon its completion. They had some challenges with completing the construction at the Peer location, but have still been able to serve numerous individuals in need, as well as set up a location that the community recognizes as a safe place for individuals to go to be connected with resources.

The grantee reported that the biggest accomplishment has been creating a community partnership to address the issues of homelessness, hunger, and heroin specific to the community of Rocky Ford. Through a team approach with other organizations in the city, they have been able to implement a solution with buy-in from referral organizations. When the location closed for construction, they were still able to make referrals and see individuals; however, the ability to do laundry, use the showers, etc., became more complicated. Since that time, individuals have still had

access to the Coffee Break Project to be able to link up with needed resources, including food, clothing, and housing.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

The program will continue to be funded through outreach and referral to needed services within the Community Health Center array of services, including physical health, dental, or behavioral health services.

Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association

Project: Pueblo Harm Reduction Community Center
Award: \$400,000
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2024
Program Areas: Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and Recidivism Reduction Program

Summary: Funding to renovate a large building in one of Pueblo’s oldest and highest crime areas to serve as a community center and office space, as well as provide prevention/intervention efforts for people battling substance use disorder in the larger community. The Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association (SCHRA) provides health/behavioral health care and wellness services, access to laundry, showers, fresh food, educational programs, and other resources. SCHRA uses a Harm Reduction approach to impact people battling a substance use disorder to create a Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention network. Funds also support staffing, including two justice-involved Peer Support Specialist positions.

Goals: 1. The Bessemer community thrives with an equitably built environment, opportunities for businesses and employment, and people feel safe.

2. The under-resourced people of Pueblo have access to health care, behavioral health care, substance use disorder treatment, education, employment opportunities, and social resources.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The grantee reported that the project was successful. SCHRA has moved services into their new Wellness Center as of early August 2024. Throughout the duration of this grant, SCHRA met each objective. Specifically, they launched the construction/renovation phase in Spring/Summer of 2023. Since then, they secured funding in addition to the Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Grant to support the completion of this large capital project.

As they continue to build services in the new Wellness Center, they will have their multidisciplinary partners and providers move into spaces specifically designed to hold wellness services, library services, testing services, mental and behavioral health supports (such as medication-assisted treatment and methadone), and soon, primary care medical services. They are also looking into facilitating pharmacy services. By changing the built environment of their blighted neighborhood riddled with crime and by offering basic needs and support, they know they will be part of the solution to lift up this community away from high crime rates. Their work in their new Wellness Center has just begun. Already, they have more partners interested in working with them to bring needed resources to the community. They also have more support from the community than when they started this project. These relationships and community investment are crucial when tackling crime and the disparities that accompany it. The greatest accomplishment at the end of this project is the start of revitalizing one of the three founding towns (Bessemer) of Pueblo City.

Longterm Sustainability Plan

Now that funding for renovations is complete, their attention is to enhance and expand services. Many of these services were already funded and in place before they moved into the new Wellness Center. For example, they are a WAGEES partner (Work and Gain Education and Employment Skills) and work closely with law enforcement,

Colorado Department of Corrections, and the Latino Coalition for Community Leadership (state intermediary) to provide justice-involved individuals re-entering the community with stabilizing resources, education, and opportunities for career pathways.

They also manage a Harm Reduction Grant and a Colorado HIV and AIDS Prevention Grant Program through Colorado Department of Health and Environment, as well as grants from Colorado Department of Human Services and Behavioral Health Administration. Other grantors include United Way of Pueblo (Department of Local Affairs), Southeast Colorado Region 19, and The Colorado Trust. They continue to seek out partnerships with shared goals to sustain their work. Important to their model of operations is welcoming partner providers to their space for a donation. These on-site partners provide a source of income and bolster their ability to facilitate specialized services under one roof.

Summit County Sheriff's Office

Project: SMART Co-Responder Team Request
Award: \$512,257
Project Period: 1/2023 to 12/2024
Program Areas: Co-Responder Program

Summary: This project supports the work and personnel of the Summit County Sheriff's Office SMART Co-Responder unit. In 2020, the Summit County Sheriff's Office established the System-wide Mental Assessment Response Team (SMART) in response to increasing mental health crises in the area. SMART provides crisis response, mobile crisis services, mental health criminal diversion, and collaborative sentencing options, as well as intensive case management, for clients affected by mental health issues. The SMART unit currently staffs four teams of co-responders. Each team includes a law enforcement technician/deputy, a mental health clinician, and a case manager. The law enforcement

technician and mental health clinician respond together, in plain clothes, to calls with a mental health nexus. The case manager continues intensive case management with individuals after stabilization.

Goals:

1. To respond to all calls for service from their 911 center that have a mental health nexus and all crisis response calls that come from Colorado Crisis Services.
2. To stabilize those in crisis in place or refer them to local treatment, programs, services, or a higher level of care.
3. After a client is stabilized, continue to offer intensive case management to bridge the gap for clients to the services they require.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The Summit County Sheriff's Office's SMART Section project was highly successful, meeting all three of its established goals through the effective implementation of its intended objectives. With financial assistance from the grant, the program successfully served the Summit County community and advanced the core mission of preventing the criminalization of mental health crises.

The project met all primary objectives during the grant period:

Goal 1 (Response to Crisis): The team successfully responded to all possible 911 calls with a mental health nexus during its 20 hours of daily operation.

Goal 2 (Crisis Stabilization): This goal was met with an 88% stabilization rate, meaning 88% of clients in crisis were successfully de-escalated. Only 12% of clients required placement on involuntary or voluntary holds.

Goal 3 (Case Management): The team provided extensive case management services, logging over 1,676 case management interactions. They also connected 110 clients with mental health providers and helped 49 clients gain access to critical resources such as housing, food, medication, employment, or insurance.

The project continues to greatly impact individuals facing mental health challenges in Summit County. The team responded to over 2,810 calls for service during the grant period, with 294 of those involving suicidal subjects. The clinicians' ability to successfully utilize evidence-based interventions and the least restrictive means possible allowed 171 clients to seek treatment on their own terms.

This approach directly addresses the intent of the legislation—to prevent crime and provide crisis intervention services. The most significant outcome and biggest accomplishment was that zero individuals were arrested due to a SMART dispatch or response, proving that a prudent response allowed for timely mental health intervention before a crime could be committed. The 88% stabilization rate was also cited as a huge accomplishment and a testament to the high quality of care provided by the clinicians.

Long-term Sustainability Plan

Given the project's success, the overall structure and function of the SMART Section are in good health and the program will continue. The team is actively working to secure the necessary long-term funding, with a strategy to have the county government assume some funding responsibility and to pursue other long-term grants for the remaining costs.

Summit Stone Health Partners

Project: LINC (Larimer Interagency Network of Co-Responders) Expansion Program

Award: \$786,305

Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2025

Program Areas: Co-Responder Program

Summary: Funding to support the expansion of the LINC (Larimer Interagency Network of Co-Responders), which was established in 2018, and pairs behavioral health specialists with law enforcement to provide crisis response and services on calls related to mental

health concerns. The LINC Expansion Project builds the capacity of the network to meet community demand by 1) increasing the number of Behavioral Health Specialists; 2) providing training to Behavioral Health Specialist Teams, and 3) purchasing a vehicle for co-responder use.

- Goals:**
1. Expand Co-Responder Teams to support Co-Response Services in additional service areas throughout Larimer County.
 2. Expand continuity of care for Co-Responder programs with additional case management, peer specialist services, support, and care coordination.
 3. Enhance behavioral health co-responder and law enforcement training, onboarding, and program development.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The SummitStone LINC Program project in Larimer County was successful, meeting its goals and implementing its intended objectives, with notable over-achievement in service delivery and training. The program successfully expanded Co-Responder Teams and services across additional areas of Larimer County.

Staffing and Expansion (Goal 1): The team expanded to include 2.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) Co-Responders, 1.0 FTE Peer Specialist, 1.0 FTE Case Manager, and 1.0 FTE Co-Responder Supervisor, achieving 83% of the target for the expansion of Co-Responder positions. The full target of 3.0 FTE Co-Responders was not met due to a combination of workforce challenges, applicant pool draw, and difficulties in securing long-term funding for the third position.

Service Delivery (Goal 2): Service objectives were significantly exceeded. The program provided case management or peer support services to 642 individuals, reaching 257% of the target.

Co-Responders provided planning for linkage to ongoing care and stabilization resources to 100% of individuals interacting with law enforcement for mental health or substance use issues, meeting 100% of the target.

Program staff provided a total of 2,543 follow-up case management and peer specialist services, far exceeding the target with an achievement of 848%.

Training and Coordination (Goal 3): All training and coordination goals were met. 100% of the Co-Responder Team completed law enforcement scene safety training as part of their onboarding, and SummitStone successfully offered behavioral health training at least twice annually to Larimer County law enforcement departments.

The project had a positive impact by addressing the use of emergency services by high-utilizer clients, aligning with the intent of the legislation to provide a community-based, multidisciplinary approach to crisis intervention.

By connecting individuals, particularly high utilizers of 911, with more appropriate services, the project resulted in a shift toward individuals utilizing 911 more appropriately. The program's wraparound approach, provided through case management and peer specialist services, expanded the crisis continuum of care in Larimer County, offering individualized assistance to help people access and engage with necessary care.

The project's most significant accomplishment was the volume of services provided, and the value added by the expansion of case management and peer support services, which augmented the initial crisis interventions. Creating this team approach to crisis assessment, engagement, linkage, follow-up, and outreach across various co-response models in Larimer County proved to be successful.

Long-term Sustainability Plan

SummitStone is committed to continuing the program due to the consistently increasing number of services provided annually, which demonstrates the ongoing

community need. Although the program faces financial hardships due to multiple funding source cuts, project leadership has prioritized sustainability.

The plan moving forward is to maintain collaboration with the Loveland Outreach Program to strengthen cross-system services for high-utilizer clients.

Coordinate standardized mental health training for agencies within the Larimer Interagency Network of Co-Responders. Actively pursue new grant opportunities to support and expand these initiatives in the future.

The Blue Bench

Project: The Blue Bench: Pathways to Prevention
Award: \$91,309
Project Period: 1/2023 to 6/2025
Program Areas: Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program

Summary: Funding to support expanding outreach efforts for The Blue Bench's Pathways to Prevention Program, which provides youth and adults with a comprehensive curriculum designed to prevent future sexual violence. The Blue Bench focuses on reaching under-resourced areas and those significantly impacted by sexual violence.

Goals:

1. Create sexual assault prevention programs that respond to and align with community needs.
2. Pathways to Prevention Partnership Building.
3. Program Implementation.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project, implemented by The Blue Bench, was successful, having met its goals and exceeded its program participation targets through various prevention programs, including "Let's Talk About It," "Uniting in Action," "Safe Bars," and "Youth Empowerment and Safety." The organization reached thousands of participants across

numerous schools and community organizations, many of which serve historically under-resourced communities. While the number of community survey responses was lower than anticipated, the feedback collected was instrumental in making key adjustments to programming, resulting in more responsive and effective content, and the development of participant toolkits.

The most significant impact of the project was the transformation of the "Keeping Kids Safe" program into the newly redesigned "Youth Empowerment and Safety" workshop. This two-hour program for parents and youth-serving professionals directly addresses the scope and impact of child sexual abuse and grooming, equipping adults with tools to prevent abuse and empowering youth to set boundaries and seek help. This work directly addresses the problem of sexual violence and reducing future harm, which aligns with the intent of the legislation and contributes to long-term crime prevention and community safety.

The biggest accomplishments are represented by the project's overall community-informed approach and resulting program adaptations. This included incorporating updated content into youth prevention programs and "Safe Bars" on topics such as alcohol and consent, navigating long-term relationships, supporting male and LGBTQIA+ survivors, and culturally responsive approaches to sexual violence prevention. These adaptations ensured the prevention efforts were relevant, inclusive, and effective.

Long-term Sustainability Plan

The overall project was successful, and the organization plans to continue its work. The biggest challenge faced was the sustainable and responsible relaunch of an in-house youth advisory council. Instead of an in-house council, The Blue Bench effectively elevated youth voice by partnering with schools and compiling over 20 research memos that offered valuable youth-informed insights for programming improvements. Future plans include building on this success by expanding the Teen Zine initiative. Partnering with classrooms and youth groups to co-create, adapt, and

refine the curricula. Actively seeking additional funding sources, including private foundations and community partnerships, to support these efforts and ensure the programming remains youth-informed, relevant, and impactful.

Tribe Recovery Homes

Project: Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention through Rehabilitation Services
Award: \$290,498
Project Period: 1/2023 to 9/2024
Program Areas: Violence Interruption
Early Intervention Teams
Primary and Secondary Violence Prevention Program
Restorative Justice Services
Other Research-Informed Crime and Crisis Prevention and Recidivism Reduction Program

Summary:
rehabilitation

Support for Tribe Recovery Homes' (TRH) residential and community engagement programs. TRH's residential program supports participants in recovery and addresses mental health challenges, helping break poverty and addiction cycles that fuel drug-related violent and nonviolent crimes. TRH provides participants with recovery supervision, peer navigation, clinical therapeutic services, employment, and housing. TRH is also expanding its community engagement practices, including soliciting funding to convert an airport shuttle bus into a mobile health clinic and expanding its street teams. These efforts engage the community outside of the typical referral services and reduce criminal justice or emergency care engagement by providing mental health and substance abuse screening services and referrals. Additionally, on-site assessments can be provided for individuals referred by the court system; thus, expediting service and placement in the residential program.

- Goals:**
1. Hire core employees for the program.
 2. Increase Community Engagement and Proactive Services.

Project Impact/Outcomes

Tribe Recovery Homes (Tribe) successfully implemented its residential rehabilitation and community engagement programs with support from Colorado’s Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Grant Program, achieving positive outcomes for participants and successfully meeting the anticipated program goals.

Tribe successfully implemented the intended objectives of the grant by focusing on robust outreach and recovery services for individuals experiencing homelessness, involved in the judicial system, and in need of substance misuse and recovery services. Key operational goals achieved include Tribe successfully hired an Outreach Team Navigator and a supervisor, which increased the number of individuals reached. A Nurse Practitioner was also hired to ensure participants had access to necessary health services. The organization significantly increased its community engagement, connecting with over 1,400 individuals and providing direct services to 830 over the grant period. Relationships with community and judicial organizations were strengthened, establishing a broad network of partners to provide a continuum of care and connecting individuals to the best-fit services, whether at Tribe or elsewhere.

Tribe’s services, including residential sober living, recovery supervision, peer navigation, clinical therapeutic services, and employment/housing programs—directly addressed the intent of the grant program to support crime prevention and crisis intervention. By working with marginalized populations (90% justice-system involved, 85% homeless, 90% without income), Tribe promoted lasting recovery, ensured access to resources, and worked to break the addiction cycles that fuel drug-related crime. A key outcome of this work is the reduction in recidivism.

The organization's most significant accomplishment was participant improvement and retention. 90% of participants in the residential program showed improvement in their PHQ9 and GAD7 assessments. 61% successfully transitioned from the residential program to the next level of care (Intensive Outpatient Program, IOP), and 51% successfully completed the overall program. 99% of participants obtained employment by the completion of their IOP phase.

Long-term Sustainability Plan

Tribe will continue implementing its successful program through ongoing fundraising efforts and a diversified mix of funding sources, including community foundation support, Medicaid billing, and unrestricted general operating support. Due to the program's success, Tribe plans to extend and expand its services by adding in-reach programs to Colorado's detention centers in 2025, offering resources, release planning support, and recovery options to individuals currently incarcerated.

Youth Transformation Center

Project: Restorative Justice and Boomerang
Award: \$115,640
Project Period: 1/2023 to 3/2024
Program Areas: Violence Interruption
Restorative Justice Services

Summary: Funding to support Restorative Justice facilitation services and motivational Boomerang training for students at Harrison School District Two in Southeast Colorado Springs, to keep kids in school and out of the juvenile justice or adult prison systems. Boomerang is a high-impact, motivational workshop that requires students to create a new vision for their lives and potential careers based on their natural talents. This is a high-poverty, high-crime area of Colorado Springs and a school district with a 70-90% underserved minority student population.

Goals:

1. Restorative Justice conferencing to HSD2 schools for minor to moderate discipline issues better handled in schools rather than suspending/expelling students, which can lead to unsupervised idle time, street crime, and violence.
2. Boomerang training for up to 75 HSD2 students most at risk of getting into trouble, which can lead to violence or crime, chronic absenteeism, or dropping out of school.
3. Group mentoring sessions to ensure reinforcement of Boomerang workshop lessons and goal setting to empower youth participants to become ambassadors for school safety.

Project Impact/Outcomes

The project was successful and exceeded all goals and objectives. Forty-five students (rather than the required 40) participated in the Boomerang training (which included those who were disciplined by the school for behavior issues and took part in the restorative justice conference process). YTC facilitators and teachers observed at least 70% or higher endorsement of the following outcomes:

- Students take responsibility for their actions and behaviors (84%).
- Students make better life choices.
- Students meet their goals and improve their behavior.
- Students see the value of goal setting and positive behavior change.
- Students increase coping skills and resilience.

YTC provides Restorative Justice facilitation services and motivational Boomerang training for schools throughout Colorado, and specifically (for purposes of the DCJ grant) at Harrison School District Two in Southeast Colorado Springs, CO (a high crime, high poverty, high underserved minority community) intended to keep kids in school and out of the juvenile justice or adult prison systems. This intent aligns with the Dept. of Public Safety/Division of Criminal Justice Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Grant Program to support community-based, multidisciplinary approaches to crime prevention and crisis intervention strategies, specifically in areas where crime is disproportionately high.

Despite the award amount having been cut in half from the original request, YTC provided six of the seven eligible activities:

- Violence Interruption Programs
- Early intervention teams
- Primary and secondary violence prevention programs
- Restorative justice services
- Other research-informed crime and crisis prevention and recidivism
- Support-team-assisted response programs

Longterm Sustainability Plan

-Based on their practice expertise and past research on restorative practices, they know the outcomes listed previously to be linked to positive youth development.

Their two biggest accomplishments of this successful project include:

- 70% endorsement by school staff of key outcomes. The problem statement also discussed student mental health struggles and drop out risk. A strong case can be made that these achievements of the outcomes above should contribute to improving mental health and reducing drop out risk.
- a digitized highlights video of the Boomerang training was filmed and produced by Aztec Media (funded by DCJ and other funding sources including Harrison School District Two, the Transforming Safety grant administered by DOLA (Colorado Dept. of Local Affairs) and is viewable free of charge on YouTube and YTC's Website (YouthTransformationCenter.org).

The Youth Transformation Center now has plans to digitize all three of their comprehensive training programs (Restorative Justice Facilitation, Classroom Connection Circles, and Boomerang). These three future planned products for the next school year will expand their revenue streams and will help to spread the worldwide movement to take restorative justice/restorative practices into schools. They currently have pending funding from El Pomar Foundation and from a team of inmates at DOC Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility who love their mission and want

to raise money for them through a fundraiser and snack/food sales. They anticipate a \$15,000 donation to YTC.

Appendix B

2024 Funded Grant Programs

Apprentice of Peace Youth Organization dba Trailhead Institute

Project: AOPYO Mentoring Program/AOPYO Youth Center for Behavioral Health
Award: \$81,468
Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026
Program Areas: Violence interruption programs
Early intervention teams
Primary and secondary violence prevention programs
Other research-informed crime and crisis prevention and recidivism reduction programs

Summary: The Apprentice of Peace Youth Organization (AOPYO) is thrilled to present this grant proposal, seeking \$225,000 to help pilot and scale the services for our AOPYO Youth Center for Behavioral Health. This innovative pilot combines peer support, somatic healing, and therapeutic services, utilizing a whole family approach to support the mental health and resilience of youth and families in our community.

Our services aim to provide a holistic framework for families, addressing the interconnected aspects of their lives. Our organization will engage youth and young adults who are currently experiencing the school-to-prison pipeline and juvenile justice system. Through positive youth development mentor programming and incorporating our organization's lived experience, we strive to help provide new coping skills and resources as both prevention and intervention.

Goals:

1. Recipients of programs and services will have an increase in emotional wellbeing through enhanced emotional regulation, reduced stress and anxiety, enhanced coping skills, cultivation of healthy habits, empowerment & agency, and improved conflict resolution.
2. Providing Therapeutic Services and SEL Programming to whole families for strengthening support networks, strengthening family bonds, long-term resilience & flourishing.
3. Introducing Participants to somatic healing, peer support and holistic therapies like movement-based therapy, mindfulness practices and expressive therapies for increased body awareness and self-compassion.

Progress Summary: The organization experienced an upward trend in its second quarter, successfully generating greater interest in its programs and services. Program activities included hosting World Tai Chi Day, conducting a wellness and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program for the Tigray community, and collaborating on a youth-led summit. Consistent peer support was provided through Saturday Men's Circles for participants from halfway houses and the community, and through movement-based classes and in-school services for students, with plans to expand the student caseload. A new Medicaid-assisted program called "Connected in Motion" was developed to address loneliness and mental health, with a launch being prepared in collaboration with partners like The Action Center. Outcomes show that through mentorship and peer support, participants are engaging in wellness, with students in particular showing more initiative and choosing wellness over dysfunction. The organization's future plans involve finalizing key partnerships to increase the number of students and families served, launching the Connected in Motion Program, planning a youth-led parent workshop, and expanding peer support services through outreach and new collaborations with organizations like Red Rocks Recovery Center and sober living homes.

Axis Health System

Project: Axis + La Plata County Sheriff's Office Co-Responder Program
Award: \$300,000
Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026
Program Areas: Co-responder programs

Summary: Axis Health System (Axis) respectfully requests \$563,525 to operate and expand the La Plata County Co-Responder Program (LP-CORE). In early 2023, the La Plata County Sheriff's Office (LPSO) and Axis developed a co-responder program to reduce law enforcement responses to non-criminal calls for service through 911 that includes a Sheriff's deputy and Axis clinician working as a team to address community needs. Individuals are connected to many wrap-around services, including mental, physical, and oral healthcare, parenting support, food and nutrition resources, housing, legal services, state benefits, insurance enrollment and other resources.

Axis and the LPSO work in partnership, where Axis provides the program's clinical services and financial oversight, while the LPSO provides deputies and procures items crucial for everyday operations. The demonstrated success of this model and the increasing need in the community point toward program expansion to reach more community members.

Goals:

1. Provide a coordinated response to LPSO calls that would be best served by an Axis-LPSO co-response team, thereby reducing unnecessary involvement in the judicial system and improving outcomes.
2. Provide individuals in crisis with the structure and coordination they need to minimize their contact with law enforcement and improve their ability to function successfully in the community.

3. Connect people with the healthcare they need, including behavioral (mental health and substance use), primary care, and oral healthcare, to reduce unnecessary emergency room utilization.

Progress Summary: The CORE team's project to provide community-based crisis intervention was highly successful, consistently demonstrating its effectiveness in resolving encounters with community members through non-arrest, supportive means. The team successfully implemented its intended objectives, which focused on a clinical and relational approach to the crisis.

The team's core interventions were highly successful in resolving the majority of encounters; the primary methods of intervention consistently included General Support/Education/Rapport Building, Brief Risk Assessment, De-escalation and Problem-Solving, and Outreach and Engagement. In various periods, these top three interventions alone resolved a substantial portion of encounters, with rates ranging from approximately 80% to over 90% of all interactions.

A key metric of the team's success was the rate of arrest. Across reported quarters, only 1% to 3% of responses resulted in an arrest following the CORE team's intervention.

This extremely low rate of arrest highlights the team's multidisciplinary approach—which provided clinical, educational, and supportive interventions—effectively addressed crises and successfully reduced the burden on traditional law enforcement. It is noted that individuals often receive more than one type of intervention during a single encounter.

Bridge House

Project: Work and Housing First in Mitigating Recidivism
Award: \$148,694

Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026
Program Areas: Other research-informed crime and crisis prevention and recidivism reduction programs

Summary: Bridge House's Ready to Work Program combines paid employment

in a social enterprise with dormitory-style housing and evidence-based support services for one year, as means to independence for adults experiencing homelessness or exiting the criminal justice system. The goal of the Ready to Work program is to help adults break expensive and hopeless cycles of homelessness, addiction and criminal recidivism by providing stability, wrap-around services and employment opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency. About 75% of Bridge House's residents are given shelter and employment who have been justice involved. Effectiveness of interventions to improve employment for people released from prison: systematic review and meta-analysis, Connell, Birken, et al Health and Justice 2023 find that: interventions "... increase the number of people who start employment, and the number of days worked over a 12-month period" and "should be made available given the ... protection against reoffending."

Goals:

1. Bridge House will provide stable housing, paid employment, and comprehensive case management services support for up to 150 Trainees enrolled in the year-long Ready to Work program.
2. Bridge House will provide extensive AfterCare case management and supportive services to each of the 110 graduates of the Ready to Work program for one-year post-graduation.

Progress Summary: The Ready to Work (RTW) program supports trainees through vocational training in social enterprises, specifically the Community Table Kitchen for

culinary skills and landscaping contracts, which aids in building skills and confidence. The newest RTW facility in Englewood opened in May 2025 to serve the homeless community through both the Ready to Work and Navigation programs. RTW works to mitigate significant barriers for its trainees, including substance misuse, mental health issues, and fixing legal records, to improve eligibility for jobs and housing and reduce criminal behavior. The program provides individual case management and a structured path: interns receive a W-2 job immediately, and after a month of Navigation, they can become full-time trainees eligible to live in the RTW House and receive employment.

Previously justice-involved individuals are closely monitored with routines to maintain sobriety and access to behavioral health consults. RTW collaborates extensively with partners for referrals and support, including Parole and Probation, various court systems, and the Englewood Police Department at its new location.

Future plans for the Englewood facility include ramping up partner and street outreach, offering "in house" Serve Safe certification with Boulder Chef John Trejo, securing new contracts, and celebrating its 10th annual BBQ. The organization is actively working to fully employ the total trainee population through its social enterprises.

Collaborative Healing Initiative Within Communities (CHIC)

Project: Re-Enter, Re-Build, Re-Start (R3)
Award: \$200,000
Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026
Program Areas: Early intervention teams
Primary and secondary violence prevention programs

Summary: Collaborative Healing Initiative within Communities (CHIC) offers culturally responsive prevention and intervention support for young women of color in Denver and Aurora. Our R3 program serves young women who are gang involved; at risk for justice

involvement; and/or at risk for recidivism. Our prevention and intervention services address complex trauma, which is a root cause of youth violence and recidivism through individualized case empowerment and mentorship, group-based sisterhood and social emotional learning, and intensive family support. CHIC is applying for funding to expand and enhance our prevention and early intervention impact, building on past success. We would utilize funding not only to sustain our current levels of operation, but to expand multiple R3 program pathways that serve 90 youth each year, meet growing needs; increase support for families; and strengthen our coordinated systems of care.

- Goals:**
1. Ensure that participants experience high levels of engagement and satisfaction with CHIC's programs.
 2. Ensure that participants increase their social emotional competencies and protective/resilience factors.
 3. Ensure that judicially involved clients meet court compliance requirements and avoid recidivism.

Progress Summary: The R3 (Re-Entry, Resilience, and Restoration) Program at Collaborative Healing Initiatives Within Communities (CHIC) provided culturally responsive, trauma-informed support this quarter, focusing on young women impacted by or at risk of justice system involvement. The program successfully advanced its three core grant goals: judicial compliance, social-emotional development, and participant engagement, demonstrating a significant impact on crime reduction and individual growth.

The program strengthened judicial compliance, successfully supporting three participants in fully resolving their court requirements. Comprehensive data showed that over 70% of judicially involved youth were either fully compliant or demonstrated a measurable increase in meeting court-ordered requirements through consistent

accountability check-ins and collaboration with judicial partners across Denver, Aurora, and Arapahoe County.

To foster social-emotional development, the program deepened its focus on mental health, with five participants utilizing CHIC’s new in-house mental health support. Activities included the launch of the 10-week R3 Girls Group using the L.I.F.E. curriculum, a partnership with “What About Me -Bridging the Gap” for mental wellness, a Hair Series promoting positive self-image, and an enriching Ski Trip. Observational data confirmed the program’s real-time impact in reducing participants’ exposure to violence, as evidenced by a disengaged youth reaching out to CHIC during a family housing crisis.

High participant engagement was reflected in positive youth feedback and key successes, including one participant returning to school and on track to graduate, another accepted into Xavier University, and a third securing a job at Elitch Gardens. The program also hosted a Junk Sock Event and a successful Mentor Summit. Evaluation results showed high youth enjoyment and strong trust-based relationships with staff. CHIC R3 collaborated with numerous partners, including schools and the Denver Youth Employment Program (DYEP), and improved its operational efficiency with a streamlined referral and intake process.

Looking ahead, the program plans to formalize contracts with more schools and judicial agencies, schedule an HBCU tour, and bring back the R3 Girls Group with new sessions. The team will also prioritize summer employment and begin consistent referrals to their in-house therapist.

Denver Healing Generations (Denver Community Development Corp)

Project: Denver Healing Generations Calmecac Program
Award: \$81,468
Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026
Program Areas: Violence interruption programs
Early intervention teams

Primary and secondary violence prevention programs
Restorative justice service
Other research-informed crime and crisis prevention and
recidivism reduction programs

Summary: The purpose of this project is to continue to provide an administrative network and clearinghouse of knowledge and support through Denver Healing Generations (DHG) to maintain the expansion of the evidenced-based Cultura Cura (Culture Cures) curriculum using the Joven Noble and Girasol groups as prevention and intervention programs to serve as violence interruption efforts throughout various locations in the Denver area. This two-pronged approach of maintaining an expanded network that provides a high demand, evidence-based national framework to youth and families in the Denver area as well as wraparound assistance to facilitators and collaborating adult community members with continued support and monthly healing circles for adults as we have learned that healed people can heal people.

Goals:

1. To maintain the expanded facilitation of the Joven Noble/Girasol Cultura Cura (Culture Cures)
2. Expand the network of healing centered circles among adult group facilitators and community members.

Progress Summary: The organization successfully facilitated cohorts for young men (Joven Noble) and young women (Girasol), meeting the current grant goals of offering at least two cohorts per quarter. These programs provide culturally based healing spaces and are delivered through a three-month curriculum or 12-week rites of passage program.

The programming has demonstrated a significant, measurable impact, with participants being released from their Diversion and/or probation programs after completion. This outcome is viewed as a net positive for a young person's life trajectory, helping to reduce future negative impacts such as violence or substance misuse. Specific cohorts reported successfully supporting the release of 17 to 23 youth from juvenile justice system involvement following graduation. Most participating youth were engaged in the juvenile justice system, often on diversion, probation, or pre-trial release status at the time of referral.

The organization also ran monthly healing circles for adults in the community and facilitators at their Centro del Barrio. This intergenerational support is intended to have a profound effect on reducing juvenile crime.

The program collaborated with schools like the Academy of Urban Learning, 5280 School, and Montbello Career and Technical School in Denver for recruitment and referral of youth into the program.

The organization plans to continue this work by scheduling at least two, and possibly three, Joven Noble or Girasol cohorts for youth in the upcoming quarter and next half of the year. They will also continue holding monthly healing circles for adults and facilitators to support intergenerational healing.

Educating Children of Color, Inc.

Project: A year-round program to reduce juvenile delinquency, achieve educational equity, empower youth, and dismantle the cradle-to-prison pipeline.

Award: \$120,000

Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026

Program Areas: Restorative justice services
Other research-informed crime and crisis prevention and recidivism reduction programs

Summary: ECOC's year-round delinquency prevention programming -- the

ECOC Leadership Academy (LA) -- reaches youth, 8th to 12th grade, who are at risk of entering the juvenile justice system. The program focuses on youth who are overrepresented in juvenile justice and underrepresented in higher education; youth of color and youth living in poverty. We will offer sessions throughout the school year and during the summer. The LA school year and the summer programming help youth develop the skills and resilience needed to avoid delinquent behavior and provide increased access to higher education. The Executive Director will oversee the LA program which builds leadership skills and self-confidence, encourages students to stay in school, and provides information about higher education and career opportunities. During the grant period, a projected 350 students per year will participate and benefit from the LA delinquency prevention program.

Goals:

1. To serve 350 youth in a year-round delinquency prevention program by offering academic school year and summer sessions. Summer sessions will help close student learning gaps and improve educational outcomes for underserved youth.
2. To offer restorative justice practices training during the summer sessions of the Leadership Academy program for students at Harrison and Sierra high schools within Harrison School District.

Progress Summary: The Leadership Academy (LA) focuses on providing leadership and development opportunities to youth across the region, particularly those facing systemic barriers. The program operates with an academic year component and a more intensive summer session, utilizing a cohort model involving multiple school districts.

The 2024-2025 Academic LA ended in May, with all schools completing a service-learning project. Projects included organizing a carnival for an elementary school and

providing supplies to a homeless shelter, an animal rescue, and a school library. Survey results for the academic year cohort indicated positive growth: 93% of youth reported having more Grit (passion and perseverance). 90% reported an improvement in their leadership and communication skills. 87% reported benefiting from their college mentor. A significant number reported an increased likelihood (76%) and knowledge (82%) of attending college, military, or vocational school.

The Summer LA served middle school students, with cohorts engaging in intensive two-day programming. Activities included the True Colors Personality Inventory, learning skills to navigate relationships, building SMART goals, and creating vision boards. Of the middle school students, high percentages learned about their personality type (86%), felt more positive about making a difference in the community (76%), and benefited from mentoring (85%).

Of the young people in the 2024-2025 school year cohort, no participant was charged with a crime, although one youth received a ticket for interference with staff. The focus is on reducing justice system involvement, with no youth receiving charges in the juvenile or criminal justice system across the academic cohort.

The program engaged 327 youth from fifteen schools this quarter, dividing them into three cohorts (two high schools, one middle school). Students attended the Educating Children of Color Summit, where they participated in sessions on financial literacy, career opportunities, self-empowerment, and college readiness.

Enrichment activities included field trips to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and the Colorado Springs Fine Art Center at Colorado College, which incorporated elements of leadership, conservation, and cultural awareness. Students also received training on their constitutional rights and how to interact with law enforcement from LYRIC, and mental health/suicide prevention training from NAMI, Diversus Health, and the Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention Coalition.

The program is supported by multiple local school districts, including Harrison District 2, Fountain Fort Carson District 8, District 49, Colorado Springs District 11, Air Academy District 20, and Widefield District 3. Pikes Peak State College also hosted a college visit and provided programming. Over the summer, the organization plans to recruit and train LA liaisons and mentors for the fall. A restorative justice practitioner and mediator training week is scheduled for approximately 30 Harrison School District 2 high school students in July 2025. The 2025-2026 Academic School Year LA is planned for expansion, adding an additional 120 youth and at least three more schools.

Fully Liberated Youth

Project: Violence Interruption Through School-Based Prevention Services for High-Risk Young People

Award: \$200,000

Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026

Program Areas: Violence interruption programs
Early intervention teams
Restorative justice services
Other research-informed crime and crisis prevention and recidivism reduction programs

Summary: The project will be a continuation, expansion, and capacity building of the work the organization has successfully implemented for the past three years. The project is dedicated to providing high-dosage mentorship in schools across the Denver metro area. It addresses crime prevention by focusing on communities that are impacted by systemic inequities and by prioritizing youth affected by complex trauma, poverty, and community violence. The organization partners with schools to provide robust programming that offers mentorship, therapy, and alternatives to exclusionary discipline to youth facing significant barriers to educational success. Through consistent one-on-one

support, it seeks to enhance emotional well-being, reduce incidents of violence in schools, reduce suspension rates, and improve academic outcomes. The organization never asks youth or their families in the program to pay for its services. It seeks to secure funding to fill the gaps that its collaborative partners are unable to meet.

- Goals:**
1. Reduced suspensions within schools.
 2. Improved conflict resolution and emotional regulation skills.
 3. Reduced entry into the juvenile justice system.

Progress Summary: The FLY organization's school-based prevention services, which offer responsive, trauma-informed, and culturally humble support, served between 79 and 81 youth across its Denver and Aurora partner schools. Staff delivered extensive high-dosage, relationship-based interventions, providing over 292 hours of direct one-on-one mentorship and therapy and spending over 600 hours supporting youth within school buildings. These efforts are aimed at providing safe spaces for healing, developing emotional regulation and conflict resolution skills, and promoting alternatives to exclusionary discipline.

Key activities included the launch of the Nuestra Historia therapy group at Kepner Beacon for newcomer youth, which provided culturally grounded support and resulted in high satisfaction and cultural affirmation. Weekly class programming at Manual Middle School fostered belonging, identity, and healing through culturally grounded lessons like Soul Scribbles and exploring emotional regulation.

The organization achieved an overall reduction in suspensions among the youth served, with 53 out of 79 youth (67%) having zero suspensions across two quarters. This trend is considered a strong marker of progress and sustained impact, especially given the typical rise in suspensions late in the school year. Furthermore, only 2 out

of 79 youth (2.5%) became system-involved this quarter, reflecting a positive decrease and aligning with the goal to prevent justice system entry.

Youth demonstrated growth in emotional regulation and conflict resolution skills, reporting less conflict with peers and adults in the building. Group participants also reported feeling safer, more connected to their culture, and more proud of their origins, which are crucial protective factors.

The organization continued to strengthen its partnerships with Denver and Aurora Public Schools, collaborating closely with school-based teams to identify and support at-risk youth. It also engaged with the Denver Resilience Coalition and the Outreach Collaborative to advocate for and coordinate community-based mental health and mentorship services. Collaboration with Pre-Trial officers from the 2nd Judicial District provided continuity of care for justice-involved youth.

Looking ahead, the organization plans to launch its second annual school-based summer program, finalizing MOUs for the 2025-2026 school year, and increase capacity by onboarding two new full-time school-based staff. Additional plans include providing restorative practices training for school staff and expanding therapeutic services at Kepner Beacon Middle School by exploring a new partnership with DSST Cole.

Inside Out Youth Services

Project: ALLY Up for LGBTQIA2+Violence Prevention
Award: \$150,000
Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026
Program Areas: Violence interruption programs
Primary and secondary violence prevention programs

Summary: Inside Out Youth Services (IOYS) will expand multi-tiered violence interruption, abuse prevention, and education programs by expanding collaboration and access to clinical and social supports,

increasing employee retention and competency, and building community with LGBTQIA2+ young people in its new facility, where they can access mental health, medical, and other essential services. As the only agency in the region designed to support LGBTQIA2+ youth, IOYS knows the destructive ways youth can be treated because of their identities and how LGBTQIA2+ people are overrepresented at every stage in the criminal justice system. IOYS' initiatives support LGBTQIA2+ youth inside its community center and prevention and education out in the community. This request will support its community center, where violence prevention programs will co-occur with programming that improves protective factors, and administrative efficiency associated with the growth of IOYS and its new location.

Goals:

1. LGBTQIA2+ youth will have the opportunity and support to strengthen their protective factors.
2. Youth-serving adults will be better prepared to recognize and reduce the occurrence of violence toward LGBTQIA2+ youth.
3. Youth-serving organizations and municipalities (e.g. CSPD, EPCSO, probation offices, school resources officers) will know of resources to support LGBTQIA2+ youth and appropriately respond during a time of crisis.

Program Summary: Inside Out Youth Services (IOYS) delivers comprehensive, year-round programming focused on positive youth development, violence prevention, and crime reduction for LGBTQIA2+ young people. Programs throughout the reporting periods included a variety of life skills, health, and identity-focused activities such as: Youth-led mentorship and leadership programs. Skill-building in tutoring, cooking, zine making, and non-medical gender affirming care. Sessions on sexual health, consent and boundaries, suicide prevention, and healthy relationships. Specialized

programs like Melanin Magiq for QTBIPOC individuals and Queer Scouts for outdoor programming. Civic engagement, including an LGBTQ+ Lobby Day visit to the Colorado State Capitol. Training programs, such as the Youth Leadership Training Program for Peer Advisors, which led to the formation of a Youth Advisory Committee. Training for staff and youth in Somatic Experiencing Trauma Response and crisis de-escalation.

The organization hosted significant community events, including:

Queer Prom: A sober, substance-free, and violence-free inclusive prom event for LGBTQIA2+ young people aged 13-24, attended by over 135 individuals.

Youth Pride: A community event featuring dozens of vendors supporting positive youth development and violence prevention. Field trips to build safety and belonging, such as a skate night, a youth variety show, and a tour of an art exhibition. Attendance at the Pride in Public Health Summit for staff and interns to enhance professional development.

The programs contributed to a positive youth development framework, successfully enhancing agency, access, and empowerment. Outcome assessments indicated a demonstrable impact on young people's well-being and safety:

Overall, young people reported a 25% increase in protective factors after attending IOYS. High percentages of youth reported having a trusted adult (up to 95%) and healthy community connections (up to 97%). 100% of participants reported understanding the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships and feeling confident and supported in their identities (up to 100% in some quarters). High retention rates (up to 89%) demonstrated that young people value the services and return for programming. The hiring of a Youth & Young Adult Case Manager also improved the organization's ability to connect young people directly with services that reduce violence, such as housing and social services.

IOYS partnered with various organizations to provide comprehensive support, including: Diversus Health for peer-to-peer counseling and mental health support.

One Colorado for the LGBTQ+ Lobby Day event; Serenity Recovery Connections for overdose prevention training (Narcan and fentanyl testing strips), Hey719 for STI prevention, testing, and PEP programming; Other partners included UC Health, PFLAG, The ACLU, and local artists and businesses to enhance programming.

Planned activities for upcoming quarters include continuing regularly scheduled harm reduction, sexual health, mental health, and life skills programming. The organization is also planning a meeting with a House Representative to discuss enhancing support, a series of Queer Scouts field trips, and a community town hall to discuss enhancing protections and services for LGBTQIA2+ people.

La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza, Inc.

Project: Just and Equitable Approaches to Crime Prevention and Intervention Services for Latinos and other Indigenous Communities

Award: \$300,000

Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026

Program Areas: Violence interruption programs
Primary and secondary violence prevention programs
Restorative justice services
Other research-informed crime and crisis prevention and recidivism reduction programs

Summary: Servicios will deploy culturally and linguistically responsive services to prevent crime and to restore justice-involved community members via peer-led, trauma-informed programs focusing primarily on low-income, Indigenous/Latino communities.

Summary: This project will take a 3-prong approach. Prong 1 will provide crime prevention outreach to adults and young adults. Prong 2 will expand on existing efforts to increase in-reach into prisons throughout the state to assist returning community members in

accessing post-release resources. Prong 3 will activate behavioral health services proven to decrease risk factors for youth ages 11-18 through a multi-generational, evidence-based curricula Familia Adelante and Joven Noble, as well as numerous evidence-informed models such as Arte Cura, Girasol, and Youth on a Mission.

Goals:

1. Reduce risk factors and increase protective factors for 72 youth ages 11-18 and accompanying family members, thereby preventing criminogenic behaviors through culturally responsive curricula, such as Familia Adelante, Arte Cura, Joven Noble, Youth on a Mission, Girasol, and other psychosocial supports.
2. Foster communitywide crime prevention through targeted outreach to and/or education for 1,770 adults living in high-crime neighborhoods through targeted events and social media.
3. Provide linkages to care through educational outreach in a variety of settings that will address the social determinants of health, thereby reducing recidivism.

Progress Summary: The PEACE team focused on advancing its three primary grant goals through comprehensive youth programming, community outreach, and services for justice-involved individuals. The program celebrated the graduation of three cohorts of its Youth on A Mission (YOM) leadership and culturally responsive curriculum, including classes for both high school and middle school students. In one reporting cycle, 23 youths were enrolled, with 15 successfully graduating. Program outcomes are significant: 100% of graduates reported increased self-esteem and improved school engagement, along with greater awareness in relationships, self-talk, and leadership. Additionally, a school counselor noted reduced negative behaviors among participating students. The team also conducted its Arta Cura program, a culturally responsive, art-based healing curriculum, engaging both new and returning

students alongside their families. For ongoing youth engagement, a new high school cohort began in partnership with the Pueblo Boys and Girls Club.

In line with its second goal, the PEACE team engaged over 1,200 individuals through targeted community events, including a block party, Día de Los Niños, and a Cinco de Mayo celebration. At these events, the team distributed resources focused on crime prevention, safe reporting practices, and linkage to care for essential social services such as behavioral health support, food pantry access, and workforce development. These efforts directly address key socioeconomic risk factors that contribute to crime.

Under the third grant goal, the team surpassed its objectives for serving justice-involved individuals. Educational presentations were consistently delivered at parole orientations and correctional facilities, including Sterling, Arrowhead, Four Mile, Denver Women's, and Fremont. These sessions provided critical information and resources related to employment, housing, credentials, and social support services to promote successful reintegration into the community and reduce recidivism. The team reached up to 560 justice-involved individuals in one quarter. Resources are currently being expanded to cover the full state of Colorado to support individuals paroled outside the local service area.

Programming relies on strong partnerships across the area, including maintaining a deep relationship with Pueblo Public School District 60 for recruitment, extending the YOM program to a local middle school, and collaborating with justice system partners like Denver and Pueblo Parole. Looking forward, a primary goal is to launch a specialized YOM cohort composed exclusively of justice-involved youth, following a presentation to the Youth Probation team. The team is also planning to implement Joven Noble, a restorative justice program for youth, and is working to develop a relationship with the sheriff's department to build trust between officers and youth. The organization will continue YOM and Arta Cura, with increased outreach targeting justice-involved probation departments and municipal courts.

Latino Coalition for Community Leadership

Project: Violence Interruption & Community Healing Collaborative

Award: \$700,000

Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026

Program Area: Violence interruption programs
Primary and secondary violence prevention programs
Restorative justice services

Summary: The Violence Interruption and Healing Collaborative project, led by the LCCL proposes a place-based method focused on the counties of Adams, Arapahoe and Denver, Colorado due to the high rates of violence. The LCCL will build the capacity of two violence interruption organizations through training and technical assistance, and selected Community Partners (sub-grantees, CPs) will concentrate on two CVI strategies. The LCCL facilitates the growth of a co-elevated working relationship between CVI Community Partners and local government agencies, specifically targeting public health organizations and local law enforcement. Outcomes will concentrate on organizational growth, advancing practice-based evidence in violence interruption, and promoting sustainable community-based solutions. CP's participants will report a decrease in experiencing or witnessing violence, a decrease in behaviors/actions that lead to violence, and an increase in their well-being and quality of life.

Goals:

1. The LCCL will increase the capacity of at least 2 community organizations.
2. Youth will experience a decrease in violence and an increase in well being.
3. 80% of youth will report a decrease in behaviors or actions that lead to violence.

Progress Summary: The Latino Coalition for Community Leadership (LCCL) continued to deepen its role as a capacity-building intermediary for grassroots organizations operating the Violence Interruption and Healing Collaborative (VIHC). LCCL provided a blend of direct services, trauma-informed outreach, and strategic interventions through its community partners, primarily focusing on at-risk youth and disrupting cycles of violence in highly impacted communities.

The program achieved substantial progress toward its crime reduction goals, with demand for services rising and enrollment exceeding expectations.

The combined efforts of the community partners provided direct services to 165 unique individuals, surpassing the enrollment goal of 95 participants by 173%.

100% of survey participants reported a decrease in both witnessing or experiencing violence and in behaviors that lead to violence; 100% of participants reported an increase in healing that improved their quality of life, with 97% reporting their overall experience as positive; Community partners delivered a total of 738 activities, amounting to 556 hours of service (including restorative justice, violence prevention, and prosocial engagements). Partners actively responded to 6 violent incidents across three districts in Denver this quarter, providing real-time alternatives to retaliation.

LCCL maintained a hands-on role in providing technical assistance, coaching, and fiscal oversight.

Life-Line Colorado: This continuing partner demonstrated excellence in participant engagement and fiscal management. LCCL provided targeted training on grant metrics, data systems (CaseMGR), and fiscal compliance. The Director of Violence Intervention was honored with a Giffords Life-Saving Service Recipient award and served as a panelist at the National Giffords Violence Intervention Conference, highlighting the success of the CVI Wellness Strategies developed in partnership with LCCL.

Make A Chess Move (MACM): The partnership with MACM formally concluded on June 15, 2025, due to persistent challenges with fiscal compliance, despite receiving

ongoing technical assistance and coaching on payroll and documentation. LCCL supported the transition by providing technical assistance during the closeout and coordinating appropriate referrals to an alternative community partner to ensure continuity of service for participants.

LCCL invested in the professional growth and wellness of its partners' staff: Partners attended a two-day "Leading for Impact: The Business of Nonprofits" course, designed to build organizational capacity in governance, fundraising, and strategic planning. The organization collaborated on an Elevating Leadership Development Training that focused on preventing and mitigating secondary traumatic stress among frontline staff, recognizing the link between staff well-being and service quality.

LCCL will continue to "braid funding resources" to support Community Violence Intervention and Prevention (CVIP) initiatives in Denver, Adams, and Arapahoe counties. With the conclusion of the MACM grant, LCCL plans to provide modest grants to two additional CVIP partners to address youth violence. The focus for the next quarter will include targeted coaching to refine new partners' documentation and fiscal management, as well as assessing and adapting interventions to the evolving needs of the community.

Relevant Word Ministries

Project: Pursuing Academic & Cultural Excellence (PACE) Mentoring Program for Crime Prevention and Community Resilience
Award: \$110,000
Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026
Program Areas: Violence interruption programs
Primary and secondary violence prevention programs

Summary: Pursuing Academic & Cultural Excellence (PACE) serves girls aged 5-18, primarily minority, in southeast Colorado Springs. This region has long been identified as an area of opportunity as most residents live well below the poverty rate, the crime rate is high, and teen pregnancies are the highest in the state. Educational

attainment is also in stark contrast to surrounding areas with 15.2% of residents aged 25+ lacking a high school diploma (CO Equity Compass) compared to an estimated 6% of all Colorado Springs residents (US Census Bureau). These factors underscore the significant need for PACE, which works to prevent juvenile crime and offer early interventions by partnering with schools to support academic achievement, provide college and career training, and tools to build a safe and thriving community.

Goals: 1. Poverty, violence, educational disparities, and teen pregnancy will be reduced and the school-to-prison pipeline will be disrupted through the PACE Program, which offers mentoring and skill development, academic support, and community-building sessions with law enforcement.

Progress Summary: The street outreach program was a significant success, proving instrumental in connecting individuals experiencing homelessness—who were often hard to reach due to their locations—with essential resources. The project’s collaboration with the CSPD Homeless Outreach Team fostered a crucial partnership that helped build rapport between the police and the clients they serve. This led to a measurable positive outcome, specifically a decrease in tickets for trespassing, as clients were successfully connected to resources and relocated.

The program directly impacted the community by increasing collaboration and rapport between law enforcement and unsheltered individuals. The subsequent decrease in arrests and jail time aided clients in developing trusting relationships with program workers, enabling them to receive the services they needed. The project’s biggest accomplishment was its ability to successfully reduce the stigma associated with both the clients and the police.

Given its demonstrated asset to the community and successful outcomes, the organization is committed to continuing the program. The long-term sustainability plan involves actively outsourcing and securing ongoing funding to ensure the program can continue its vital work in decreasing stigma and increasing access to needed services within the community.

Rio Grande County Public Health Department

Project: Rio Grande County San Luis Valley: Partnership Strengthening Juvenile Delinquency Prevention

Award: \$88,500

Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026

Program Areas: Violence interruption programs
Early intervention teams
Primary and secondary violence prevention programs
Restorative justice services
Other research-informed crime and crisis prevention and recidivism reduction programs

Summary: Evidence-based prevention programs (EBPs) are scientifically proven interventions that prevent/reduce conduct problems (e.g., substance use, delinquency) by targeting known risk & protective factors. EBPs are unlikely to be implemented with fidelity or sustained without ongoing training and technical assistance (T/TA). The project continues a scientifically proven delivery system that provides T/TA for sustained quality delivery of EBPs; links prevention researchers with county public health, University Extension System, community agencies, and local public schools. Through this system, a local team supports EBP implementation, a technical assistance provider (TAP) provides the team with resources and troubleshoot challenges, and a school/family infrastructure that supports high-quality EBP implementation and sustainability. These systems continue support of San Luis Valley's

implementation of two youth delinquency EBPs, Botvin's Life Skills Training & Strengthening Families Progs (SFP10-14).

Goals:

1. Support evidence-based San Luis Valley (SLV) prevention programs with a tiered approach to prevention training and technical assistance.
2. Prevent youth delinquency by promoting positive youth development.
3. Prevent youth delinquency by promoting family resilience.

Progress Summary: The program's participants actively engaged in various sessions focused on self-improvement, which contributed significantly to their academic success, evidenced by a noticeable improvement in their grades. Their dedication extended beyond personal development to positively impacting the lives of others. The program reported zero issues with school attendance and zero police interactions for all participants, with most maintaining consistent attendance at events outside of group and individual mentoring. The participants finished the school year in good standing with both law enforcement and their grades, showcasing positive improvement in school and weekly mentor session participation. Through this engagement, they learned adaptive skills and had a positive impact on the community.

The program utilized various partnerships to provide a holistic experience. It collaborated with Altitude K-9 for a growing junior dog handlers' program and Triple Threat Boxing gym for physical training multiple times per week. A new partnership with X-golf offered golf lessons, and future plans include attending the French kitchen and organizing hiking trips as the weather permits.

The program honed in on themes of self-care and self-respect. It also addressed the critical local issue of a high rate of teenage pregnancy. Following a hands-on experience with a pregnant participant at a local middle school, the program is

prioritizing teen pregnancy reduction through education and support, with a plan to have a teen pregnancy prevention advocate visit participants. Furthermore, the organization committed to monthly visits with law enforcement officers to act as a bridge between the participants and local police in their community.

Second Chance Center, Inc.

Project: Safe Homes, Safe Communities
Award: \$81,468
Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026
Program Areas: Other research-informed crime and crisis prevention and recidivism reduction programs

Summary: The mission of Second Chance Center is to help formerly incarcerated people transition to lives of success and fulfillment. Safe, secure and supportive housing is fundamental to re-entry success and community safety, and yet it is the most difficult resource to secure. SCC’s comprehensive housing program includes emergency, transitional, affordable workforce and permanent supportive housing.

This project addresses three of SCC’s four housing categories, and supports returning citizens with safe homes in a safe community:
EMERGENCY-the first few days post-release are critical; getting people into immediate short-term shelter is a key indicator of positive outcomes
TRANSITIONAL-our master leases on private homes give residents several months of the breathing space they need to address problems as they find a job and/or pursue career training.
AFFORDABLE WORKFORCE-we provide down payment/rental assistance for returning citizens to help them start a new life.

Goals: 1. Provide Immediate Emergency Housing Support.

2. Facilitate Successful Transitional Housing.
3. Provide Affordable Workforce Housing Assistance.

Progress Summary: The Second Chance Center (SCC) served between 25 and 39 client partners this past quarter, providing varied levels of housing assistance and comprehensive support services. None of the client partners who received housing assistance recidivated. SCC provided housing assistance and support, including emergency housing. Between 6 and 16 individuals who had been homeless or recently incarcerated received emergency housing assistance (hotels/shelters). A high percentage of these clients—between 5 out of 6 and 13 out of 16—received care management services, including documentation, benefits, and job readiness support through the Employment Opportunity Lab within two weeks of receiving housing. SCC supported between 3 and 17 clients who received transitional housing support, primarily in sober living. The majority of these individuals—between 15 out of 17 and 100%—were also connected to stabilization services, such as mental health treatment through SCC's behavioral health services or securing employment. SCC provided affordable workforce housing for two to seven individuals who received assistance for securing their own apartment or house through security deposits or rent. All of these clients are actively working. Crucially, three to two of the property managers/landlords for these clients were new partners willing to rent to SCC client partners for the first time.

Out of the 25 to 26 individuals served, 6 were dismissed from programming, with one dismissal due to self-discharge after reaching stability. The remaining individuals were dismissed due to an inability to contact after multiple attempts. The vast majority of remaining client partners are actively engaged in SCC services and have remained free of committing any additional crimes.

SCC maintains crucial partnerships across all levels of stability. For emergency housing, the center works closely with providers like Heartbeat Working Men's Shelter, Hometown Studios hotel, and the local Extended Stay hotel.

For transitional housing, collaborations include sober living homes such as Mountain West, Hazelbrook, Ananeo, Stride, and new partners like Stout Street Foundation. Supportive service providers include Colorado Mental Health Therapy Group and the Traumatic Brain Injury Alliance, alongside numerous employer partners. The center also maintains a close working relationship with the CDOC parole team, including monthly staffings.

The organization plans to continue searching for more affordable transitional housing options, particularly for client partners with a sexual offense, as this remains the most difficult population to house. SCC will increase its outreach to community landlords and property managers. A key goal is to increase the engagement of client partners in regular services, particularly after receiving emergency housing support, where attrition is often highest. The center plans to proactively engage these clients during the critical initial days of involvement.

Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association

Project: SoCo Harm Reduction: Pathways to Multidisciplinary Services
Award: \$200,000
Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026
Program Areas: Primary and secondary violence prevention programs
Other research-informed crime and crisis prevention and
recidivism reduction programs

Summary: Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association is launching the next phase of our Wellness Center project. The historic building sits on the corner of Northern/Abriendo in the Bessemer neighborhood. Bessemer was one of the small towns that merged to form what is now Pueblo City. It houses a Steel Mill that has supplied Pueblo with jobs and the United States with steel. Now, Bessemer is home to some of the highest crime rates and poverty in Colorado.

The center will expand operations to partner with other agencies from multiple disciplines, bringing resources to the area.

Medical/behavioral health care and wellness services, access to laundry, showers, fresh food, educational programs, and other resources that provide crisis intervention and lead to prevention pathways will be housed under one roof. The project includes staff to provide case management, client transportation, and food/housing vouchers, and creating a peer role.

- Goals:
1. Reduce violence and crime in Bessemer and the greater Pueblo City.
 2. Increase community safety and participation in prevention services and programming.

Progress Summary: The Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association (SCHRA) achieved a major milestone this quarter by receiving the Certificate of Occupancy for its newly renovated Wellness Center. This accomplishment allowed the organization to expand its services and establish a new base for multidisciplinary collaborations, which was marked by a large community grand opening. The Wellness Center's presence has initiated a positive cultural shift in the Bessemer neighborhood, transforming a previously dilapidated building into a community safe harbor and increasing foot traffic from clients, partners, and community members.

The organization continued to provide essential harm reduction and peer recovery support services to underserved individuals and families impacted by substance use and justice system involvement. Key supportive services delivered through grant funds included:

Housing Assistance: Direct housing assistance was provided to individuals, including those in treatment for substance misuse, those transitioning to sober living, and those leaving the criminal justice system to work toward stabilization.

Basic Needs Support: The organization provided food assistance to households and distributed bus passes (one-time and 35-day passes) to connect clients to vital resources like job interviews and medical appointments, helping to avert crises and bridge them to care.

Peer Support and Case Management: SCHRA's team provides case management and one-on-one peer support, which is critical for helping people live safely and impacting recidivism rates. This support includes assisting individuals recently released from jail or prison with employment, housing, documentation, clothing, and resource navigation. New shower services were also launched this quarter to promote public health.

The Wellness Center is dedicated to a multidisciplinary approach and has added several on-site partners. SCHRA continues to house collaborations with Elevate Healthcare (awaiting a DEA Waiver to provide medication-assisted treatment), Vivent Health (providing HIV/STI testing and education), and the Pueblo City-County Library District (providing books and resources). The organization is finalizing agreements to deepen these partnerships. A collaboration with HardBeauty experienced a disruption following organizational changes, but efforts are underway to potentially re-establish the relationship.

The work is situated in Pueblo, a city that saw a notable decrease in major crimes, including a 7% decrease in overall major crimes and a 28% reduction in homicides, between 2023 and 2024.

SCHRA will continue focusing on deepening collaboration with on-site partners, scheduling Mental Health First Aid Training for staff, and preparing to roll out a data collection tool developed with support from CU Anschutz to enhance service tracking and documentation. The team also hopes to launch laundry services to complement the newly established shower services.

Tribe Recovery Homes

Project: Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention through Peer Support Services
Award: \$240,498
Project Period: 10/2024 to 6/2026
Program Areas: Early intervention teams
Restorative justice services
Other research-informed crime and crisis prevention and recidivism reduction programs

Summary: Tribe Recovery Homes (TRH) project will support and expand its comprehensive peer navigation services to provide additional community services. There is a vast, unmet need for substance misuse and mental health services, particularly for communities of color. TRH will address that need, with its judicial partners, through the organization's navigation and support programming, which are vital to substance misuse recovery and reduced recidivism among clients.

TRH currently serves thousands of individuals annually who are involved in the justice system and experiencing homelessness, and who have mental health issues and substance use disorders (SUD). TRH conducts outreach to individuals in need of recovery through pre-trial, in-reach, and post-incarceration services. Funding will enable TRH to continue providing critical and effective services and to increase its programming to support additional in-reach programs like Thrive, Impact Center, and Jail to Community.

Goals:

1. Hire staff for in-reach programs and gain access to judicial detention facilities.
2. Increase in-reach services in Denver detention centers.
3. Provide peer navigation services to partner organizations.

Progress Summary: Tribe Recovery Homes focused this quarter on significant community outreach, new relationship building, and strengthening existing partnerships to support justice-involved and vulnerable populations. The organization's efforts are aimed at reducing recidivism and removing barriers to successful community re-entry.

Tribe successfully reached a wide audience, engaging over 2,230 individuals through outreach and community networking events. Of these contacts, between 72 and 150 participants were referred directly to Tribe's services and/or programs. A major community event involved collaborating with The Assessment, Intake, and Diversion (AID) Center, Tiny Homes, and NxtChapter to provide 1,600 turkey dinner plates to the unhoused population for Thanksgiving Day. Other events included a Participant Halloween Party and a CARR Summit for policy and networking among sober living homes.

Tribe developed several new relationships to offer a more comprehensive range of services:

Empower: For workforce connections and transitional living and care.

Ink Interventions: Geared towards visible gang tattoo removal for those transitioning from incarceration.

Rocky Mountain Detox and Colorado Agency for Recovery Residences (CARR): For detox and step-down to Tribe's residential programming.

Legacy Foundation: With connections to alternative and holistic treatment approaches and therapies.

Second Chance Transitional: To provide justice-involved clients with opportunities to enter the workforce.

The organization also worked on strengthening existing collaborations, including with the Substance Use Advisory Group (SUAG), Denver Outreach Court, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, and the Consortium for continuity of care for people in

transition from jails. Furthermore, Tribe provided In-Reach services to men transitioning into the community from the Department of Corrections Sterling facility.

Tribe plans to execute several key activities to expand its reach and service capacity:

Hiring: The organization is looking forward to hiring two new grant positions.

Completing the in-reach orientation for the Denver Sheriff's Department (DSD) and starting in-reach into other facilities. Activities include a Winter Symposium for connections in judicial, transitional care, and sober living spaces; collaboration with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; continuing work with the Substance Use Navigation Program (SUN) at Denver Health; and participating in the Crime Prevention and Control Commission. The team will participate in the Adams County Probation Wellness and Resource Fair and continue its street outreach efforts.