



**COLORADO**

**Office of Children,  
Youth & Families**

Domestic Violence Program

— 2019 —  
***ANNUAL  
REPORT***

**Domestic Violence Program**

1575 Sherman Street  
Denver, CO 80203



# Letter from the Director

Dear Stakeholders,

The data shown in the 2019 Domestic Violence Program Annual Report reflects the hard work of advocates across Colorado. These advocates ensure that survivors of domestic violence and their families have access to crisis intervention, counseling, emergency shelter, long-term housing, and other supportive services 24/7.

Throughout 2019, DVP partnered with these advocates and organizations to promote best practices that move toward accessible, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed services. Additionally, organizations implemented data

collection best practices, which will ultimately support the rollout of a domestic violence-specific outcome measurement tool in 2020.

We at DVP would like to thank the advocates and their organizations who worked with skill and integrity to support survivors and their families while partnering with us on our statewide goals. Thank you for all that you do on behalf of survivors and their families!

Sincerely,

*Brooke Ely Milen*



## About Us

In 1983, the Colorado General Assembly created the Domestic Violence Program (DVP), located in the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF). DVP is the sole government entity dedicated entirely to funding and sustaining community-based domestic violence programs across the state. DVP is the lead authority within CDHS and state government for issues pertaining to domestic violence.

## OVERVIEW OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

### Our Mission

Partner with communities in order to promote the safety and well-being of domestic violence survivors and prevent acts of domestic violence through good stewardship of funding resources.

### Our Vision

Promote and sustain a culture free of domestic violence for all Coloradans.

## Non-Discrimination

DVP is committed to serving Colorado community-based domestic violence advocacy programs and survivors without prejudice regarding level of income, actual or perceived sex, including gender identity or gender expression, religious beliefs, actual or perceived sexual orientation, immigration status, age, race, creed, ethnicity, color, national origin, marital status, spoken language, disability, or military status or any other factor. DVP is dedicated to funding programs that are committed to creating an environment that is accessible, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed for all domestic violence survivors and their families.

## Meet the Staff



**Melissa Snider**  
Program Assistant



**Chelsea Baldwin**  
Data Specialist



**Beth Collins**  
Specialist

# FUNDING SOURCES

# DVP COMMITTEES

## Family Violence Prevention & Services Act

Beginning in 1984, Congress approved the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA). This created a grant for states to assist in establishing, maintaining and expanding domestic violence programs and projects to prevent family violence and to provide immediate shelter and related assistance to survivors of family violence and their dependents.

## Funding Administration

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DVP oversees approximately \$3 million annually in revenue from a compilation of five diverse sources, which is pooled and distributed through an application process to Colorado's community-based domestic violence advocacy organizations.

## Colorado Domestic Abuse Fund

In 1983, the legislature established the Colorado Domestic Abuse Fund (CDAF), which allows individual taxpayers to make contributions in support of funding for domestic violence advocacy services.

## Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Starting in 2004, the Colorado Legislature appropriated funding for domestic violence advocacy services through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant.

## Marriage & Civil Union Licenses / Divorce Filing Fees

Beginning in 2009, \$20 of the fees collected from marriage and civil union licenses and \$5 from each divorce filing are directed to DVP for distribution to domestic violence advocacy organizations.

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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| Adam Evans       | Project PAVE                             |
| Amy Miller       | Violence Free Colorado                   |
| Ashlee Lewis     | The Initiative                           |
| Ashley Wilson    | Rise Above Violence                      |
| Deb Bittner      | Family Tree                              |
| Jackie List      | Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley         |
| Kyra Moon        | CDPS - Division of Criminal Justice      |
| Laurel Tawresey  | SafeHouse Denver                         |
| Regina Rodriguez | CDHS - MINDSOURCE - Brain Injury Network |
| Shannon Meyer    | RESPONSE                                 |
| Sheri Mintz      | Bright Future Foundation                 |

## FUNDING COMMITTEE

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| Alison Williams Helm | Colorado Department of Local Affairs                 |
| Amy Miller           | Violence Free Colorado                               |
| Agueda Morgan        | Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault            |
| Roweena Naidoo       | United Way   |
| Regina Rodriguez     | CDHS - MINDSOURCE - Brain Injury Network             |
| Danielle Tuft        | Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment |

### Committee Functions

These committees provide insight, direction, and monitoring of the Domestic Violence Program and distribution of funds on an ongoing basis. Membership includes representatives of funded programs, Violence Free Colorado, other state government departments, and community members with knowledge of domestic violence.



# DVP & COLLABORATOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Violence Free Colorado

- Performed a needs assessment to determine what types of training/technical assistance community-based organizations needed
- Enhanced housing and economic justice related assistance
- Provided in-person and online training opportunities
- Provided technical assistance to advocacy organizations and allied professionals

## National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, & Mental Health

- Delivered two in-person trainings for funded organizations.  
**Objective:** to enhance advocacy practice to become more accessible, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed

## Domestic Violence Program

- Conducted 10 Site Visits
- Completed 103 tech support requests regarding the CAFE data system
  - > Updated reporting requirements
  - > Aided programs with specific requests
- Released the following 2 documents with help from our advisory committee and other stakeholders:
  - > **Strengthening Inclusive Advocacy**  
Guidance on accessible, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed services
  - > **Telling the Story of Effective Advocacy: Enhancing Data and Evaluation Practices**  
Prepares programs to implement new evaluation tools
- Completed policy templates related to DVP rules and made available on the DVP website

## Strategies to identify, respond to, and prevent IPV & HT

# HIGHLIGHT PROJECT CATALYST

## State/Territory-wide Transformation on Health and IPV (Phase II)

In this cross-sector initiative, Futures Without Violence (FUTURES) partnered with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agencies, Administration for Children and Families' (ACF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), and the HRSA Office of Women's Health (OWH).

In Colorado, the Leadership Team was comprised of representatives from Violence Free Colorado, the Colorado Community Health Network, and DVP.

### Goals:

- Support cross-sector collaboration
- Strengthen local and state leadership to improve the health and safety of survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV) and human trafficking (HT)
- Promote prevention

### Increased Access to Healthcare Through:

- Health insurance enrollment and facilitated clinic appointments for primary care
- Substance use support; and promoting yoga, sleep and self-care
- DVP-provided reproductive justice kits (Plan B, internal and external condoms, health information, and pregnancy tests)

### Supporting Healthcare Providers in Supporting Survivors

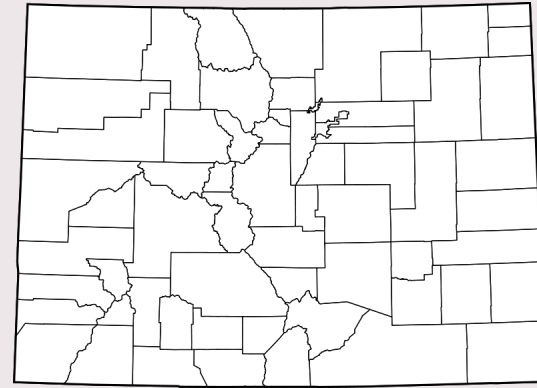
- Training on the CUES clinical intervention for Colorado Accountable Care Organizations and Medical Home workers, and training Support Navigators.
- Project Catalyst training by Colorado Community Health Network and CHC demonstration sites at a summit of medical, dental, and behavioral health directors.

### Results:

- At the state level, partnerships between departments of health/public health/human services, domestic violence coalition, and primary care associations.
- Integration of IPV/HT education into multiple state-wide initiatives including funding and reporting requirements.

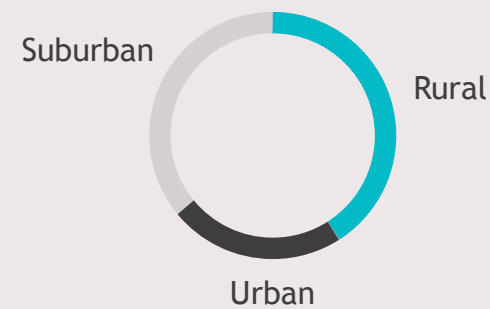
## FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS

In 2019, DVP funded the following 45 community-based programs throughout Colorado. These programs provide confidential services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via crisis lines or by coordinating services with other DVP-funded programs. These programs vary in size and location.



A Woman's Place, Inc.	DOVE: Deaf Overcoming Violence through Empowerment	S.H.A.R.E., Inc.
Advocate Safehouse Project	Estes Valley Crisis Advocates	Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley
Advocates Against Domestic Assault	Family Crisis Services, Inc.	SafeHouse Denver, Inc.
Advocates for Victims of Assault, Inc.	Family Tree, Inc.	Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence
Advocates of Lake County	Gateway Domestic Violence Services	San Miguel Resource Center
Advocates of Routt County	Help for Abused Partners	Servicios de La Raza
Advocates Victim Assistance Team	Hilltop Domestic Violence Services	Survivors Organizing for Liberation
Alternative Horizons Corp	Open Heart Advocates	TESSA
Alternatives to Violence, Inc.	Peaceworks, Inc.	The Alliance
Arkansas Valley Resource Center, Inc.	Project Hope of Gunnison Valley	The Center for Trauma and Resilience
Asian Pacific Development Center	Project PAVE	The Initiative
Bright Future Foundation	Project Safeguard	The Phoenix Center at Auraria
Clear Creek County Advocates	Renew, Inc.	Tu Casa, Inc.
Crisis Center	RESPONSE	Volunteers of America, Southwest Safehouse
Crossroads Safehouse, Inc.	Rise Above Violence	YWCA of Pueblo

### Service Region Type



# PEOPLE SERVED

Underserved populations served by DVP-funded organizations last year:



## Safety & Resources Client Survey Data

**91% SAFETY** reported "I know more ways to plan for my safety as a result of receiving services"

**93% RESOURCES** reported increased knowledge about community resources as a result of receiving services

**67,647** Crisis Intervention Calls

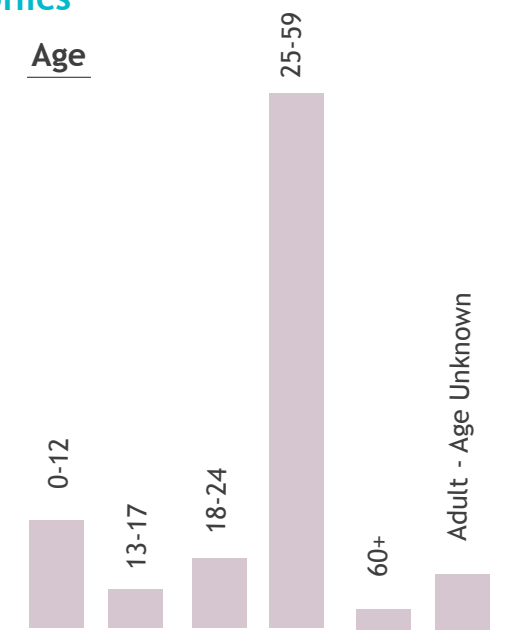


## Client Demographics

### Race / Ethnicity



### Age





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