

Enhancing State Capacity to Address Child and Adolescent Health through Violence Prevention (ESCAPE)

**Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and
The Violence Prevention Advisory Group (VPAG)**

Vision:

Enhance child and adolescent health in Colorado through significant reductions in violence

Mission:

Strengthen collaborative partnerships and integrate prevention efforts that emphasize shared risk and protective factors, and are both evidence-based and community-driven throughout Colorado

Target Audience:

Organizations, agencies, and prevention specialists that provide leadership, guidance, research expertise, and funding for child and adolescent violence prevention statewide

YEAR ONE (September 2004 – August 2005)

Objectives of, *Child and Adolescent Violence in Colorado: A 2005 Status Report:*

1. Conduct a statewide needs and resources assessment identifying programs, policies, research, and data sources that illustrate the intersection of shared risk and protective factors based on type of violence (child maltreatment, youth suicide, sexual violence, school violence, bullying, community violence, and teen dating violence), level of influence (community, family, school, peer, and individual), and age (0-17).
2. Gain statewide buy-in for the ESCAPE project, and determine community and local readiness to commit to integrated efforts that address child and adolescent violence through universal prevention approaches.
3. Generate a usable resource assessing the current status of child and adolescent violence and violence prevention in Colorado that is data-driven, identifies gaps, and provides recommendations for universal prevention that emphasizes shared risk and protective factors for all types of youth violence at all levels of influence.

YEAR TWO (September 2005 – August 2006)

Objectives for the State Strategic Plan:

1. Using the state report card as a guide, produce and publish a strategic plan that outlines shared risk and protective factors among different types of violence and recommends strategies that address individual, interpersonal, community, and societal factors related to child and adolescent violence prevention.
2. Identify activities that will ensure ongoing collaboration, community involvement, commitment, communication, and evaluation among violence prevention stakeholders.
3. Develop a plan for continued integration and future sustainability.

YEARS THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE (If awarded implementation funds from the CDC)

Implementation Project Description:

A new CDC grant will provide funding for the implementation of one to three recommendations made in the strategic plan for child and adolescent violence prevention. Based on the content of the strategic plan, Colorado's application focused on the following goals: 1) Enhance collaborative efforts to prevent child and adolescent violence; 2) Implement prevention initiatives identified in the strategic plan; 3) Evaluate the implemented prevention initiatives; and, 4) Collaborate with the CDC and other state grantees.

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