



Colorado LINKS for Mental Health Information Sheet for MOU Partners

Colorado LINKS Mission: To promote partnerships among state agencies and key stakeholder groups by weaving together existing efforts to create a more coordinated continuum of mental health services for Colorado children, youth, and families.

Colorado LINKS Team: The Project Director is José Esquibel with the Prevention Leadership Council. LINKS is staffed by the Center for Systems Integration (www.csi-policy.org) and guided by a Grant Implementation Group (GIG) representing state agencies and key statewide community organizations including:

- Colorado Department of Human Services
- Colorado Department of Education
- Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
- Colorado Department of Public Safety
- Colorado Association of Alcohol and Drug Service Providers
- Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council
- Colorado Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coalition
- Colorado System of Care Collaborative
- Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health ~ Colorado Chapter
- Mental Health America of Colorado
- Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council
- Prevention Leadership Council

Colorado LINKS Resources: Please visit the Colorado LINKS website, with materials that include:

- Guidebook to Interagency Planning Initiatives, updated as of April 2008;
- LINKING YOU's monthly email updates from March 2008 and forward;
- The LINKS Memorandum of Understanding Template; and
- A list of MOU and GIG partners.

Website Address: <http://www.csi-policy.org/links>

MOU Template: <http://www.csi-policy.org/links/documents/MOU.pdf>

Please turn the page for a full list of LINKS activities and contact information!

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| Activity | Description | Contact Person |
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| LINKING YOU | Monthly email with updates from interagency planning groups on key activities and opportunities to partner. Contact Rebecca to submit bullets describing your group's activities. | Rebecca Kahn Rebecca@csi-policy.org 303-455-1740 |
| Guidebook to Interagency Planning Groups | Guidebook with information about over 30 planning groups focused on the needs of kids including those with mental health and substance abuse issues. | Chele Clark chele.clark@state.co.us 303-692-2421 |
| Integration of Efforts Leadership Team | Leadership team focused on developing a "clearinghouse of clearinghouses" to bring together <i>systems</i> level information. Meets regularly. Please contact Anne-Marie for times. | Rebecca Kahn Rebecca@csi-policy.org 303-455-1740 |
| Budget, Funding, Finance Leadership Team | Leadership team focused on creating a shared financing strategy to improve outcomes for kids. Meetings regularly. Please contact Jose for times. | José Esquibel j.esquibel@state.co.us 303-692-2302 |
| Family and Youth Involvement Leadership Team | Leadership team focused on expanding and sustaining family and youth involvement in policymaking venues. Meets 4 th Tuesday of the month, 12:30 – 2:30. | Rebecca Kahn Rebecca@csi-policy.org 303-455-1740 |
| LINKS BIG Meetings | Yearly meetings that bring LINKS stakeholders together to learn about state activities and share their insights. | Rebecca Kahn Rebecca@csi-policy.org 303-455-1740 |
| LINKS Network Analysis | Outcome evaluation that is mapping changes over time in state agency collaboration around kids with mental health and substance abuse needs. | Jewlya Lynn Jewlya@csi-policy.org 303-455-1740 |
| All Other LINKS Activities | Anne-Marie Braga, Initiative Director, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment | José Esquibel j.esquibel@state.co.us 303-692-2302 |