

COLORADO EVALUATION AND ACTION LAB

Colorado Lab Newsletter

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Linked Information Network of Colorado (LINC) Website Launches



The Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab has developed a specialized <u>website</u> <u>dedicated to the Linked Information Network of Colorado (LINC)</u>.

The Lab worked with the State of Colorado's Office of Information Technology to create LINC. LINC addresses the reality that people interact with different public systems for different needs. Colorado's government leaders can design better systems when they understand the complex needs of residents. However, the data to develop this understanding is often held by multiple organizations.

LINC securely <u>connects data across systems</u>, and then <u>removes all personal</u> <u>identifiers</u>. This process balances the power of data to improve the lives of Colorado residents with the need to protect their privacy. <u>LINC projects</u> address real-world problems that people working in state government agencies are trying to solve, from how to prevent youth homelessness to how to help families dealing with prenatal substance use.

For more information about LINC, contact <u>Dr. Whitney LeBoeuf</u>.

National Publication Features LINC

The American Public Human Services Association (<u>APHSA</u>) featured LINC in the October issue of their monthly magazine, <u>Policy and Practice</u>. The article, titled "The Power of Data: How the Linked Information Network of Colorado (LINC) is Bringing Cross-System Data to Prevention Conversations," was authored by LINC Director Dr. Whitney LeBoeuf. She described the inception of LINC and its early work with the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) on preventing future homelessness among foster youth, as well as work with CDHS' Office of Early Childhood to map the early childhood workforce.

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)



Impact Report Now Available

The Colorado Lab recently released <u>Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab: 3 years</u> <u>in Action</u> to report on the impact of its work since launching in the summer of 2017.

Starting with philanthropic support and a deep partnership with the Colorado governor's office, the Lab has grown to accomplish 38 research projects in conjunction with 29 government agencies and 21 academic, private, and nonprofit research partners.

Please enjoy the report - and share your feedback with Dr. Kristin Klopfenstein: <u>kristin@coloradolab.org</u>.

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