



Colorado Lab Newsletter

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Webinar: The Intersection of Evaluation and Implementation Practice

Registration is now open!

The Colorado Lab is excited to host a live, virtual webinar exploring opportunities for evaluators and implementation science practitioners to work together to create sustainable and equitable change. We hope you will plan to join us!

September 19, 2023, from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MDT)

Registration is free! [Register here](#).

For registration-related questions, please contact [Shannon Willis](#).

Request for Proposals: Website Development

The Colorado Lab is seeking a skilled web development company to redesign our [website](#)! The vendor must have experience building interactive, responsive sites for similarly-complex projects for nonprofit organizations. Our goal is to make a website that is easy to navigate by each of our three different audiences (current and potential government partners, producers of research/potential external

research partners, and consumers of research interested in using our work to inform their own programs or practices) and to display project deliverables (e.g., reports, YouTube videos) in an appealing and accessible way. We are hoping to have a new site launched by March 2024.

For more information and to apply to this request for proposals, please visit [our website](#). Please contact [Shannon Willis](#) for questions.

Expanding the Reach of Prosecutorial Dashboards in Colorado

Three Colorado District Attorneys’ (DA) offices—the 12th, 17th, and 21st Judicial Districts—unveiled “data dashboards” last month. The dashboards are a publicly available resource designed to promote more effective, just, and transparent decision-making in prosecution. This expands the reach of the [Colorado Prosecutorial Dashboards project](#), building on the initial [eight Judicial Districts](#) that unveiled data dashboards last fall (see related [blog post](#)). Colorado is first in the nation to move toward statewide implementation of prosecutorial data dashboards.

Collectively, the 11 Judicial Districts participating represent half of the counties in Colorado (32) and 71% of the state’s population. The remaining districts will have the opportunity to create data dashboards as the project transitions to the [Colorado District Attorneys’ Council](#) for ongoing management this fall.

Community members can access the data to gain a better understanding of the work their DA’s office does, including trends in cases filed and resolved over time, patterns in how individuals are treated, and how they are addressing serious crime and protecting and serving victims. Offices will use data from the dashboards to improve their understanding of case outcomes for similarly situated defendants, identify promising practices and programs, and determine areas where practice change could be useful.

“It is exciting to see this expanded commitment to data-driven decision-making in Colorado,” said Lauren Gase, PhD, senior researcher and project director for the Colorado Lab. “This project is about using data to both support transparency and inform ongoing decision-making. I am inspired by the great work of DA offices across the state who are using their data to identify opportunities to communicate with their partners and communities, improve case processing, and reduce disparities.”

To learn more about the Colorado Prosecutorial Data Dashboard project, contact [Dr. Lauren Gase](#).

New Measures of Success Guide: Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative



Efforts are well underway in Southwest Colorado to strengthen career and college pathways for rural students. This work is critically important with a mere 19% of students who attended high school in a rural community in the United States holding a college degree (see earlier [blog post](#)).

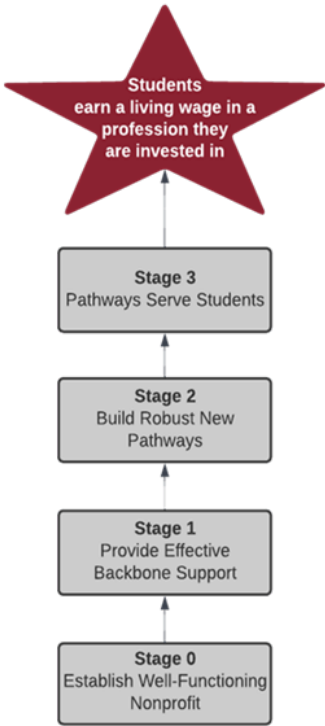
The nonprofit Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative (SWCEC), initially comprised of five school districts (Ignacio, Bayfield, Silverton, Archuleta, and Durango 9-R) and two higher education partners (Fort Lewis College and Pueblo Community College), started working toward this goal in 2019. With support from the Response, Innovation, and Student Equity (RISE) Education Fund, the Collaborative has since expanded to include additional school districts.

Ensuring the Collaborative is well functioning, sustainable, and operating in alignment with its mission is key to achieving success in this long-term, complex cross-system work. The Colorado Lab has been supporting the Collaborative in building the infrastructure and capacity needed to monitor progress and generate creative solutions to sustain and scale the work.

A new report issued by the Colorado Lab, [Measuring Success for the Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative: How the Nonprofit Provides Effective Backbone Support](#), identifies places throughout Stage 1 where barriers to success are most likely to occur, along with recommendations for specific data to regularly collect in order to monitor progress and support continuous improvement. Achieving this medium-term outcome is necessary before moving on to Stages 2 and 3 and then to the north star outcome for students.

“The way the Collaborative explicitly articulated their theory of change and then identified the measures needed to monitor progress toward implementation success is a model for other nonprofits,” says Dr. Kristin Klopfenstein, Director of the Colorado Lab. “By linking the data they collect to their theory of change, every organization can ensure they are collecting the right data and that it informs next steps.”

To learn more about the Colorado Lab’s support for SWCEC, contact [Dr. Kristin Klopfenstein](#).



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