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This month, the Colorado Dashboards Project enters its third phase. We are excited to announce that as of October, the project will transition from the Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab at the University of Denver to The Evaluation Center at the University of Colorado (CU) Denver.

The Colorado Prosecutorial Dashboards Project

The **Evaluation Center at CU Denver**, the **Colorado District Attorneys' Council (CDAC)**, and the **Prosecutorial Performance Indicators** (PPI) are working with **judicial districts across Colorado** to use data dashboards to assist DA Offices with tracking progress toward greater efficiency, effectiveness, and fairness.

Eleven DA Offices have developed **publicly-available data dashboards** to promote more effective, just, and transparent prosecution. In Phase 3, we are scaling the dashboards statewide—and working to support stakeholders in using data to inform decision-making.

1 Pilot Site Dashboard Work
Eight pilot sites work groups develop internal and external facing dashboards

2 Statewide Scale
Develop tools and provide technical assistance to other offices

3 Support Evidence-Based Decision-Making
Use of data to inform local and state practices and policies

September 2021   December 2022   August 2023   August 2024

The Dashboards Spotlighted at CDAC's Annual Conference!

From left to right: Dr. Lauren Gase (Colorado Lab), John Kellner (DA, Colorado 18th Judicial District), and Alexis King (DA, Colorado 1st Judicial District) at the Annual CDAC Conference in September 2023.

On September 12, Dr. Lauren Gase (Colorado Lab) joined Alexis King (DA, Colorado 1st Judicial District) and John Kellner (DA, Colorado 18th Judicial District) to present on *Equal Justice For All: The Role of Prosecutors as Leaders Addressing Equity and Racial/Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice System* at the annual CDAC Conference in Breckenridge.

The presentation showcased how the project has supported offices in identifying and developing potential solutions to address racial/ethnic disparities at points of prosecutorial discretion. Presenters described how line DAs, chief deputy DAs, and elected DAs all have a role in reducing disparities in the justice system.

Lessons Learned from Small DA Offices and Rural Jurisdictions

On September 21, Dr. Lauren Gase (Colorado Lab) joined Dan Rubinstein (DA, Colorado 21st Judicial District) at the national PPI Conference in Chicago to present on opportunities and challenges of implementing the Colorado Prosecutorial Dashboards in smaller jurisdictions. As PPI's first statewide model, the Colorado Dashboards Project was excited to share our lessons learned with other small and medium sized offices across the country.

From right to left: Dr. Lauren Gase (Colorado Lab) and Dan Rubinstein (DA, Colorado 21st Judicial District) at the national PPI Conference in Chicago in September 2023.

Phase 3 Quarterly Webinar Series

The Colorado Dashboards Project is hosting quarterly webinars to enhance data use and support evidence-based decision-making. In case you missed it, check out the recording from our first webinar (**linked here**), which provides an overview and examples of how offices can use Microsoft Power BI, the platform that powers each office's internal dashboard.

Colorado Dashboards Intro to Power BI Webinar: Recorded Webinar Link.

For information on future webinars or to share any ideas you have for webinar topics, please contact Lauren Gase at **lauren.gase@ucdenver.edu**.

We welcome feedback and input. Our hope is that your questions and ideas will strengthen this work. Learn more **here**.

In case you missed it, our previous newsletters can be found **here**.

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