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Analyzing Colorado Juvenile Risk Assessment (CJRA) Data to Inform Prevention and Early Intervention

Juvenile justice system-involved youth are a subset of the general youth population. As such, strategic and data-informed planning for community-based prevention and intervention services can be strengthened by better understanding the profiles of risks and assets particular to this population group in a given community. This project will examine the feasibility of creating local, aggregate risk/need profiles of the juvenile justice population in order to strategically inform local prevention and early intervention service planning with a more direct and intentional focus on delinquency prevention, diversion, and recidivism reduction. Specifically, this project will be to aggregate the data at the school-district level in order to connect risk/needs profiles across domains. These data profiles can be utilized by county/local prevention and intervention practitioners and planners to paint a more precise picture of how some youth matriculate into the juvenile justice system and the common characteristics (preventable precursors of delinquency) of that population. The results of this study will be utilized by local Communities That Care (CTC) prevention coalitions and Collaborative Management Programs throughout the state to inform local prevention and early intervention service planning with a more direct and intentional focus on delinquency prevention, diversion, and recidivism reduction.

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