

Housing News

Monthly newsletter on housing and economic justice



Together we can end relationship abuse



Program Spotlight

TESSA is a community based organization located in Colorado Springs providing support and an array of services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as their families.

TESSA participated in the Housing for Crime Victims Special Project from May to December of 2018 and continues to implement a Housing First approach to housing for survivors of domestic violence. When a survivor identifies a housing need they are connected with the housing team and may receive case case management to support survivors in meeting their goals and/or direct financial assistance for securing or maintaining housing.

The Special Project period ended in December 2018 but TESSA continues to support survivors through this approach and will continue to do so. This allows survivors to move towards housing stability quickly, maintain safe housing and connections in the community, and also opens more spaces for survivors and their children to access TESSA's emergency shelter.



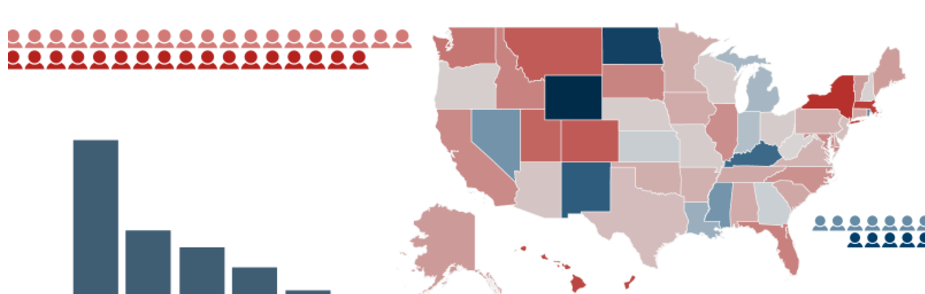
URBAN PEAK COLORADO SPRINGS

Urban Peak Colorado Springs Bringing Mental Health Care to Youth Experiencing Homelessness

By Faith Miller, Colorado Springs Independent

Barriers to mental health care exist for everyone, but people experiencing homelessness — and especially homeless youth — have the odds stacked against them.

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State of Homelessness 2019 Report

The Alliance to End Homelessness has released the State of Homelessness 2019 Report. This web-based annual report uses data to chart the nation's progress towards ending homelessness including some new features:

- Available beds
- Racial and ethnic dynamics
- Geography of challenges

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HOUSING PROGRAM DATA

Between May and December of 2018 eight state sites provided support, services, and financial assistance to survivors and their families through the Housing for Crime Victims Special Project. These programs are located in both urban and rural locations across Colorado. The formal evaluation of the Special Project should be completed by July and Violence Free Colorado will share that data when it is finalized. Here is a snapshot of some of the data that has been collected thus far:

- 571 Survivors have received rental assistance
 - Advocates have engaged 260 landlords
 - 871 Survivors have been served through mobile advocacy*
 - 95% of Survivors surveyed have reported increased safety
- * this number includes survivors who received both mobile advocacy and financial assistance and mobile advocacy only

Upcoming Webinars



Housing Colorado
Voice and action for affordable housing.

Federal Policy Update Webinar

April 24, 2019
10 a.m. MT

Andrea Ponsor and Adam Cohen from Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future (SAHF) will provide an overview on the activities of the 116th Congress and how they may affect key affordable housing issues in 2019 and beyond.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

Upcoming Meetings and Live Trainings



COLORADO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS
2019 EDUCATION SERIES

The Things We Carry: How Trauma Impacts Homelessness

May 22, 2019
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Stout Street Health Center
2130 Stout Street
Community Room
Denver, CO 80205

This panel will dig deep into how childhood trauma impacts people well into adulthood, the trauma of homelessness itself, and the importance of using the Trauma-Informed Care model in housing, healthcare, and support services.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)



Join us for the Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference and be a part of the only statewide conference specific to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence advocacy. [Registration](#) is now open!

Previous Webinars

Effective Collaborations Between Human Trafficking and DV Programs

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