

# What does Illuminate Colorado do?

## Illuminate's Vision

A Colorado where all children and families thrive.

## Illuminate's Mission

To strengthen families, organizations and communities to prevent child maltreatment.

With a research-based approach that emphasizes building promotive and protective factors, we address systemic and multi-sector issues by collaborating with families and partners at the community, state and national level to develop and implement powerful programs, policies and initiatives that build brighter childhoods in Colorado.

## But what does that actually mean?

Preventing child maltreatment is work that's both broad and complex. Illuminate tackles this by approaching the issue in different ways and at multiple levels of society. Only in this way can we truly create lasting impact.



**We strengthen families** by providing services and resources directly to families; by conducting trainings for parents and caregivers that equip them with the skills they need; and by advocating for policies that support families.

**Examples:** Circle of Parents; Illuminating Child Care; Family Connects Colorado; Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Trainings; Policy Work



**We strengthen organizations** by providing education and support to professionals through trainings, conferences, and publications; and by changing organizational practice through implementing new policies, identifying areas for improvement, and providing technical assistance to increase organizational capacity.

**Examples:** Family Strengthening Trainings; Child Welfare Training System Trainings; Strengthening Colorado Families & Communities Conference; Colorado Hospital Substance Exposed Newborn (CHoSEN) Collaborative; Conversation Guide for Professionals on Substance Use, Children, & Families; Child Abuse & Neglect Expert Staffing; Colorado Toxicology Resource Guide



**We strengthen communities** by providing trainings and resources that make our communities stronger; by advancing social norms that make it okay to ask for help; by supporting coalition spaces that foster multi-sector, family and system collaboration; and by advocating for policies that support communities.

**Examples:** Tip Colorado; Smart Choices, Safe Kids; Bloom Yoga; Colorado Partnership for Thriving Families; SuPPoRT Colorado; Colorado Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Project; Colorado Infant Safe Sleep Partnership; Colorado Connected; Policy Work