

## Drug Endangered Children Tracking System (DECSYS)



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## Objectives

- Introduction to the DECSYS Program
- DECSYS Program Findings
- DECSYS Product Overview
- Expansion Outside of Colorado
- USDOJ COPS Office

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## Impact to Children

- Children whose parents abuse alcohol or drugs are:
  - 3 times more likely to be verbally, physically or sexually abused
  - 4 times more likely than other children to be neglected

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## DECSYS Objectives

1. Enable seamless communication between agencies involved in the lives of Drug Endangered Children.
2. Quantify the issue to help DEC professionals and communities better understand and engage in collaborative solutions.

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## DECSYS Tracking System

- Automated System for notification and summation of DEC related activity across Colorado.
- Web Based Application:  
<https://colorado.decsys.us>
- Implemented using open source technology with a special focus on user friendly interface.
- Colorado DEC provides follow up and user support for all DECSYS participating agencies.

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**DECSYS Dashboard** - DEC Child Welfare - DEC Test Child Welfare - [add profile](#) - [change password](#) - [logout](#)

**New Cases**

The following cases have been initiated by Law Enforcement but have not yet been acted upon by a Child Welfare Agency user. When a case report is added, it will be placed on an "In Progress" state and not shown in the Recent Cases table below.

Case Number	Officer	Reported	Agency	Arrested On	CSW Involvement	Status	Action
Testing-4	Wheeler, Clifford	DEC Test Task Force	DEC Test Task Force	01/27/2012	No Involvement	Initiated	Review
Testing-3	Wheeler, James	DEC Test Task Force	DEC Test Task Force	06/27/2012	No Involvement	Initiated	Review
Testing-2	Wheeler, Yvonne, Sandy	DEC Test Task Force	DEC Test Task Force	04/27/2012	No Involvement	Initiated	Review
Testing-1	Wheeler, Bachman, George	DEC Test Task Force	DEC Test Task Force	03/27/2012	No Involvement	Initiated	Review
Test 7614	Wheeler, Jackson, Andrew	DEC Test Task Force	DEC Test Task Force	11/13/2011	Responded by Phone	Initiated	Review
Test 1050	Wheeler, Chang, Constance	DEC Test Task Force	DEC Test Task Force	04/13/2012	No Involvement	Initiated	Review
Test 995	Wheeler, Underwood, Janet	DEC Test Task Force	DEC Test Task Force	04/13/2012	No Involvement	Initiated	Review
Test 1345	Wheeler, Johnson, Fred	DEC Test Task Force	DEC Test Task Force	09/07/2011	Initiated	View	

**Recent Cases**

Case Number	Officer	Reported	Actions Taken (# Children)	Arrested On	Status	Action
Test 1345	Wheeler, Johnson, Fred	Assigned for New Investigation (1)		01/25/2012	In Progress	Review
Test_PLA-8	Wheeler, Campiano, Maria	Not Assigned for Investigation (1)		01/25/2012	Initiated	View
Test 1345	Wheeler, Johnson, Fred	Assigned for New Investigation (1)				
Test 1345	Wheeler, Johnson, Fred	Referred to Current Open Case (1)		09/07/2011	Initiated	View
Test 1345	Wheeler, Johnson, Fred	Referred to Another Agency (1)				

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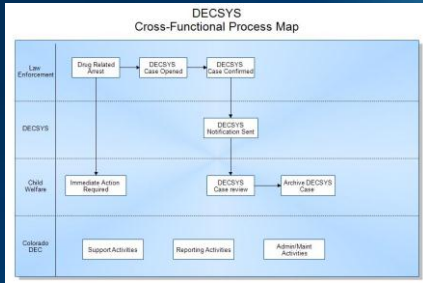
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# DECSYS Process Map




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# Why Automate?



- Automation strengthens collaboration by providing a predictable and reliable method of communication.
- Automation offers built in accountability.
- Automation allows for the easy collection of historical information.
- Automation is Scalable

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# DECSYS (thru 9/24/12)



Since 3/1/10  
Cases Entered

2544

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### DECSYS (thru 9/24/12)



Children Associated with Suspects	1483
Children Present on Scene	487
Children Identified After Arrest	996

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### DECSYS (thru 9/24/12)



Children Assigned New Investigations	361
Children with Open Investigations/Cases	148
Children Forwarded to Another County	348

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### How many children have no previous child welfare history?



- No previous child welfare history was found for 364 of the children identified
- Prior referrals were found for 114 of the children.

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## Benefits

- Encourages Institutional Change
- Ensures continuity during times of personnel turnover
- Better communication helps take collaboration to new levels.



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## DECSYS- New Investigation

- Initial contact results in treatment or services that family was not actively seeking.



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## Break the Cycle

- Prevention
- Intervention
- Treatment



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## Add A Case- Suspect Information

DECSYS Dashboard      DEC LE Officer    DEC Test Task Force    add profile    change password    login

Charges saved

General Information > **Add Suspects** > Add Children > Add Drug Information > Confirm

**ADD SUSPECT TO CASE**

Last Name:  Save Current Suspect and Add Another  
 First Name:   
 Middle Initial:  Suspects added to this case:  
 Date of Birth: 1985 (▼) / January (▼) / 1 (▼) | d  
 Yes  
 No  
 Juvenile?:  
 Male  
 Female  
 Address:   
 City:   
 State: Colorado (▼)  
 Zip:

**Next Step: go to Add Children**

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## Add A CASE- Child Information

DECSYS Dashboard      DEC LE Officer    DEC Test Task Force    add profile    change password    login

Charges saved

General Information > Add Suspects > **Add Children** > Add Drug Information > Confirm

**ADD CHILD TO CASE**

Do you have information about children for this case? If "Yes" then fill out the form below and save each child. If "No" skip "Yes Step" \*\* Add Drug Information below and continue to the drug form.

Last Name:  Save Current Child and Add Another  
 First Name:   
 Middle Initial:  Children added to this case:  
 Date of Birth: 1985 (▼) / January (▼) / 1 (▼) | d  
 Male  
 Female  
 Gender:  
 Male  
 Female  
 Closest Related Suspect:  Save Current  
 Relationship:  All  
 Same as Closest Related Suspect  
 Address:   
 City:   
 State: Colorado (▼)  
 Zip:

**Next Step: go to Add Drug Information**

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## Add A Case- Drug Information

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Charges saved

General Information > Add Suspects > Add Children > **Add Drug Information** > Confirm

**ADD DRUG INFORMATION TO CASE**

Drug Type	Quantity	Unit Type	Highest Charge
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Child abuse charges:  Yes  
 No

**Next Step: go to Confirm**

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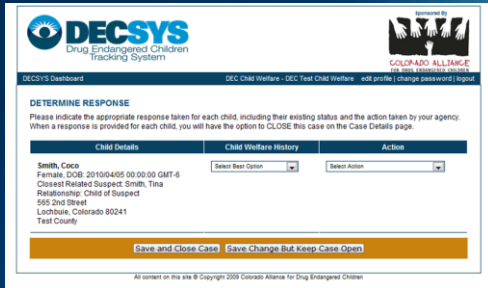
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# Child Welfare- Determine Response




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# COPS Office Grant

- Two year award for the expansion of DECSYS both within Colorado and into an additional 5 states.
- This includes the creation of best practice implementation tools and additional software development to support the expansion.

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# DECSYS Progress

- Branded DECSYS for National Expansion
- Doubled DECSYS Usage in Colorado
- Selected Two of the Five Expansion States
- Upgraded Underlying Software Infrastructure
- Developed New Functionality for Child Welfare Review Process




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## DECSYS Program Going Forward

- Continue Colorado DECSYS Implementation
- Select Three More States for Expansion
- Technical Product Enhancement
- Best Practice and Implementation Tool Creation

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## DECSYS in the Future

- Future projects can leverage much of the initial work that is being completed for the first five states.
- Colorado DEC is interested in partnering with states on DECSYS even if they were not one of the five chosen to participate in this grant.

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## Questions



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## Introduction to the COPS Office

The COPS Office is responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territory, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources

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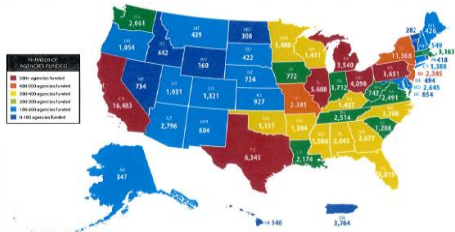
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- By the end of FY11, we have funded approximately 123,000 additional officers to more than 13,000 of the nation's 18,000 law enforcement agencies across the country



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 **COPS Our Resources**

If your community is facing a crime or disorder problem, we probably have something for you in our Resource Library

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“Questions have arisen about the policing of science. Who is responsible for the policing? My answer is: all of us.”  
Serge Lang

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