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Beyond “Buckle-Up” - Innovative Strategies to Increase Seat Belt Use

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Overview

**Purpose and
Resources**

**Identifying
the Need**

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Colorado GDL
Toolkit**

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The Colorado GDL Toolkit: Purpose and Resources



Toolkit Purpose

- **Navigate Colorado's GDL Law**
- **Strengthen GDL Systems**
- **Community-Wide Support**



Inside the GDL Toolkit



Young Drivers

Resources for Youth and Young Drivers



Parents & Caregivers

Resources for Parents and Caregivers



Educators

Resources for Educators, School Admin and Driving Institutions



Law Enforcement

Resources for Law Enforcement and School Resource Officers



Health Care Providers

Resources for Health Care Providers & Practitioners



Additional Resources

GDL Data, Best-Practices and Learning Opportunities in Colorado



The Colorado GDL Toolkit: Identifying the Need



Colorado Young Drivers Alliance



Improve young driver safety in Colorado through prevention education, data and research, and legislation using evidence-based strategies and strengths-based approaches.



Identifying the Gaps

- **Static Resources**
- **Missing a Collective Focus**
- **Downstream Efforts**



**What would it look like to
provide GDL education and
resources from an upstream
and strengths-based approach?**



Creating the Colorado GDL Toolkit



Toolkit Building Blocks

- **Upstream Prevention Strategies**
- **Equitable Practices**
- **Strengths-Based Approaches**



Upstream Prevention Strategies

- **Addressing Risk and Protective Factors**
 - **Protective factors** make it less likely that people will experience injury and violence that may result in further injury or death.



Protective Factors for Youth

**Family
Connectedness**

**Mental
Health**

**School
Connectedness**

**Economic
Stability**



Ensuring all youth have equitable access to protective factors can help prevent unsafe driving behaviors.



Equitable Practices

- **Community collaboration**
- **Centering community voices and lived experiences**
- **Building authentic partnerships**



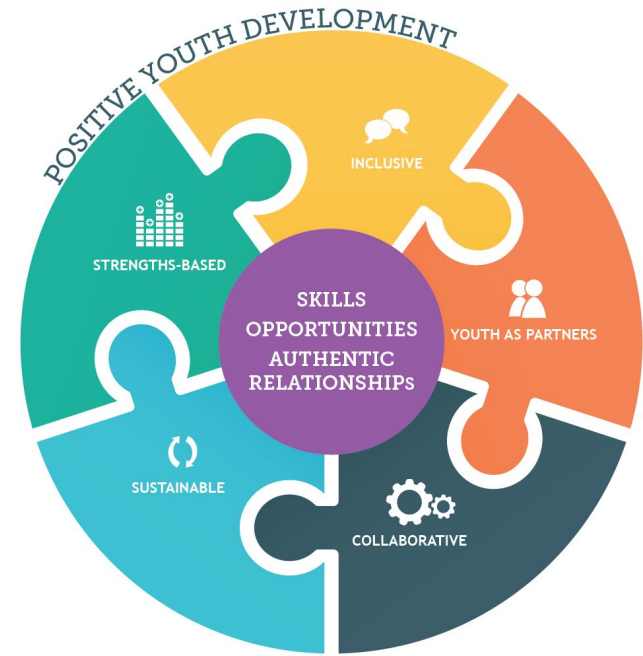
Strengths-Based Approaches

- The holistic approach
- Focus on inherent strengths
- Positive Youth Development



Positive Youth Development

Positive Youth Development (PYD) incorporates the development of skills, opportunities and authentic relationships into programs, policies and practices so that young people reach their full potential.



Next Steps and Recommendations



Next Steps for the GDL Toolkit

- Continue to build resources
- Build and maintain partnerships
- Evaluation efforts



GDL as a Community Effort



Upstream & Strengths-Based Approaches



Thank you.

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