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Session Title: State-to-Local Collaboration: Operationalizing the Sequencing of Services Framework



Jennifer Stewart is the owner of Breaking Expectations LLC. She is the contracted Project Manager for Colorado's Sequencing of Service Initiative and has several other contracts here in Colorado doing similar work for young adults with disabilities. Jennifer is a LEND Fellow, she has a Master's in Public Policy from the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis, and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Colorado. Jennifer has worked with young adults with disabilities over the past fifteen years in various capacities from providing vocational counseling, supporting families, developing programming, building system capacity, and evaluating impact.



Katie Oliver is the School to Work and Interagency Specialist for the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) since 2008. Katie's responsibilities include overseeing the School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) in partnership with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), providing technical assistance and training to school districts around school to work transition services for young adults with disabilities and coordinating with other adult service agencies. Katie is a member of several councils supporting people with disabilities.



Cheryl Carver, Cheryl is a Youth Services and Transition Manager for Colorado's DVR with a focus on school to work collaboratives. Over her 23 years with DVR, 18 of those have been with youth services where efforts have focused on providing field staff and external partners with support, technical assistance and training pertaining to transition. As part of that work, Cheryl is a huge proponent of improving post-secondary outcomes for youth with disabilities through intentional service provision between collaboration of community partners.