



Zephyr Smith

As CHP's HMIS Data and Reporting Specialist, Zephyr works with a wide range of stakeholders across the Pikes Peak region to generate and make use of data about people experiencing homelessness. He intervenes in the data process from end to end by creating tools that notify service providers about potential data entry errors alongside tools that allow the public to visualize the impact of homelessness in their community. Zephyr also represents the Pikes Peak community in the Colorado Statewide HMIS Collaborative. He is the chair of the COHMIS Data Workgroup, a group that leverages the shared HMIS implementation in Colorado to make use of data about homelessness on the state level.

Zephyr worked at United Cerebral Palsy of Central Arizona, where he ensured that young people with disabilities received crucial care, achieved developmental milestones, and became integrated in UCP's program community. He also worked in an administrative role, helping UCP build its capacity to serve more people by creating financial and statistical models that played a crucial role in UCP's decisions to pursue new programming ideas.

Zephyr studied Economics at Rice University and after graduation moved to Colorado and began working as part of the City and County of Denver's Covid Response. His team of city employees, alongside the Colorado National Guard, operated 6 hotels as temporary shelters for people experiencing homelessness who were Covid positive or at high risk of contracting Covid. Zephyr focused on managing data about activities in the hotels, responding to crisis situations, connecting residents to supportive services, and reducing food waste in the program.

Outside of work, Zephyr spends much of his time taking advantage of the ample opportunities for outdoor recreation in the Colorado Springs area. He also volunteers with organizations that conserve Colorado's natural resources and a local nonprofit that focuses on empowering youth in Colorado Springs to lead healthy lives through cycling.