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## **Blueprints Conference announces 2020 keynote speakers**

*Hundreds of professionals focused on effective programs to promote healthy development for youth and families are expected to convene in Colorado to hear international experts on best practices, research and public policy.*

**Boulder, CO** -- [Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development](#) out of the University of Colorado Boulder is hosting [the 2020 Blueprints Conference](#) on April 27-29, 2020, at [The Westin Westminster](#) in Colorado. Approximately 750 professionals from around the world are expected to convene to hear from international experts, including [Jon Baron](#), vice president of evidence-based policy initiative at [Arnold Ventures](#) and [Cindy Guy](#), vice president of research, evaluation, evidence and data at [The Annie E. Casey Foundation](#), who will participate in a keynote panel designed to discuss their foundations' strategies for promoting social programs that work.

This year's conference theme is *Action to Outcome: The Rising Results of Blueprints* and the purpose is to bridge the gap between research and practice by convening evaluators, prevention experts, program designers, policymakers, community leaders, advocates, practitioners and funders to share ideas and learn about experimentally-proven interventions (EPIs) designed to prevent problem behavior and enhance positive development in youth, adults and families.

The conference will also include a keynote panel presentation on public sector investments in EPIs by highlighting states that have successfully scaled up interventions certified by Blueprints. Conference planners hope this panel will serve as a forum to stimulate conversations around how states can implement systems that support the delivery of EPIs. Panelists will share lessons learned, barriers to success and efforts to work through those barriers.

Blueprints is currently accepting proposals for breakout session speakers. Information on conference sessions and application instructions can be found on the [conference website](#). Submissions are due by October 4.

Sponsorship and exhibit opportunities during the conference are available for Blueprints model-plus, model and promising programs, as well as agencies that implement and promote Blueprints interventions. Qualified organizations can find more information on the [conference website](#).

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### **ABOUT BLUEPRINTS FOR HEALTHY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

[Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development](#) is a project within the [Institute of Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado Boulder](#) providing a comprehensive registry of experimentally-proven interventions effective in reducing antisocial behavior and promoting a healthy course of youth development and adult maturity. Blueprints' process for certifying interventions is widely recognized as the most rigorous in use. Blueprints hosts a [biennial conference](#) that disseminates science-based information on programs that have been proven, using high scientific standards to promote positive behaviors such as academic achievement, emotional well-being, physical health and positive relationships. Blueprints-certified interventions also target the prevention of negative behaviors, including crime, violence, delinquency and substance abuse. Follow Blueprints on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) or visit their website at [blueprintsprograms.org](http://blueprintsprograms.org) to learn more.