



The Ascend Sexual Risk Avoidance Specialist (SRAS) Certification Program & Making Your Message Matter Training

Coming to Denver, CO, Adams 12 Five Star Conference Center

**Certification:
June 5-6, 2018 (8:30am-4:30pm)**

**Making Your Message Matter:
June 7, 2018 (8:30am-3:30pm)**

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The Title V State Abstinence Education Grant Program through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, managed by the Colorado Department of Education.

Is SRAS A Curriculum?

No. SRAS is a credential. SRAS offers proficiency on the SRA model. It provides a foundation for any curriculum as it sets a standard of excellence for the field.

Certification Topics Include:

- Defining the SRA approach
- The theoretical and public health basis for SRA
- Content of successful SRA programs
- Building parent-child connectedness
- Building community & school partnerships
- The importance of research & program evaluation
- Implementing an evidence-based approach
- Sexual health data, research, trends, & medical accuracy
- Effective public messaging
- Applying an SRA code of ethics to your program

A One-Day Messaging and Communication Practicum

Talking about sex education to students, parents, teachers, community stakeholders or the media can be challenging. The complexity and sensitive nature of the topic requires thoughtful messaging and practice if we are to clearly communicate the content and context of the SRA optimal health approach. This daylong practicum will provide individual and group activities to give participants hands-on experience developing effective communication strategies through role-play, audience feedback and critique, crafting and presenting talking points, doing interviews and developing communication policies for your organization. You will have fun while enhancing your professionalism and confidence in communicating clear and compelling information about SRA education.

See second page of flyer for training details

Pre-course reading is required. There are 9 modules with quizzes that must be completed prior to the training. Please allow 25-40 hours to complete the pre-coursework. Once you register, you will receive further instructions and details.

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For more information, please visit: <http://cosras.weascend.org/>



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Training will be held at:

Adams 12 Five Star Conference Center
1500 E. 128 Ave.
Thornton, CO 80241-2602
720-972-4337

Rates

- Training is free of charge
- Registration deadline is May 15, 2018
- Colorado residents have registration priority
- Out of state registrations will be placed on a waitlist and confirmed 45 days out.
- Limited seats available for observers.

To register, visit: <http://cosras.weascend.org/>

For a sample agenda, please go to <https://www.dropbox.com/s/oybh912a5wtip6u/2016%20%20SRAS%20Agenda.pdf?dl=0>

Please note:

• **Once you register, you will need to send a letter of commendation to Christine Eckley at: ceckley@WeAscend.org. This letter can come from a colleague, or someone else in your network, and needs to briefly state why you are a good candidate for the training and how it will benefit you in the work you do. Upon receipt, Christine Eckley, from Ascend, will send you the link for the pre-coursework.**

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Lunch

• Included for both the SRAS Certification and the Communication Practicum. Please contact ceckley@WeAscend.org if you have any food allergies or specific dietary needs that we need to be aware of.

Accommodations

- **Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Denver North/Westminster**
12080 Melody Dr, Westminster, CO 80234
(303) 255-3100
- **Hampton Inn Denver - North/Thornton**
243 E 120th Ave, Thornton, CO 80233
(303) 451-7900
- **Holiday Inn Express & Suites Denver North Thornton**
12030 Grant St, Thornton, CO 80241
(303) 452-0800

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