**STEPS TO SUCCESS (STS) TALKING POINTS**

**Purpose** – To reduce youth violence in **Montbello** using proven programs

**Impact** – Reduce youth violence by at least 10% by 2016

* STS **intervenes early** to prevent problem behavior
* STS addresses **social/emotional development, family cohesiveness**, and **school success.**
* STS **improves positive recognition** of young people
* STS improves Montbello’s **livability**

**STS is community driven** – the Montbello Community Board makes the decisions

STS **supports the Far Northeast’s cradle to career priorities**

CU Boulder’s Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence oversees the Steps to Success (STS) project. The project is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2011-2016) and is 1 of 6 nationally recognized Youth Violence Prevention Centers of Excellence.