

# DENVER SUPPORT TEAM ASSISTED RESPONSE (STAR)



## Summary

**Serving:** Denver, Colorado (pop. 716,577)

**Operating Since:** June 2020

**Current Budget:** \$6.2M

**Alternative Response Model:** Currently non-profit led via funding from City of Denver and dispatched through the city.

**Website:** <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Public-Health-Environment/Community-Behavioral-Health/Behavioral-Health-Strategies/Support-Team-Assisted-Response-STAR-Program>

**Team Composition:** Composed of clinicians who can provide medical assessment/triage, crisis intervention, de-escalation, transportation and resource connection

<b>Call types:</b>	Mental health distress, poverty, homelessness, substance misuse, resource needs, and more
<b>Staff:</b>	30-40 employees; composed of EMTs and mental health clinicians
<b>Training:</b>	Contracted training from an external city partner, with some ongoing training for team members.
<b>Calls responded to per month:</b>	
<b>Dispatch Process:</b>	Responder units are dispatched via 911 Emergency Call Center, and can be reached through a direct line, 6 am - 10 pm, Monday - Sunday.

## Photos

