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BIOGRAPHY

Susan Motika is a Colorado native who has focused her career on community-driven policy work on social justice issues. She is currently the Director of Strategic Initiatives at Boulder County Public Health where she specializes in community engagement, policy, and public health law strategies to address the social determinants of health. Early in her career, Susan worked as a journalist reporting on the gentrification of Boston's inner-city neighborhoods; she was also a community organizer in Boston's public housing projects. After attending Northeastern University School of Law, Susan worked as a housing and employment lawyer at Greater Boston Legal Services and then as an Assistant Attorney General. Susan returned to Colorado with her family to work for then-District Attorney Bill Ritter as the director of the community Justice unit where she developed juvenile restorative justice programs and a community court. Susan served as a director of the Making Connections initiative -- a 10-year investment by the Annie E. Casey Foundation designed to improve civic engagement, economic security, and early childhood education in four Denver neighborhoods. Susan has worked in public health since 2010 -- as the law and policy manager and healthy eating and active living manager for the state health department and in her current role with Boulder County Public Health. Susan serves on the board of El Centro Amistad, a Boulder County non-profit focused on improving the health and opportunities of Latino residents



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