



2014 DECSYS EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

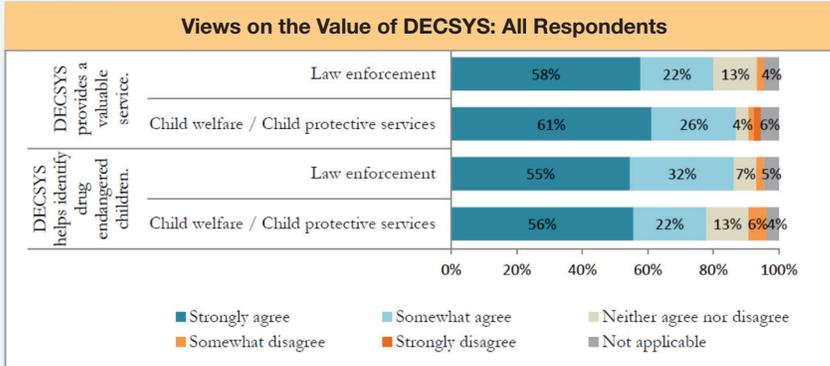
Third Party Survey of 200 DECSYS users from four states

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Four Year Analysis of DECSYS Data covering 19 Law Enforcement Agencies and 15 Child Welfare Agencies in Colorado

“The very first case ever entered into DECSYS in West Virginia was a meth lab with a three year-old child in the home. The officer marked that he contacted CPS and we responded and removed the child. However, that was not accurate. We had an open investigation, but were not notified of the meth lab, and were about to close the family’s investigation before we got the DECSYS notification. The first DECSYS entry in West Virginia helped save a child’s life.”

—Anonymously Submitted Comment to DECSYS User Survey



The majority of the respondents say DECSYS provides a valuable service, it helps them to identify children at risk, and gives them peace of mind that they are creating a safety net.

Colorado DECSYS Four Year Results: Cases

	Number	Percentage
Total Cases Entered	5532	
Cases with Children Associated	1904	36%
Cases with Children Present on Scene	649	12%
Cases with Children Not Present on Scene, but identified by CW	1255	24%

Over the four year period 36% of all cases entered into DECSYS had suspects associated with children that were potentially at risk. In two-thirds of those cases the children were not present at the scene of the arrest and were identified by the child welfare agency’s follow up research.

Colorado DECSYS Four Year Results: Children

	Number	Percentage
Total Children Identified	3316	
Children Present on Scene	988	30%
Evidence of Children on Scene, Children Identified by CW	290	9%
No Children or Evidence on Scene, but Children Identified by CW	2038	61%

Law enforcement came in contact with or observed evidence of 39% of the total children identified. The other 61% would have gone undetected without the DECSYS notification to child welfare.

Colorado DECSYS Four Year Results: CW Actions Taken

Action/History	Percentage of Children	Percentage of Actions
Assigned for Investigation	24.7%	
Child Welfare History		66.8%
No Child Welfare History		32.2%
Unknown		1.0%
Referred to Current Case or Investigation	13.7%	
Child Welfare History		98.6%
No Child Welfare History		1.1%
Unknown		0.2%

Of the 3316 children identified 37% or 1227 children were assigned a new investigation or the information from the DECSYS notification was referred to a current open case.