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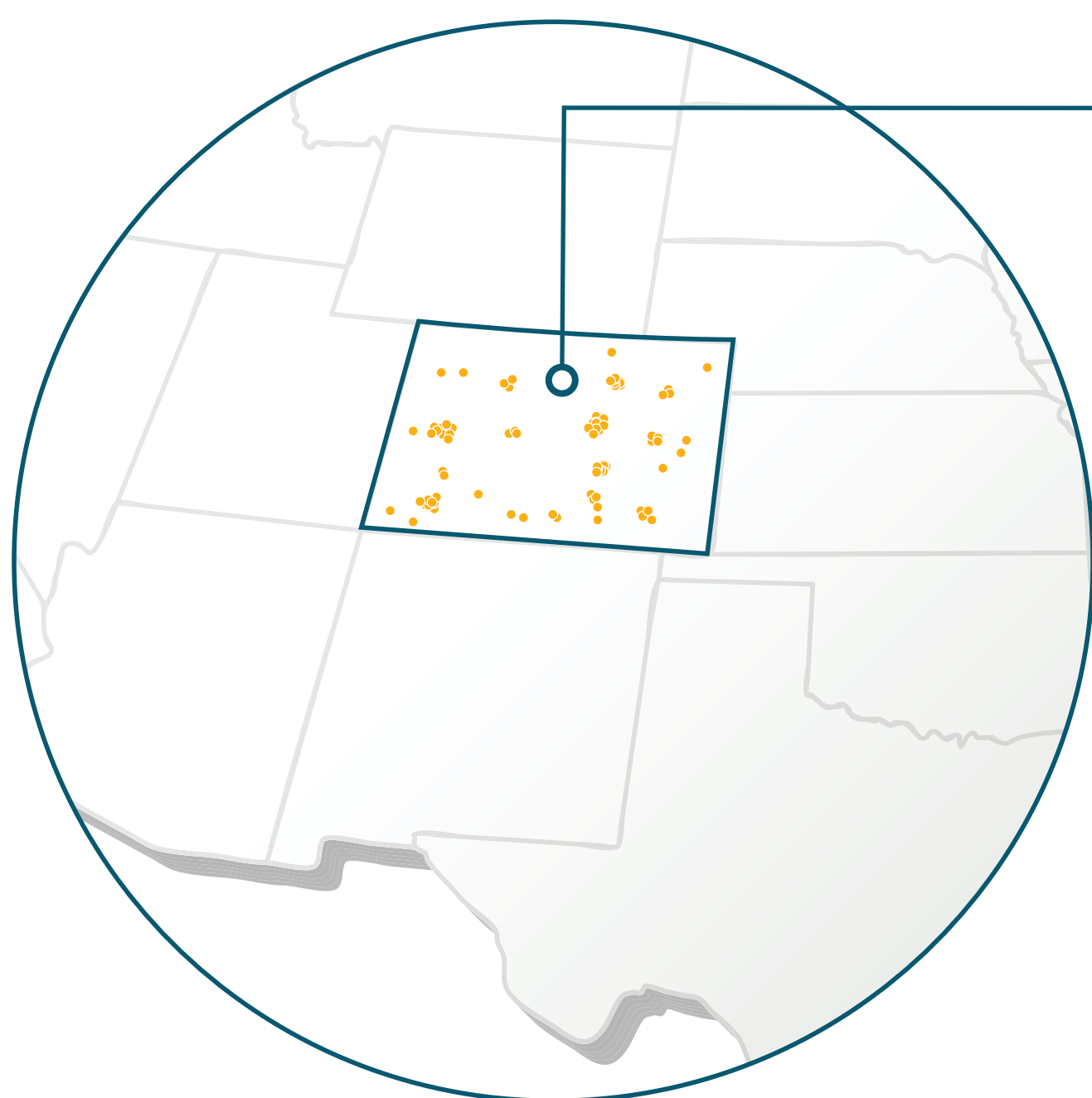
# INTERNATIONAL DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY RECOGNIZING THE NEED

Our students are passionate about helping the Colorado community, but they also recognize the need to spread mental health resources across the globe. It is predicted that by 2020, depression will be the number one cause of disability worldwide. Here are some of the numbers driving our work:

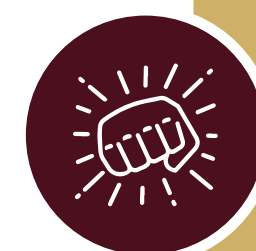


In 2018, there were 114 hate incidents perpetrated in Colorado, all by Alt Right/White Supremacy groups and individuals.

- In 2017, there were 63 reported incidents in Colorado, which included 2 murders.
- The two most-targeted groups were Jews and Muslims.
- There has been a significant increase in White Supremacist propaganda and events.



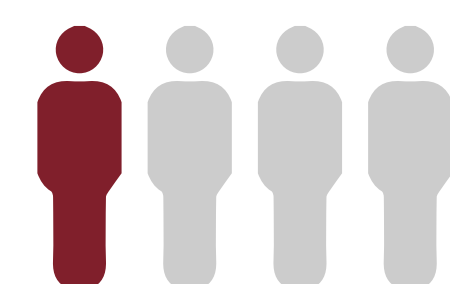
Since 1980, an average of 1,650 refugees has arrived in Colorado each year.



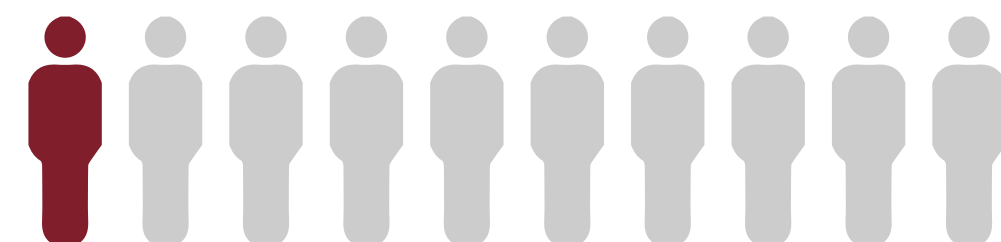
6 in 10 U.S. youth have been exposed to violence within the past year including: witnessing violence, assault with a weapon, sexual victimization, child maltreatment, and dating violence. Nearly 1 in 10 was injured.



**One in four** people in the world will be affected by mental or neurological disorders at some point in their lives (WHO, 2018).



**1 in every 10** people is estimated to need mental health care at any one time.



In low and middle income countries, **75-90%** of individuals with mental health disorders do not access treatment due to a lack of mental health resources and mental health stigma.

In low-income countries, the rate of mental health workers can be as low as 2 per 100,000 population, compared with more than 70 in high-income countries.



By the end of 2018, 70.8 million individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations.



61 percent of men and 51 percent of women report exposure to at least one lifetime traumatic event, and 90 percent of clients in public behavioral health care settings have experienced trauma.



Trauma is an almost universal theme for those who access public mental health, substance abuse help, and social services. The same is true for people who are justice-involved or homeless.



The Toll of Natural Disasters (2017)

- 335 reported disasters
- 9,697 killed
- 96 million people affected
- \$334 billion in economic damage

Total Number of People Affected by Natural Disasters in 2018:

1. India	23,900,348
2. Philippines	6,490,216
3. China	6,415,024
4. Nigeria	3,938,204
5. Guatemala	3,291,359
6. Kenya	3,211,188
7. Afghanistan	2,206,750
8. USA	1,762,103
9. Japan	1,599,497
10. Madagascar	1,472,190



# INTERNATIONAL DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY MEETING THE NEED

The Master of Arts in International Disaster Psychology (MAIDP) is designed to develop exceptional mental health professionals who will go on to work with individuals and communities around the world who are affected by traumatic events, acute and chronic civil conflict, natural disasters, and health-related pandemics. Our program is recognized for Innovative Graduate Training by both the American Psychological Association & the National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology and is the first master's degree program of its kind in the nation. Not only do students complete 90 quarter hours of specialized coursework, but they provide services in the local, national, and global communities and serve in our Trauma and Disaster Recovery Clinic (TDRC) as well.

Colorado zip codes served in 2018:

80010	80030	80206	80218	80231
80013	80110	80207	80219	80232
80014	80112	80209	80222	80233
80015	80113	80210	80223	80238
80016	80203	80211	80227	80239
80022	80204	80214	80230	80249



Clients served at the TDRC since 2015: **148**

Pro-bono hours served each year in field placements:  
**21,600 domestically | 6,400 globally**



Types of field placement sites:

- Inpatient
- Community mental health
- Refugee resettlement
- Jails
- Grief and loss centers
- Sexual assault support services
- Victim services
- Psychological first-aid services
- State behavioral and disaster health
- Identity-based violence
- Schools
- Medical centers
- Magnet schools for refugees and second-language learners
- Crisis centers and walk-in centers
- Outpatient
- Residential
- Psychiatric care
- Suicide prevention teams
- Maternal mental health and trauma research labs
- At-risk youth interventions
- Unaccompanied-minor mentorship program
- Colorado mental health
- Policy and legislation efforts



International  
Internship  
Placements



Languages served in the TDRC: 8

Arabic  
العربية

English  
English

Persian  
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Russian  
русский

Spanish  
Español

Swahili  
Kiswahili

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