

Ashley Brooks-Russell, PhD, MPH: Injury and Violence Prevention Center, University of Colorado



Ashley Brooks-Russell directs the Injury and Violence Prevention Center at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora Colorado. She has been a core member of this group (formally known as the Program for Injury Prevention Education and Research) since joining the faculty at the University of Colorado in 2014. She is an Associate Professor in Community and Behavioral Health at the Colorado School of Public Health.

Dr. Brooks-Russell has been involved with SAVIR since first attending as a post-doctoral fellow in 2013. She directs the Injury and Violence Prevention Center (formally known as the Program for Injury Prevention Education and Research) which has been a center member of SAVIR since its inception. She is a recent member of the Research and Science Committee and Council of Centers and looks forward to the opportunity to host the SAVIR conference in Colorado in the future.

"I look forward to the opportunity to get more involved in SAVIR in a leadership role and serve the organization on the Board of Directors for the next three years. I have the perspective of directing an injury center not currently receiving federal center funds, as well as a young and growing center. I look forward to bringing this perspective to help other centers and programs grow. I also see opportunities to increase membership and engagement, particularly in the Mountain West region, which is an area of the country with a high burden of injury outcomes. Another priority is to continue building relationships with practitioners and practice organizations. This partnership between research and practice is critical for practice-informed research and dissemination of evidence-based injury prevention."

Bio:

Dr. Brooks-Russell is an associate professor at the Colorado School of Public Health and directs the Injury & Violence Prevention Center at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Her PhD is from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in Health Behavior, after which she completed a postdoc at NICHD. She has over a decade of experience in injury prevention research and evaluation on topics including adolescent violence and suicide prevention, opioid overdose prevention, and child maltreatment. Her current research focuses on prevention of injury outcomes among adolescents and traffic injury prevention, particularly cannabis-impaired driving.