



## Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CCTSI)

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# Biography

Montelle Taméz joined the University of Colorado Denver's Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CCTSI) as the Community Engagement Program Manager on December 1, 2010. With more than 10 years' experience in the public health sector, and applying strong expertise in program planning and implementation, grants management and community-based health education and promotion, Montelle is a welcome addition to the Community Engagement and Research core of the CCTSI.

Prior to joining the CCTSI, Montelle was the grants manager for the Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease and Pulmonary Disease (CCPD) Competitive Grants Program and the Tobacco Education, Prevention and Cessation (TEPC) Grant Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), where she directed all pre-award aspects of the multi-million dollar grant programs and supported the legislatively-mandated Review Committees. Montelle also oversaw the provision of technical assistance and training to more than 70 grant recipients, establishing protocols for assessing needs and delivering outcomes-based strategies. Throughout her time at CDPHE, Montelle engaged in a diverse array of cross-functional, statewide activities designed to develop linkages between the Amendment 35 grant programs and other chronic disease initiatives, surveillance, and evaluation initiatives.

Prior to her position at CDPHE, Montelle was employed by the American Cancer Society, managing community-based cancer control and health initiative programs. She represented the American Cancer Society as a scientific partner on the Latino/a Cancer Prevention Network and numerous coalitions and task forces. Throughout her educational and professional career, Montelle has been an active participant in efforts to address health disparities, particularly in the Latino/a Community.

Montelle was raised in Colorado Springs and attended Colorado State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences, with a focus in Journalism and Speech Communications and a certificate in Latino Studies. Montelle plans to pursue a Masters of Public Health from the University of Colorado's School of Public Health.