Leslye Steptoe, PhD is the Vice President of Diversity & Inclusiveness at the Mental Health Center of Denver. She is primarily responsible for the design and implementation of an evidence-based approach to cultural proficiency and works within all levels of the organization to connect Diversity & Inclusiveness with the Mental Health Center of Denver’s strategic mission and vision.

Dr. Steptoe has been with Mental Health Center of Denver since 2014 and in the Diversity & Inclusiveness field for 16 years (12 years in postsecondary education).

She has developed workplace evaluations and assessment tools as well as a variety of experiential learning opportunities for staff.

She is committed to building strong external networks to ensure the Mental Health Center of Denver is an engaged partner in the communities in which it lives and serves.

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Known for her dynamic training style, Dr. Steptoe believes that D&I doesn’t have to be d-u-l-l. Join her for an interactive, engaging experience focused on expanding cultural self-awareness and improving intercultural communication and understanding.

Dr. Steptoe has presented at national conference as well as provided in-dept consultation to others.

Examples of presentations and workshops include: “Limit. Less: Cultural foundations of good communication,” “Water, water everywhere: Cultural self-assessment,” and “D&I Questions and Answers to Problem Solving”.

Top 5 Strengths:
Learner, Achiever, Context, Positivity, Arranger