

Former Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher, who trains groups on the risk of terror recruitment, it's time to implement programs that prevent youth from becoming radicalized in the first place.

"The real missing piece has been in helping kids succeed academically, socially, athletically, so they can achieve a portion of the American Dream," Fletcher said.

In years past, the bulk of federal money to help local communities fight extremist ideology has gone to bolster outreach initiatives within law enforcement, rather than to Somali-American organizations that are already working within the community, Fletcher said.

"In the past five years, we've done tons of outreach. Every Somali leader knows every government leader," Fletcher said. "Now we actually have to do the work on the ground where programs are built to help kids succeed."