

## Douglas County Youth Initiative

Dear Castle Rock Town Council:

June 16, 2017

Thank you for the opportunity to request funding for 2018. In the 12 years the Youth Initiative has been serving Douglas County, there has been tremendous growth and success. DCYI is a great example of funders and community members coming together to assist the families of Douglas County. This request will detail the programs under the DCYI umbrella, along with our budget and 2018 goals.

From publishing the 1st ever Douglas County Family Resource Guide, to hosting youth related events, providing a Youth Congress, and hosting a quarterly educational series, DCYI is a community asset serving the schools, the legal system, child welfare, the community-at-large, and most importantly, the children and families of Douglas County.

We hope you enjoy reviewing this request and learning about the many projects and programs of the Youth Initiative. If you have questions, please contact us any time.

Best Regards,

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# DCYI EVENTS:

## Outstanding Youth Awards

Each April, DCYI selects 10 outstanding youth who have overcome personal adversity and created positive change in their lives. The awards program provides business, community and civic leaders an opportunity to actively demonstrate their belief in, and support for, young people in our community. In 2017, three out of the 10 selected were from Castle Rock!



## Youth Congress

Each Fall, students are invited to work with community members and elected officials in a Youth Congress allowing them the opportunity to share their ideas and give feedback. Participants work on policy development and make presentations on their findings. Held at the State Capitol, 9-12 graders hear from subject matter experts on a variety of issues, and then tackle these complicated problems. From unifying the teen curfew, to working on the prevention of bullying, they learn how challenging it is to write policy.

## Educational Series

DCYI hosts quarterly Lunch-n-Learns presenting on a variety of topics. When DCYI learns of a topic or issue that the community may be interested in, we invite speakers to present on that topic. We have offered presentations on, Autism, Mitigating Negative Behaviors, Prevention of Teen Suicide, and Drugs in our Community. Well attended and well received, DCYI is proud to offer these trainings to the community-at-large.

## **JUVENILE JUSTICE:** Helping the community realize the importance of Teen Court, the Towns of Parker, Castle Rock, City of Lone Tree and DCYI assisted in the development of Teen Court in Lone Tree. Also, through DCYI's efforts of collaborating with various juvenile justice agencies, DCYI helps coordinate service plans, so families can receive support as they go through this system.

# WRAPAROUND:

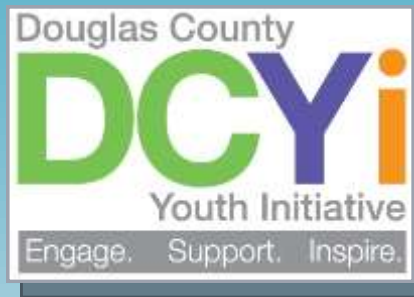
WrapAround is an *intensive, individualized care planning and management process*. WrapAround is not a treatment *per se*. The WrapAround *process* aims to achieve positive outcomes by providing a structured, creative and individualized team planning process that results in plans that are effective and relevant to the child and family.



- WRAP is a voluntary program helping families solve difficult issues by identifying family strength and tackling family issues. A child must be between ages of 5-21. Most meetings take place in the home, and the process can last up to 12 months.
- A family can be referred to the program via self-referral, schools, Juvenile Assessment Center, or any number of agencies.
- A WrapAround facilitator meets the family to explain the process and highlight the voluntary and family-friendly nature . The facilitator listens to the family's take on their situation and conducts a strengths-based assessment.
- With support from the WrapAround team, the family develops an action plan. The Facilitator continues to provide advocacy and support services, while the family works on their individual plan.

In 2017, DCYI received 150 referrals, and worked with 80 families, representing 200 children, adults, and community partners. WrapAround strives to help families and save the community money, by helping students be less disruptive in school, finishing high school, experiencing fewer law enforcement contacts, and coordinating appropriate and needed services.

WRAP evaluates each family's involvement in 10 areas of importance. Average involvement is 60%. At this rate, we estimate saving the community approximately \$11-15,000 per family.



The Youth Initiative is a county-wide program that coordinates the various youth-serving efforts of Douglas County while determining the needs of its youngest residents. These activities are accomplished through different programs including a Youth and Family Resource Guide, an awards program, Youth Congress, and a WrapAround program. Funding for the program comes from the Partnership of Douglas County Governments. Additional details can be found at <http://www.douglas.co.us/community/partners-and-providers/youth-initiative/>.

### **Members of the Youth Initiative Advisory Board:**

- City of Lone Tree: Council Member Jay Carpenter
- Douglas County Government: Commissioner Lora Thomas, Deputy County Manager Barbara Drake, and Project Manager Maureen Waller
- Douglas County Libraries: Trustees, Eleanor Brown, Ron Cole, and Sean Duffy
- Douglas County School District: Director Wendy Vogel, and Prevention and School Culture Coordinator Staci McCormack
- Highlands Ranch Metro District: Director Renee Anderson
- Town of Castle Rock: Council Member Jason Bower
- Town of Larkspur: Town Manager Matt Krimmer
- Town of Parker: Council Member Joshua Raymond Rivero

### **DCYI Vision**

The Douglas County Youth Initiative envisions a community in which youth are involved, valued, productive, protected and healthy.

### **DCYI Mission**

Our mission is to unite the Douglas County community, including youth, parents, agencies, governments, schools, nonprofits and other adults, in our mutual efforts to serve the families of Douglas County.

**For more information about the Douglas County Youth Initiative, please watch the following videos:**

<https://vimeo.com/135083402> and <https://vimeo.com/123226792>



**To contact DCYI: call the DCYI Program Manager , Marsha Alston, at 303-814-5327**

2018 SERVICE ORGANIZATION FUNDING APPLICATION

**ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDING: Douglas County Youth Initiative**

I. 2018 FUNDING REQUEST (Please use this form for this information and not another format.)

Breakdown of funds (For what specifically would monies from the Town be used?)

<u>WRAP: personnel</u>	<u>6.7% - \$17,354</u>
<u>Events</u>	<u>6.7% - \$536</u>
<u>Cell Phones</u>	<u>6.7% - \$185</u>
<u>Mileage</u>	<u>6.7% - \$1,005</u>
<u>Training</u>	<u>6.7% - \$335</u>
<u>Supplies &amp; Misc</u>	<u>6.7% - \$384</u>

TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST \$ 19,800

II. 2018 PROJECTED ORGANIZATION BUDGET

(Please use this form for this information and not another format.)

2018 projected organizational budget

*(Including funding from the Town)*

Projected sources of revenue

<u>DC School District</u>	<u>\$75,750</u>
<u>Douglas County</u>	<u>\$75,750</u>
<u>Lone Tree</u>	<u>\$19,800</u>
<u>Castle Rock</u>	<u>\$19,800</u>
<u>Parker</u>	<u>\$19,800</u>
<u>Library</u>	<u>\$19,800</u>
<u>HR Metro District</u>	<u>\$19,800</u>
<u>Dept. of Human Services</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>

TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE \$ 295,000

Projected expenditures

*(By major budget category)*

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>\$259,008</u>
<u>Events</u>	<u>\$8,000</u>
<u>Cell Phones</u>	<u>\$2,760</u>
<u>Mileage</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
<u>Training</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
<u>Supplies &amp; Misc</u>	<u>\$5,732</u>

TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES \$ 295,500

January 13-2017

To whom it may concern,

In December of 2016, we were introduced to Wrap-Around. At that time we had no idea of what the program had to offer. As a family, we were lost and running out of options for our 16 year old daughter. We were in and out of court, not knowing what to expect. Her online school at that time was a terrible fit for her. We were at our wit's ends.

One of the requirements from the judge was to contact Wrap-Around. I was so overwhelmed and honestly did not want to deal with anyone else. I contacted Patsy Bjork, and she was so delightful to talk to. We set up a time for her and Tena Ryker to come and meet us.

That day changed our whole entire outlook on everything. They both gave us hope in which we had lost.

From that day forward, they were with us every step of the way. They both made sure that everything went smoothly. They kept in contact with us, and visited us at least twice a month.

**"By working with WrapAround, our family was able to successfully work through many issues that resulted in greater stability and safety for our family."**

**-2016 Castle Rock WrapAround Client**

**Letter One: 16 year old, in court for truancy, now attending and will graduate Spring, 2017**

They came to every single meeting and court date that we had to attend. Most importantly they stood up for our daughter when she was most vulnerable. They saw the good in her, and that meant everything to us.

We couldn't have done it without Wrap-Around. The love and support we felt will never be forgotten. Our daughter is doing exceptional and is graduating this May.

We can't thank Patsy and Tena enough for their kindness and support, they changed our lives and we will be forever grateful for them and this wonderful program.

Sincerely,

# DCYI 2018 GOALS:

1. Serve 80-100 families via WRAP
2. Establish Teen Court for unincorporated youth: on-going; working with District Attorney's Office to offer Teen Court to Highlands Ranch youth
3. Begin an Early Prevention Program for children ages 0-10
4. Obtain a 4th year grant from the State Dept. of Human Services
5. Offer Project Upstream and Strategic Planning meetings to all DCSD schools
6. Develop a youth board – on-going; working on Youth Congress participants to serve as an advisory group
7. Add additional member to the WrapAround Professional Review Team
8. Community savings; work with County's Data Analyst to review DCYI's cost saving tool
9. Send Family Support Partner to state training and certification process
10. Continue working on Truancy related services with the school district and the Courts