



Douglas County Youth Initiative Report



Founded by Douglas County elected leaders in 2005, DCYI is a collaborative program, assisting the County-at-large with issues pertaining to youth and families.

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Vision

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

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:

- Collaborate effectively as a seamless continuum of services.
- Advocate for system improvements that will better serve youth and families of Douglas County.
- Support youth and encourage their contributions to the broader community.
- Effectively intervene with youth who are endangered by their decisions and/or situation.
- Support and expand opportunities for youth to express viewpoints.
- Support parents with resources, education and unconditional care.

The Douglas County Youth Initiative

Working hard, so DC YOUTH and families are involved, valued, protected, and healthy

What do we do?

- *Educate
- *Interact with families
- *Help
- *Act as a resource
- *Recognize and grow youth leaders
- *Help youth who are struggling
- *Support parents with their at-risk youth

Who is our audience?

- *Youth 5-21
- *Families
- *DCSD
- *DHS
- *Court involved youth
- *At-risk youth
- *Law Enforcement involved youth
- *Mental Health Professionals

How do we do the above?

- *WrapAround
- *Truancy Project
- *Youth Related activities
- *La Liga
- *Juntos/4H
- *Youth Awards
- *Youth Congress
- *Connections: mental health action
- *Communications, Vlogs, trainings and emails

What issues do we work on?

- *Mental Health of family and youth
- *Sub Abuse
- *Truancy
- *Making sure kids go to school
- *Youth Leadership
- *Transportation
- *Pro-social/mentoring
- *Parenting
- *Kids with disabilities
- *Family dysfunction
- *Blended families
- *Imprisoned parent
- *DV
- *Child Welfare involvement
- *GED help
- *Homelessness

