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Douglas County Youth Initiative's 2018 Mid-Year Report

Douglas County Youth Initiative Overview

Dear Castle Rock Town Council,

DCYI is a great example of community funders coming together to support DCYI and we thank you for your support! As you may remember, in 2004, the Partnership of Douglas County Governments decided to look into County-wide youth and family services. This was due, in part to the Columbine High School shooting, but was also due to the fact that there were few youth activities in the County.

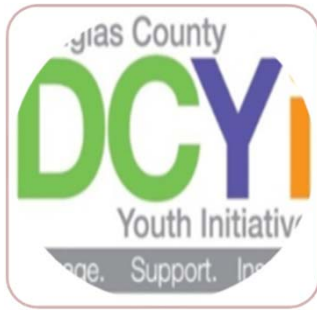
In the 14 years since, DCYI is a community asset serving the schools, the legal system, child welfare, the community-at-large, and most importantly, the children and families of Douglas County. From assisting students graduate from high school, to keeping families together and self sufficient, the Youth Initiative is an effective program.

“DCYI - an opportunity to assist children and families while bringing the entire community together; addressing pressing and complex issues; and providing education and resources to assist Douglas County children and families.”



The Youth Initiative is a collaborative project funded and overseen by the following members of the Partnership of Douglas County Governments:

- Douglas County School District – Director, Wendy Vogel
- Douglas County Government – Commissioner Diane Holbert, Barbara Drake, Deputy County Manager, Maureen Waller, Senior Manager
- City of Lone Tree – Councilman Jay Carpenter
- Town of Castle Rock – Councilman Jason Bower
- Town of Parker – Councilman Josh Rivero
- Library District – Trustees, Cliff Davidson, Youth Librarian
- Highlands Ranch Metro District – Director, Renee Anderson
- Larkspur – Sharon Roman, Deputy Clerk



Vision and Mission

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.

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.

Funding

Beginning in 2005, each DCYI partner enters into an IGA. Annual contributions are listed below, and have only increased one time.

Douglas County School District Re-1:	\$35,750
Douglas County:	\$35,750
Douglas County Libraries	\$19,800
Town of Castle Rock:	\$19,800
Town of Parker:	\$19,800
City of Lone Tree:	\$19,800
Highlands Ranch Metro District	\$19,800

*Douglas County School District Re-1	\$40,000
*Douglas County:	\$40,000

*Douglas County and the Douglas County School District each give a total of: \$75,750.00.



Programs

1. WRAPAROUND
2. PROJECT UPSTREAM
3. SOURCES OF STRENGTH

1.

High-Fidelity Wrap-Around Quick Facts

Who It's For?

Youth with significant mental health challenges and their families.



What It Does?

Partners with kids & families to develop a sound plan that ensures families feel supported & needs are met.



Why It's Better?

Offers individualized solutions customized to individual needs; youth and families take ownership of their plan.



How Long Does It Take?

The process generally takes 10-14 months.



WrapAround:

Wrap Around Program:

One Full time
Facilitator and
Family Support
Partner

In 2018 thus far, DCYI WrapAround has received 75 referrals, and worked with 35 families. WRAP's conservative potential cost savings, due to less disruption in school, students completing high school, fewer law enforcement contacts, receiving appropriate and needed services, etc., is thought to be between \$550,000—\$750,000 annually, as determined by an average 60% rate of involvement in 10 life domains. Please see next slide for further information.

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

*-Castle Rock WRAP
FAMILY
(Family had an open
Child Welfare case.)*

WrapAround's Ten Life Domains

1. <u>SCHOOL</u>	2. <u>MENTAL HEALTH DX</u>	3. <u>CHILD WEL-FARE</u>	4. <u>COURT</u>	5. <u>POLICE/DCSO</u>	6. <u>GEN.</u>	7. <u>HEALTH</u>	8. <u>BASIC NEEDS NOT MET</u>	9. <u>PARENTING</u>	10. <u>FINANCES</u>
TRUANT	HOSPITALIZED	OUT OF HOME RISK; LOW, MED, HIGH	CHARGES	GENERAL INVOLVE-MENT	DV	SUB-ABUSE	HOUSING	LACK OF PARENTING SKILLS	LACK OF RESOURCES
DIS- RUPTIVE / REPEAT DIS- MISSALS	MH DIAGNOSIS	DHS INVOLVE MENT?	PROBATION	REPEAT VISITS	TRAUMA	DIS- ABILITY	TRANS- POR- TATION	BEYOND CONTROL OF PARENT	UNDER EMPLOYED
EX- PELLED	BIPOLAR	Voluntary case open?	DYC	KNOWN TO PATROL AS HIGH RISK	ADOPTED	ILLNESS	FOOD	FAMILY CONFLICT	UNEMPLOYED
SUB- STANCE ABUSE	SUICIDE / SUICIDAL IDEATION	Referrals	PRE TRIAL		FOSTER CHILD	OBESE	NO HEALTH INSUR- ANCE	LACK OF RESOURCES; TRAINING, EDUCATION	UNDER INSURED/NOT INSURED
BULLIED	CUTTING	Screen outs	OPEN NEGLECT CASE		INCARCA- RATED PARENT	TBI	HIGH COST	LACK OF NATL SUPPORTS	CAN'T AFFORD DEDUCTIBLE
IEP/SSN/ BEHV PLAN	PTSD		DIVERSION		HI CON- FFLICT DIVORCE	MS		LACK OF RESPITE	

DOMAINS IDENTIFIED:**SPECIFICALLY:**

1. School	BEHAVIORS; OFTEN REMOVED; PRESENTED AS A DANGER TO STAFF	Y
2. Mental Health	MOC; TRAUMA, PTSD; CHILD, MOOD DISORDER AND OCD	Y
3. DHS	YES; OPEN CASE WHEN WE RECVD WRAP REFL	Y
4. Courts	YES; OPEN CASE	Y
5. Law Enforcement	YES; REPEAT VISITS	Y
6. Resources	YES; NEED HELP WITH ID'ING RESOURCES; ID NATURAL SUPPORTS, RESPITE, MEDIATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND PARENTS	Y
7. General Health	DD dx	Y
8. Parenting	YES; BEYOND CONTROL; LACK OF STRUCTURE	Y
9. Financial	YES; CANNOT AFFORD IN-HOME SERVICES	Y
10. General	NO	N
10 DOMAINS	#9 – 90%	

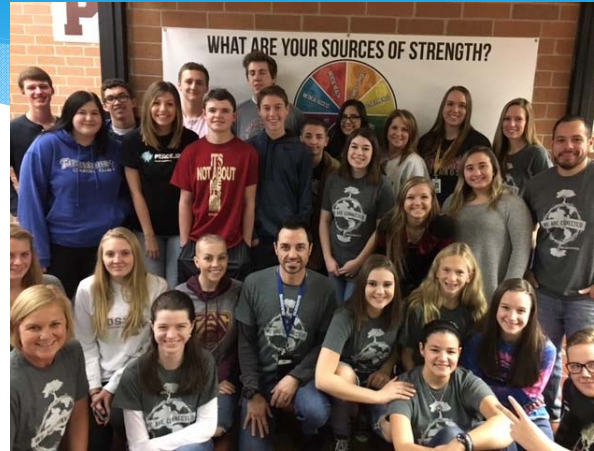
Potential coast savings:**1ST Quadrant/ 1-25%: \$0-5,000****2ND Quadrant/ 26-50%: \$6,000-10,000****3RD Quadrant/ 51-75%: \$11,000 – 15,000****4TH Quadrant/ 76-100%: \$16,000 – 20,000**

ABLE TO HELP CLOSE THE DHS CASE AND THE COURT CASE. HELPED GET CHILD SERVICES VIA DP; HELPED IDENTIFY SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILY; HELPED MOM WITH RESPITE; OBTAINED IN-HOME SERVICES SO PARENTS COULD LEARN EFFECTIVE PARENTING STRATEGIES; CHANGED TO AN APPROPRAITE SCHOOL; NO POLICE INVOLVEMENT; NO CHARGES; HELPED TO KEEP CHILD SAFE IN THE HOME

2. Project Upstream



- A program of the Mental Health Initiative, and now DCYI, this program offers facilitated meetings for all DCSD middle schools.
- Upstream and DCSD work together, along with various community partners, to facilitate meetings for DCSD staff, families and community partners to help with resources to mitigate risk factors.
- An example – a 7th grader is missing school, not fitting in, is angry, poor grades – so a Project Upstream meeting is scheduled with teachers, counselors, family and student. A Facilitator comes in and helps all involved come up with a plan to help student improve in all areas, hopefully preventing the youth from school discipline and community involvement.



3. DCYI learned of Sources of Strength following a Youth Congress. Not wanting to duplicate suicide prevention efforts, DCYI worked with DCSD to support this program, help increase the schools that offer Sources, and helped find funding (\$25,000 via the DCSO).



What is Sources? Sources of Strength is a youth suicide prevention model designed to harness the power of peer social networks to change unhealthy norms and culture, ultimately preventing suicide, bullying, and substance abuse. The mission of Sources of Strength is to prevent suicide by increasing help seeking behaviors and promoting connections between peers and caring adults. Sources of Strength moves beyond a singular focus on risk factors by utilizing an upstream approach for youth suicide prevention. This upstream model strengthens multiple sources of support (protective factors) around young individuals so that when times get hard they have strengths to rely on.

Over the past few years, Sources is credited in saving at least 7 Douglas County teens, who had planned on dying by suicide.

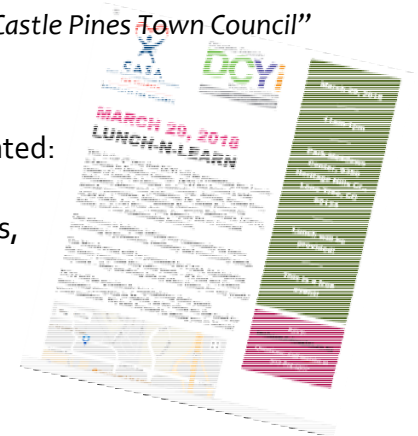


Special Events



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- **Youth Congress** – in 2017, 200 DCSD students attended; District Attorney George Brauchler was our Key-Note Speaker; youth presented resolutions to Community Leaders on the following topics:
 - Community Events for Older Teens; Vocational Training; Mental Health in Schools; Truancy; Unified Curfew; Expanding Community Service opportunities; Youth Representation at Local Government Level
 - Youth Congress past speakers: Reggie Rivers, a Teen Court Mock Trial, a Mayoral Forum, Dr. Jim Baroffio, child psychologist, Deputy DA on Internet safety, and the Co Fiscal Institute
- **Outstanding Youth Awards** – Ten local DCSD teens are honored each year; in 2018 four students received \$1,000 each by local donors. Recent email: *"Thank you Marsha! I was honored to attend this event and congratulate these amazing teens! Melissa Coudeyras, Castle Pines Town Council"*
- **Quarterly Community Educational Series** – Topics presented: Autism, Appropriate Screen time, Substance Abuse and Addiction, Dr. Scott Poland on suicide prevention, Mitigating Negative Behaviors, LGBTQ, ACES Study, Art from Ashes presentation, Deputy DA on Internet Safety, presentation from the Relationship Institute and Overview of the CASA Mentoring Program



Community!
Offer trainings
and workshops



La Liga soccer group cleaned up Festival Park! They wanted to give back!

- DCYI presented Art from Ashes, February – March, 2018: *“He has loved having the opportunity to be a part of this group. Thank you so much for including him.”*
- Soccer! May – July 2018. Partnering with: local church, Tri-County Health, and the school district offering free soccer with Spanish speaking coaches and refs. *“This girl has been wanting to play soccer for 2 years and could not find a group that fit her needs. I’m so happy she has this opportunity I could cry. “ “This is AWESOME! Thank you! District Court Magistrate, 18th Judicial District*



DCYI Goals, 2018-19:

- Continue assisting students in graduating from High School; seven in the last six years
- Investigate additional family engagement tools to address needs
- Respond to community needs and provide tools to address needs: Assess County-wide youth and family needs via a Youth and Family Survey in 2019
- Increase attendance to various DCYI events
- Have Credentialed staff for WrapAround



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For information on the DCYI's WrapAround program, call, 303-663-6233.

WrapAround is a program of DCYI and a facilitated process helping families solve difficult issues.

FOR THE WRAP REFERRAL FORM, PLEASE COPY THIS INTO YOUR BROWSER: <http://www.douglas.co.us/documents/wraparound-referral-form.pdf>

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DCYI, CHECK OUT THESE TWO BRIEF VIDEOS:

<https://vimeo.com/135083402>

<https://vimeo.com/123226792>

Thanks to the partners that make this possible:

