

# Douglas County Youth Initiative Report



# 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, via our WrapAround program
- \*Support parents with their at-risk youth

## Who is our audience?

- \*Youth 5-21
- \*Families
- \*DCSD
- \*DHS and Child Welfare
- \*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


**Kirsten Manley**  
Castle View High School's  
Outstanding Youth in 2021



KIRSTEN HAS OVERCOME SEVERE TRAUMA IN HER LIFE, BUT HAS FLOURISHED AND NOW HAS A 4.0 IN HER SENIOR YEAR.

Kirsten has inspired many from difficult backgrounds with her spirit of perseverance.

Nominated by  
Dr. Theathy  
Sumnerin, School  
Counselor



**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.**

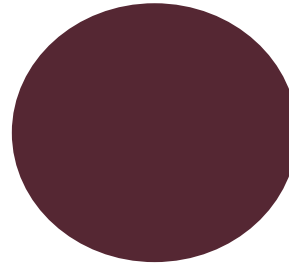
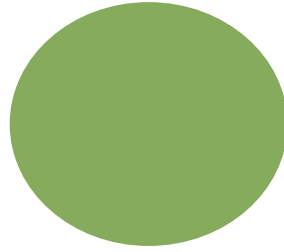
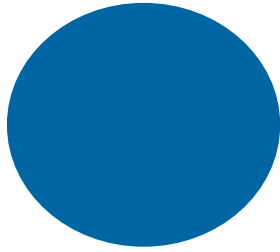
### **Vision**

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.



**The Youth Initiative is funded and overseen by the following members of the Partnership of Douglas County Governments. The 2022 Youth Initiative Advisory Board:**

- City of Lone Tree, Council Member and DCYI Chair, Jay Carpenter
- Douglas County Government, Commissioner Abe Laydon, Deputy County Manager, Barbara Drake, and Maureen Waller, Project Manager
- Douglas County Libraries, Trustee, Suzanne Burkholder, Jamie Gotlieb, Youth Librarian
- Douglas County School District, Director Becky Meyers, Dr. Stephanie Crawford, and Zach Hess, Director, Prevention and Wellness
- Highlands Ranch Metro District, Director, Andy Jones
- Town of Castle Rock, Council Member, Tim Dietz
- Town of Parker, Councilmember, Joshua Rivero
- City of Castle Pines, Council Member, Deborah Mulvey

## 2021 DCYI Special Events

### Outstanding Youth Awards

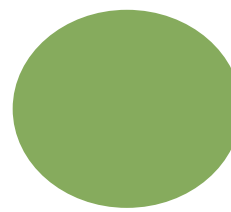
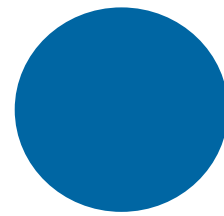
Each Spring, DCYI selects 10 outstanding youth who have overcome personal adversity and created positive change in their lives. The awards program provides business, community and civic leaders an opportunity to actively demonstrate their belief and support for the young people in our community.

### Youth Congress

Each Fall, students are invited to work with community and elected officials in a Youth Congress that allows them the opportunity to share their ideas and give feedback on issues pertaining to them. Held at the State Capitol, 9-12 graders, hear from subject matter experts on a variety of issues, and then tackle solving these complicated problems. From unifying the teen curfew, to working on the prevention of bullying, these students learn how challenging it is to govern and how they can make a difference by working together.

### Educational Series

DCYI hosts quarterly Lunch-n-Learns presenting a variety of topics. When DCYI learns of a topic or issue that the community may be interested in, we invite speakers to present to our community. 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.



## QUICK REMINDER: WHAT IS OUR LARGEST PROGRAM, WRAPAROUND, ALL ABOUT?

- Free
- Voluntary
- Work with families with youth, ages 5-21
- Work in the home, for 12-24 months
- Trying to keep kids, safe, healthy, and remain in the home
- Get to know the whole family PLUS their neighbors, friends, relatives, teachers, doctors, etc.
- Clients: Self-referral or from an agency; mostly DCSD schools and Human Services/Child Welfare
- Review each family on a scale of 10 life domains, calculated, via their needs

### Example:

- Grandparents raising two girls, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades
- 5<sup>th</sup> grader in SEL classroom
- 5th grader has been hospitalized numerous times; out of control behaviors
- Family has Kaiser
- WRAP:
- Meets with family 1 a week
- Met with school to help
- Coordinates services
- Arranges for services
- Listens
- Family has stated that we have done more for them than any other service
- Working with the family on how to parent children coming from a very dysfunctional setting
- Their domain number: 6, or 60%

## TEN LIFE DOMAINS

1. SCHOOL	2. MENTAL HEALTH DX	3. CHILD WELFARE	4. COURT	5. POLICE/DCSO	6. GEN	7. HEALTH	8. BASIC NEEDS	9. PARENTING	10. FINANCES
TRUANT	HOSPITAL	OUT OF HOME RISK; LOW, MED, HIGH	CHARGES	GENERAL INVOLVEMENT	DV	SUB-ABUSE	HOUSING	LACK OF PARENTING SKILLS	LACK OF RESOURCES
<u>DISRUPTIVE</u>	MH DIAGNOSIS	DHS INVOLVEMENT	PROBATION	REPEAT VISITS	TRAUMA	DISABLED	<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>	BEYOND CONTROL	UNDER EMPLOYED
<u>EXPELED</u>	BIPOLAR		DYC	KNOWN TO PATROL AS HIGH RISK	ADOPTED	ILLNESS	FOOD	PARENTAL CONFLICT	UNEMPLOYED
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	SUICIDE / SUICIDAL IDEATION		<u>PRE TRIAL</u>		FOSTER CHILD	OBESE	NO HEALTH <u>INSURANCE</u>	LACK OF RESOURCES; <u>TRAININGS, EDUCATION</u>	UNDER INSURED/NOT INSURED
BULLIED	CUTTING		OPEN NEGLECT CASE		<u>INCARCERATED</u>	<u>TBI</u>		LACK OF SUPPORT	CAN'T AFFORD DEDUCTIBLE
<u>IEP/SSN/BEHV PLAN</u>	PTSD		DIVERSION		<u>HI CONFLICT DIVORCE</u>	MS		LACK OF RESPITE	



### DCYI WrapAround Program and Referral Form

- WRAP is a free and voluntary program helping families solve difficult issues. A child must be between ages of 5-21 to be referred. 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 or community programs.
- A WrapAround family facilitator meets the family to explain the process and highlight the voluntary and family-friendly nature of the process. The facilitator listens to the family's take on their situation and conducts a strengths-based assessment.
- Based on the needs and strengths assessment, the family and facilitator will identify people to be invited to a WrapAround team meeting; the majority of people invited are friends, relatives, doctors or whomever.
- With support from the WrapAround team, the family implements an action plan. The Facilitator continues to provide advocacy, referrals, and support services.

Thanks in advance for completing this form thoroughly to assist us in contacting the family! WRAP will keep you posted about your referral. Fax to 303-484-5728 or email to malston@douglas.co.us Questions? Call WrapAround at 303-660-7424. Thank you.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Referred by:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Family Referred:** \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother/Legal Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ Home #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Father/Legal Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ Home #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ Home #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Client: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnicity:**  African American  Caucasian  Hispanic  Native American  Asian  Other

**Interpreter Needed?**  Yes  No **Special Accommodation Needs, if any:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who Lives in the Home?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children Living in the Home:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  M  F

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  Not Attending  Not Enrolled

Special Education:  Yes  No Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  M  F

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Special Education:  Yes  No Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

**Strengths/Interests (Family & Individual):** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Needs/Reason for Referral:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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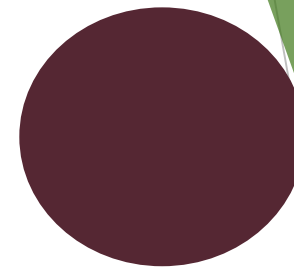
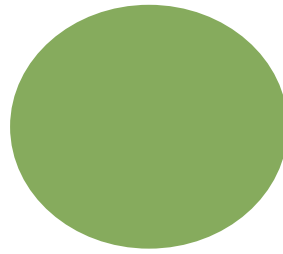
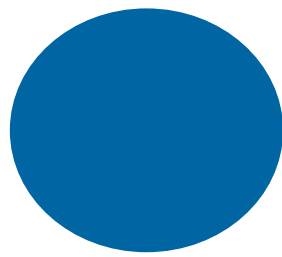
**Safety Concerns?**  Yes  No **Please Describe:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current / Pending Legal Proceedings:** \_\_\_\_\_



<https://www.douglas.co.us/community/partners-and-providers/youth-initiative/wraparound-referral-form>





## DCYI Goals 2022:

- Continue assisting students in graduating from High School; 11 in the last six years
- Continue to increase attendance to DCYI events
- Work on Teen Suicide Prevention with DCSD and community members
- Work on promoting Sources of Strength - helping develop a community promotion plan with DCSD
- Teen Court Collaboration
- Continue developing a strategic plan focusing on the seven topics selected at the 2021 Youth Needs Summit:
  - ***Parent Education and resources***
  - ***Coordination of mental health services and resources***
  - ***Substance Use Prevention***
  - ***Youth Mentorship***
  - ***Developing youth leadership***
  - ***Transportation***

## DCYI 2021



<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2021</b>
Castle Rock	19,800
Parker	19,800
Lone Tree	19,800
Castle Pines	19,800
Douglas County Government	75,750
Douglas County Libraries	19,800
Highlands Ranch Metro	19,800
DCSD	75,750
TANF	25,000
Child Welfare	10,000
	<b>305,300</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Salaries	226,634
Benefits	61,356
Mileage	9,000
Cell Phones	2,160
Program Costs:	
Youth Congress	2,500
La Liga	3,000
Lunch-n-Learns	None due to COVID
Outstanding Youth	650
	<b>305,300</b>

Castle Rock contributes 6% of total DCYI budget.

\*WrapAround costs are salary, benefits, cell phones, and mileage. Estimated cost savings from WrapAround are estimated to be, \$15,000 per family served. Average #30 families served in 12 months, representing \$450,000 in cost savings.