

June 23, 2022

Town of Castle Rock
100 Wilcox St.
Castle Rock, CO 80104



Dear Town Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to request funding for 2023. The Town of Castle Rock has been a major supporter of the Youth Initiative and on behalf of those we serve, thank you for your loyal support.

As many of you are aware, the Youth Initiative is a major collaboration between Douglas County entities. It is truly the definition of partnership as we work together to serve our youth. The Town's contribution helps leverage each group's contribution. In addition to Castle Rock, we currently receive funding from the Town of Parker, City of Lone Tree, the Library District, the School District, Douglas County Government, the City of Castle Pines, and the Highlands Ranch Metro District. In 2022, we will also receive funds from: The Douglas County Department of Human Services.

This year we are requesting \$19,800 from the Town; the same amount as the past seven years. We are also requesting this amount from the City of Castle Pines, Library District, Parker, Highlands Ranch, and Lone Tree. The School District and the County contribute higher amounts, \$75,750 each.

For these contributions, the Youth Initiative provides numerous services and programs, outlined on page two, reaching hundreds of County residents. Over the past four years we have added new programs at no extra cost.

The Douglas County Youth Initiative would not be possible without the support of municipalities and other members of the Partnership. The structure of the Youth Initiative ensures that each financial contributor has oversight. This is accomplished by each funder appointing an elected official to the Advisory Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to request funding.

Sincerely,

Marsha Alston / Youth Services Program Manager / malston@douglas.co.us / 303-995-4251

Current members of the Advisory Board:

- Josh Rivero, Councilman, Town of Parker
- Tim Dietz, Councilwoman, Town of Castle Rock
- Marissa Harmon, Councilman, City of Lone Tree
- Chris Eubanks, City of Castle Pines
- Abe Laydon, Douglas County
- Andy Jones, Director, Highlands Ranch Metro District
- Becky Myers, Director, Board of Education
- Rick LaPointe, Libraries

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

Who is our audience?

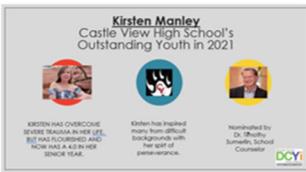
*Youth 5-21 *Families *DCSD *DHS and Child Welfare *Court involved youth
 *At-risk youth *Law Enforcement involved youth *Mental Health Professionals

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



2022 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, 5th and 7th grades
- 5th 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
DISRUPTIVE	MH DIAGNOSIS	DHS INVOLVEMENT	PROBATION	REPEAT VISITS	TRAUMA	DISABLED	TRANSPORTATION	BEYOND CONTROL	UNDER EMPLOYED
EXPELED	BIPOLAR		DYC	KNOWN TO PATROL AS HIGH RISK	ADOPTED	ILLNESS	FOOD	PARENTAL CONFLICT	UNEMPLOYED
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	SUICIDE / SUICIDAL IDEATION		PRE TRIAL		FOSTER CHILD	OBESE	NO HEALTH INSURANCE	LACK OF RESOURCES; TRAININGS, EDUCATION	UNDER INSURED/NOT INSURED
BULLIED	CUTTING		OPEN NEGLECT CASE		INCARCERATED	TBI		LACK OF SUPPORT	CAN'T AFFORD DEDUCTIBLE
IEP/SSNV/BEHV PLAN	PTSD		DIVERSION		HI CONFLICT DIVORCE	MS		LACK OF RESPITE	



Tue, Dec 7, 2021, 9:18 AM

to Marsha

Is WrapAround helpful? We were amazed at the contacts, analysis and services that Marsha, Patsy and Tena were able to introduce to us. After getting to know us and our challenges, they were able to identify the need for Trauma Therapists and help us get our 2 granddaughters into better individual therapy as well as Family Therapy.

Different from other services? Yes. They provided weekly high touch follow up and made great recommendations as our family issues evolved. It was nice not feeling like we were on a 45 min. clock with a provider.

How is it different? Tena saw us weekly and Marsha and Patsy frequently joined her. Marsha even recommended an attorney for a court appearance when one granddaughter got several police citations. After interviewing several lawyers, we found that he is a great choice. They showed concern for and made recommendations to my husband and me for our mental health and ability to deal with our granddaughters' challenges, as well.

Did you enjoy working with Marsha, Patsy and Tena? Definitely. When the school suggested Wrap Around services, I was a little skeptical that we would get a significant benefit, but these women certainly are knowledgeable, caring and spot on with their recommendations. We can definitely see improvement in our granddaughters' behavior at home.

Any improvements to the program that you would recommend? No. Wrap Around certainly exceeded our expectations!

Anything else you would like to add? We so deeply appreciate Marsha's, Patsy's and Tena's involvement in our family problems and anticipate long term improvement with the programs and recommendations that they have put in place.

3/10/22 Update

Marsha, Tena and Patsy continue to go above and beyond in terms of providing great ideas and support for our family. They organized 2 conference calls which were very impactful.

Marsha had recommended Darin Mangnall, an attorney, to represent Maddie in a court case. We've been very pleased with him and he even gave us a "Marsha" discount! She set up a conference call with Darin and we were able to share additional information about Maddie and his plans for her defense. An unexpected outcome of that meeting was Darin's introduction of a woman attorney he knew who had previously

worked in Juvenile Court. Nicole has offered to become a mentor to Maddie. Tena had suggested a horseback based mentoring program previously but Maddie was not receptive. She thoroughly enjoyed an introductory dinner with Nicole and they have plans to get together, again, next week. We feel that Maddie needs a strong, younger female role model in her life and are very excited for Nicole's positive influence.

Marsha also facilitated a conference call with the 4 therapists from 3 different organizations who work with our granddaughters to provide a forum for sharing their insights and therapy focus. It was an excellent session and everyone found value in the collaboration and suggestions. Two significant recommendations that came out of it included pursuing insurance company approval of a neuro psych evaluation for Maddie to determine if a Reactive Attachment Disorder diagnosis would be appropriate and to work with the school to enlarge a minor IEP for Maddie to better support her emotional and social behavior problems. Marsha suggested that Wrap Around can also help us with school interactions regarding the IEP which, we hope, will improve the administration's and teachers' understanding of Maddie's traumatic background and resultant behavior.

Marsha, Tena and Patsy do a great job of talking us through the girls' behaviors, providing insights into other similar situations and challenging us to make the tough decisions that are needed to improve our family life and provide for the girls' in the future. Their involvement is deeply appreciated.

Patsy 

DCYI Goals 2023:

- Continue assisting students in graduating from High School; 14 in the last seven years
- Continue to increase attendance to DCYI events
- Work on Teen Suicide Prevention with DCSD and community members
- Teen Court Collaboration
- Visit all high schools in the County, introducing elected officials to our youth
- 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***

ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDING: Douglas County Youth Initiative:

I. 2023 FUNDING REQUEST *(Please use this form for this information and not another format.)*

Breakdown of funds *(What would monies from the Town specifically be used for?)*

<u>WRAP - personnel</u>	6.5%	<u>\$ 17,341</u>
<u>Events</u>	6.5%	<u>\$520</u>
<u>Cell Phones</u>	6.5%	<u>\$179</u>
<u>Mileage</u>	6.5%	<u>\$975</u>
<u>Training</u>	6.5%	<u>\$325</u>
<u>Supplies and Misc.</u>	6.5%	<u>\$373</u>

TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST **\$ 19,800**

II. 2023 PROJECTED ORGANIZATION BUDGET *(Please use this form for this information and not another format.)*

2023 projected organizational budget *(Including funding from the Town)*

Projected sources of revenue

<u>School District</u>	<u>\$35,750</u>
<u>Douglas County</u>	<u>\$35,750</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>Highlands Ranch Metro</u>	<u>\$19,800</u>
<u>Douglas County – Additional Funding</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>
<u>School District – Additional Funding</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>
<u>Dept. of Human Services</u>	<u>\$52,780</u>

TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE **\$303,280**

Projected expenditures

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>\$266,788</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 & Misc.</u>	<u>\$5,732</u>

TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES **\$303,280**