

Douglas County Youth Initiative

Dear Castle Rock Town Council:

June 15, 2018

Thank you for the opportunity to request funding for 2019. In the 14 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 2019 goals.

From publishing the 1st ever Douglas County Family Resource Guide, to hosting youth related events, to hosting the annual Youth Congress, and hosting a quarterly educational series, DCYI is a community asset serving the schools, law enforcement, 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,

Joshua Raymond Rivero

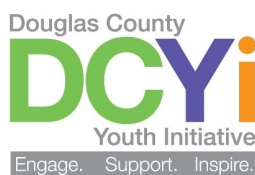
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DCYI EVENTS:

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 businesses, and community and civic leaders an opportunity to actively demonstrate their belief in, and support for, young people in the community. **In 2018, five 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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERVENTION:

Project Upstream: This program works with all middle schools, including Mesa and Castle Rock Middle School. Facilitators use positive, strength based tools to assist teachers, counselors, students, and families to identify and work on the following: truancy, disruptive behaviors, bullying, mental health concerns, threat assessments, and substance abuse. In six months, the program conducted 12 meetings with children in 7th and 8th grades, between the ages of 12-15. The mission of Project Upstream is to identify negative issues as soon as possible, thereby decreasing these behaviors as students move on to high school.

WRAPAROUND:

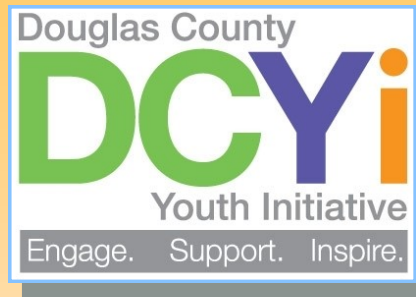
WrapAround is an *intensive, individualized care planning and management process*. WrapAround is not a treatment *per se*. The WrapAround *process* aims to achieve positive outcomes by providing a structured, creative and individualized team planning process that results in plans that are effective and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



- WRAP is a voluntary program helping families solve difficult issues by identifying family strengths 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, local police departments, 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 2018, DCYI worked with 40 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, by less school disruption, less law enforcement contact, and receiving proper services, to name just a few.



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 Diane Holbert, 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

2019 SERVICE ORGANIZATION FUNDING APPLICATION

(Please note DCYI has not requested a funding increase since 2013 and is not requesting an increase this year.)

ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDING: Douglas County Youth Initiative

I. 2019 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 & Misc</u>	<u>6.7% - \$384</u>

TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST	<u>\$ 19,800</u>
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II. 2019 PROJECTED ORGANIZATION BUDGET

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

2019 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	<u>\$ 295,000</u>
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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 & Misc</u>	<u>\$5,732</u>

TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 295,500</u>
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New for 2018, and to be repeated in 2019: DCYI began a free soccer club for Castle Rock kids! Partnering with Nueva Vida Church, Tri-County Health, and the school district, DCYI is offering free soccer games with Refs and Coaches who speak English and Spanish.

“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.” Douglas County High School teacher. “This is AWESOME! Thank you!” District Court Magistrate, 18th Judicial District.



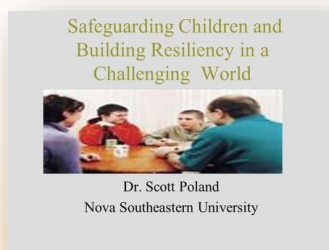
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Castle Rock soccer league has deeper mission

The Douglas County Fairgrounds' athletic fields on May 31 were buzzing...

Other special events in late 2018 include:

Dr Scott Poland: Nationally recognized speaker on teen suicide prevention and school violence – partnering with DCSD and DCSO



Tall Cop presentation with DCSD and DCYI: “High in Plain Sight”



DCYI 2019 GOALS:

- Continue assisting students in graduating from High School – 6 thus far, four from Castle View High School
- Investigate additional family engagement tools to address community needs
- Conduct a County-wide youth and family needs survey in 2019 and identify gaps in services and programs
- Increase attendance to various events
- Continue to partner with various entities so work being done is shared with the entire community and not duplicated, e.g. suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, etc.
- Work with Developmental Pathways to help children remain in their home
- Obtain credentialing for WrapAround staff
- Continue offering programs and activities to help youth connect with their community and caring adults, as that is proven to reduce harmful behaviors