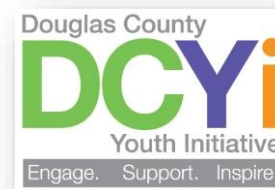


2019 Douglas County Youth Initiative Report





EXCELLENT OVERVIEW OF
WRAPAROUND by John Vandenberg,
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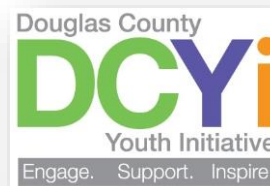


- SEVEN ISSUES THAT ARE FACING DC YOUTH AND FAMILIES TODAY, IDENTIFIED AT THE 2019 YOUTH NEEDS SUMMIT:



- DCYI is working to coordinate services/programs that already address these issues, leveraging existing work. Additionally, DCYI helps develop new ideas, building programs in incremental and tangible steps based on shared priorities. **See next page for examples.**

- 1. SUBSTANCE ABUSE - #1 REQUESTED TOPIC FOR YOUTH CONGRESS; THIS INCLUDES ALCOHOL AND VAPING**
- 2. MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AND COORDINATION**
- 3. ESTABLISHING A TRAUMA INFORMED COMMUNITY**
- 4. YOUTH TRANSPORTATION**
- 5. YOUTH VOICE AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**
- 6. PRO SOCIAL AND MENTORSHIP**
- 7. PARENT EDUCATION**



New DCYI Programs in 2019/2020



La Liga soccer, basketball, 4H, and music lessons!



Youth Empowerment Seminars for kids in Truancy Court, same as kids in Teen Court, led by Sacred Walk, coordinating with Magistrate Moss



Project Upstream: Five meetings held at Mesa Middle School this year



Lunch-n-Learns for each of the seven identified issues, to include vaping and substance abuse,



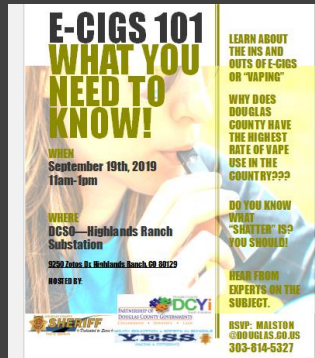
Youth Transportation: effort to have local churches provide once a week rides for middle schoolers to stay late for tutoring and activities.



"Take 10" – a bi-weekly email highlighting various topics of interest, e.g., Back to School Anxiety, Self-Esteem, 40 Assets, and Reducing Stress in a fast paced County



Youth and Adult Dinner-n-Learn, sharing ideas and feedback



Regarding our WrapAround Program: Families are continuing to stay at the 60% life domain involvement, equating to an estimated cost savings of at least \$550,000.

Brief overview of WRAP families:

Male with developmental disability, WRAP helped youth get into a higher level program at Dev Pathways, He is at home, not in care, Was in Court, charges dropped, currently working to get appropriate services in the home. **WRAP is supporting the mom who has mental health needs, this is huge as mom is the primary care giver. THIS IS WHERE WE ARE SO DIFFERENT! THIS IS WHERE OTHER SYSTEMS DO NOT ENGAGE.** Others assume that mom can arrange for services and they assume that with in-home services the parents can implement strategies – they cannot at this time.

Female: Significant issues at school, mom and dad not on same page, mom struggles with her daughter. Family needs family therapy. Mom has very high expectations and is pushing her daughter to extremes. Next step to see if we can expand the family's team and bring in natural supports. Daughter, 5th grade, punches holes in the walls of the home. She is disruptive. Very angry, has fits. **WRAP WILL WORK WITH FAMILY/MOM FOR EFFECTIVE AND HEALTHY PARENTING SKILLS. WILL HELP MOM WITH HER DYSREGULATION, SO SHE CAN THEN BE A SUPPORT FOR HER DAUGHTER. WE WILL WORK ON FINDING A GOOD THERAPIST FIT. WE WILL WORK WITH MOM AND THE SCHOOL SO ALL CAN SUPPORT DAUGHTER.**

Female: CONFLICTS WITH CO-PARENTING. CRT referral. No transportation to and from school. Daughter needs help with anxiety, pulling out her toe -nails. Need: Less conflict in the home between mom and daughter. Working on communication between parents keeping adult issues between adults and not bringing the kids into conflict. Mom has mental health issues. School reports she bullies other children.

16 yo male with significant Autism and MH, in court. Mom is overwrought, dad has health issues. **AGAIN, THIS IS WHERE WRAP IS DIFFERENT, WORKING WITH THE ENTIRE FAMILY.**

4 kids. All in truancy court at one time or another. Patsy and Tena have worked so hard with this family. The kids now text them, as does mom/aunt. Only one in Truancy Court now. One took his GED, now working. **WRAP HAS ENGAGED THE ENTIRE FAMILY. THERE IS TRUST.**

17 yo, in truancy court. Working with youth(17) to get his GED, parents don't want that, but he is not going to school. Lots of chaos, unstable housing, not appropriate housing. Tena is working with family so youth can get his GED. Need to host a large family meeting with all involved to work on GED plan. If GED does not take place, due to parents not helping, WRAP will offer to help. **Tena is checking on him daily!**

DCYI - Strategic *Doing in 2019-20*

APRIL: Hosted the Douglas County Youth needs Summit

OCTOBER: Seven topics were assigned to Youth Congress participants as topics for the 2019 Youth Congress. Over 100 9th through 12th graders were assigned to various topics. **The number one requested topic was substance abuse, which includes alcohol and vaping/smoking.**

JANUARY: A dinner-n-learn will be presented to Youth Congress participants and those who attended the Youth Needs Summit last Spring. Students will present their ideas to the adults.

In addition, Lunch-n-Learns have been scheduled each month to cover the 7 topics.

- Parent Education – Sept. - Vaping – Tri County Health – Done!
- Substance Abuse Coalition work – October 25 - Steve Martinez – Done!
- Youth Leadership and Voice: A Dinner-n-Learn, with Youth Congress participants reporting out to professionals – January 2020
- Mental Health Services and Resources: February 2020
- Connectedness/Mentorship/Pro-Social: March 2020
- Youth Transportation: April 2020
- Trauma Informed Care: May 2020