



2020 Douglas County Youth Initiative Report



DCYI: a collaborative youth serving program funded by eight entities in Douglas County. Each funder has a representative on the DCYI Advisory Board.

2020 PROGRAMS:

Early in 2020 we made significant changes to our program due to COVID-19:

WrapAround: met families outside on patios, porches, etc. We texted, FaceTimed, called, and emailed. We continued to work with families with complex needs, which were even more complicated due to the pandemic.

Both Outstanding Youth Awards and Youth Congress were delayed. There are plans to convene both in the Spring of 2021. La Liga was delayed, but we did play a shortened season in October. We had a wonderful turnout, and the players were happy to get outside.

New programs in 2020: Juntos; creating a Spanish Resource Guide, requested by a school district employee; DCYI videocast, "Take 10" with DCSD Director of Mental Health, Dr. Stephanie Crawford, launched. It is a short video series discussing youth related issues and solutions; and lastly, our DCYI Truancy project.



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

We work with youth who are experiencing all types of difficulties:

Truancy, those with developmental disabilities, medical neglect, juvenile charges, family dysfunction, mental health, alcohol and substance use, blended families, imprisoned parent, domestic violence, and child welfare involvement.



WRAP works with the above, for free and on a voluntary basis, putting together a comprehensive plan of action, where we assist implementing the plan and seeing it completed.

Truancy and DCYL.

In the summer of 2020, Magistrate R. Moss asked Wrap Around to help with youth in court for truancy. As we have helped 15 youth obtain their GEDs over the last three years, she thought we could help with other youth.



She sent me the names of 22 youth. I reviewed all youth, created a database, created a survey for their guardians to fill out, contacted each youth, attended court with them, virtually, and helped schedule tutoring and test taking for all.

DCYI 2021 BUDGET							
Income							
Castle Rock			\$ 19,800.00				
Parker			\$ 19,800.00				
Lone Tree			\$ 19,800.00				
HR Metro District			\$ 19,800.00				
Castle Pines			\$ 19,800.00				
DCSD			\$ 75,750.00				
Douglas County			\$ 75,750.00				
Child Welfare			\$ 10,000.00				
TANF			<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>				
			\$ 285,500.00				
Expenses							
Salaries			\$ 179,000.00				
Benefits			\$ 59,316.00		mileage	phones	supplies
Other			\$ 23,000.00	→	10,000.00	2,000.00	11,000.00
Merit 2.5%			<u>\$ 6,279.00</u>				*La Liga
							*Youth Congress
			\$ 267,595.00				*Youth Awards Youth Seminars
							*Lunch-n-Learns Proj Upstream

Let's Jump Right In!

During the remainder of 2020 and the 1st quarter of 2021, DCYI is working on making connections! Connection is what we hear is missing for our youth during the pandemic. Plans are:

*Countywide youth YOGA, via Zoom, for youth leadership groups

*Outstanding Youth Awards; asking each DCSD principal to submit one student to receive the award. We will hold a virtual ceremony to honor these youth.

*Youth Congress, to be held in Spring of 2021; asking each high school's student council to meet with an elected official, preferably in their geographic area, to talk about what they see as youth needs.

