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# Douglas County Youth Initiative



The Youth Initiative is a collaborative project funded and overseen by the following members of the Partnership of Douglas County Governments:

- Douglas County School District – Wendy Vogel, Staci McCormack
- Douglas County Government – Commissioner Lora Thomas, Barbara Drake, Maureen Waller
- City of Lone Tree – Councilman Jay Carpenter
- Town of Castle Rock – Councilman Jason Bower, Karla McCrimmon
- Town of Parker – Councilman Josh Rivero
- Library District – Trustees
- Highlands Ranch Metro District – Director, Rene Anderson
- Larkspur – Matt Krimmer, Town Manager, Sharon Roman



## Mission and Vision

### **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.

# Funding

Each partner enters into an IGA. Contributions are:

Douglas County School District Re-1:	\$35,750
Douglas County:	\$35,750
Douglas County Libraries	\$19,800
Town of Castle Rock:	\$19,800
Town of Parker:	\$19,800
City of Lone Tree:	\$19,800
Highlands Ranch Metro District	\$19,800
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*Douglas County School District Re-1	\$40,000
*Douglas County:	\$40,000



## Grants:

- 2018 - COACT State Grant: 80,000 for FFY 17-18 – 1451 40,000
- 2018 - TANF: 35,000 annual
- 2018 - CORE: 10,000 annual
  
- DCSO: 25,000 2017
- Local: 15,500 2017 for OYA





## Wrap Around Program:

One Full time  
Facilitator and  
one Family  
Support Partner

## WrapAround: How we engage families and help

- WRAP is facilitating, mediating, and coordinating family involvement with various systems, to include schools, Child Welfare and other community partners
- WRAP is a best practice; conducted throughout the USA
- Free, voluntary, work in the home with children 5-21
- Work with entire family, for up to 12 months
- WRAP works towards preventing children from entering various systems
- WRAP works towards cost savings and healthier families
- We develop a collaborative plan that uses individual strengths, needs, and culture to establish family self-sufficiency

# 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	HOSPITALIZED	OUT OF HOME RISK; LOW, MED, HIGH	CHARGES	GENERAL INVOLVEMENT	DV	SUB-ABUSE	HOUSING	LACK OF PARENTING SKILLS	LACK OF RESOURCES
DISRUPTIVE / REPEAT DISMISSALS	MH DIAGNOSIS	DHS INVOLVEMENT	PROBATION	REPEAT VISITS	TRAUMA	DISABILITY	TRANSPORTATION	BEYOND CONTROL OF PARENT	UNDER EMPLOYED
EXPELLED	BIPOLAR	Voluntary case open?	DYC	KNOWN TO PATROL AS HIGH RISK	ADOPTED	ILLNESS	FOOD	FAMILY CONFLICT	UNEMPLOYED
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	SUICIDE / SUICIDAL IDEATION	Referrals	PRE TRIAL		FOSTER CHILD	OBESE	NO HEALTH INSURANCE	LACK OF RESOURCES; TRAININGS, EDUCATION	UNDER INSURED/NOT INSURED
BULLIED	CUTTING	Screen outs	OPEN NEGLECT CASE		INCARCERATED PARENT	TBI	HIGH MED DED	LACK OF NATL SUPPORTS	CAN'T AFFORD DEDUCTIBLE
IEP/SSN/ BEHV PLAN	PTSD		DIVERSION		HI CONFLICT DIVORCE	MS		LACK OF RESPITE	

## **Family #1 summary: Highlands Ranch, mom, dad, and one son**

- 7<sup>TH</sup> Grade male
- Autism DX
- Refl. came from school and DHS
- School conflict between parents and school
- From his teacher: “one of the toughest kids I’ve ever worked with”
- Picked up charges for attacking his mom; beats up mom
- Runs away
- Need for on-going parenting skills
- Chaos in the home
- Lack of natural supports
- High deductible – lots of out-of-pocket expenses



DOMAINS IDENTIFIED:	SPECIFICALLY:	
1. School	BEHAVIORS; OFTEN REMOVED; PRESENTED AS A DANGER TO STAFF	Y
2. Mental Health	MOC; TRAUMA, PTSD; CHILD, MOOD DISORDER AND OCD	Y
3. DHS	YES; OPEN CASE WHEN WE RECVD WRAP REFL	Y
4. Courts	YES; OPEN CASE	Y
5. Law Enforcement	YES; REPEAT VISITS	Y
6. Resources	YES; NEEDED HELP WITH ID'ING RESOURCES; ID NATURAL SUPPORTS, RESPITE, MEDIATION WITH SCHOOL AND PARENTS	Y
7. General Health	DD	Y
8. Parenting	YES; BEYOND CONTROL; LACK OF STRUCTURE	Y
9. Financial	YES; CANNOT AFFORD IN-HOME SERVICES	Y
10. General	NO	N
<b>10 DOMAINS</b>	<b>#9 – 90%</b>	
	<b>Savings to the community: keeping child in the home, lessened DCSO contact; lessened school disruptions</b>	
	<b>Potential coast savings:</b>	
		1 <sup>ST</sup> Quadrant/ 1-25%: \$0-5,000
		2 <sup>ND</sup> Quadrant/ 26-50%: \$6,000-10,000
		3 <sup>RD</sup> Quadrant/ 51-75%: \$11,000 – 15,000
		4 <sup>TH</sup> Quadrant/ 76-100%: \$16,000 – 20,000



**ABLE TO HELP CLOSE THE DHS CASE AND THE COURT CASE. HELPED GET CHILD SERVICES VIA DP; HELPED IDENTIFY SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILY; HELPED MOM WITH RESPITE; OBTAINED IN-HOME SERVICES SO PARENTS COULD LEARN EFFECTIVE PARENTING STRATEGIES; CHANGED TO AN APPROPRAITE SCHOOL; NO POLICE INVOLVEMENT; NO CHARGES**



## Special Events

# Special Events

- Youth Congress – in 2017, 200 students attended; District Attorney was a Key-Note Speaker; youth presented resolutions to Community Leaders on the following topics:
  - Community Events for Older Teens; Vocational Training; Mental Health in Schools; Truancy; Unified Curfew; Expanding Community Service opportunities; Youth Representation at Local Government Level
  - Past Speakers: Reggie Rivers, Teen Court Mock Trial, Mayoral Forum, Dr. Jim Baroffio, Deputy DA, and Co Fiscal institute)
- Outstanding Youth Awards – Ten local teens are honored each year; in 2017 gave each Castle Rock nominee \$250.00 each and also three students received \$3,000 each. Program has been a part of DCYI for five years and is well attended and received.
- Lunch-n-Learn Series/community education – Topics presented:
  - Autism, Screen time, Substance Abuse and Addiction, Dr. Poland on suicide prevention, Mitigating Negative Behaviors, LGBTQ, ACES Study, Art from Ashes presentation, Deputy DA on Internet Safety, and presentation from the Relationship Institute. Future: Substance Abuse Prevention and Trauma Informed Care.



## Rapid Response

# Communication/Coordination and Resources

- DCYI provides rapid family response and rapid community support for families and professionals
- Supports the community with resources, education and coordination
- Provides facilitation between families and various systems
- Publishes the extensive Family Resource Guide:  
<http://www.douglas.co.us/documents/douglas-county-youth-and-family-resource-guide.pdf>



Courts  
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## Courts

- DCYI helps coordinate services for juveniles in Truancy Court
- We work for system coordination

## Truancy

- DCYI serves on the District's Student Advisory Board or SARB
- Luke Simington from DCSD, Truancy Lead – PRESENTATION FROM LUKE

## Teen Court

- DCYI helped implement Teen Court in Lone Tree

## Project Upstream

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Program offering facilitated meetings for all DCSD middle schools, one high school and one charter
- Reduce risk factors associated with system involvement for DC children. DCSD working with various community partners to facilitate meetings for DCSD staff, families and community partners to help with resources to mitigate risk factors.

For more information, please check out the following videos:

<https://vimeo.com/135083402>

<https://vimeo.com/123226792>



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