

## 2017 Accomplishments of the Partnership of Douglas County Governments

- **Volunteer Connect Douglas County** – 20 organizations are paid members of Volunteer Connect with about 200 new volunteers signing up each month on the portal. To date, 9,000 unique users have found opportunities to volunteer through the portal. The PDCG supports Volunteer Connect that has seen a redesigned website, enhanced functionality and increased advertising to promote the portal during 2017.
- **Open Data Initiative** – This year the Partnership established an open data committee. So far, we have included new datasets from DCSD, incorporated parks and recreation listings from our municipalities and increased data sharing for road construction and building permits. We have also established a central dataset for local events.
- **Douglas County Youth Initiative**
  - ✓ Youth Congress – Each Fall, students convene at the State Capitol to work with community members and elected officials on policy development and presenting their ideas on key issues affecting youth such as teen curfews, bullying prevention and other subjects. In 2017 150 youth participated in Youth Congress.
  - ✓ Outstanding Youth Awards – Each Spring, the DCYI Advisory Board 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 in, and support for, young people in our community.
  - ✓ Educational Lunch-n-Learn Series – DCYI hosts quarterly educational offerings on topics of interest to parents, professionals and community members such as Internet Safety, Autism, Drugs in our Community, etc. 250 people attended sessions in 2017.
  - ✓ Wraparound – WRAP is a voluntary program helping families solve difficult issues by identifying family strengths and tackling family issues. WRAP works with 60-80 families representing over 200 children each year through its family-friendly facilitation process.
- **Teen Court** – This year, the City of Lone Tree launched its Teen Court with support from the Teen Courts from the Towns of Parker and Castle Rock and the DCYI. This restorative justice model for teens with minor offenses has served approximately 70 youth in Lone Tree in 2017.
- **Housing Partnership** – during the first three quarters of 2017 the DCHP has provided services to nearly 650 families in Douglas County including home buyer education, financial literacy, reverse mortgage counseling. Fifty families have worked with the DCHP to purchase a home and 65 have faced foreclosure with only one losing their home after working with the DCHP.
- **Economic Development Forum** – a sub-committee of the Partnership, this group formed to collaborate on common objectives related to the attraction and retention of primary jobs in Douglas County. Ongoing initiatives include resource and information sharing providing economic activity reports, commercial real estate databases and fiscal impact modeling. In 2017 the annual PDCG Executive Networking Event was held with 40 businesses in attendance from throughout Douglas County.
- **Mental Health Initiative and the Community Response Team** – the Mental Health Initiative representing 37 community partners focuses on streamlining access to mental health service for our most at-risk populations. Working together we focused on prevention, intervention and stability. Pilot programs in each of these areas are already seeing results. For example, the co-responder Community Response Team of law enforcement, fire/EMS and mental health clinician has responded to one-hundred twenty-five 911 calls and conducted 149 follow-ups to ensure people got connected to services. Forty-nine people have been diverted from emergency departments and 20 from criminal charge filings.

- **Collaborative Campus** – Douglas County Schools, Arapahoe Community College, Castle Rock ED, the Town of Castle Rock, Douglas County and local businesses are coming together with Colorado State University to create innovative learning, training and employment opportunities. ACC will build a \$40M campus on a 14-acre site in northern Castle Rock to house the Collaborative Campus.
- **The Lethality Assessment Program** – focuses on reducing the risk of death by more effectively evaluating the risk for domestic violence victims and connecting them with support services. This is a partnership including Castle Rock Police, Parker Police, Lone Tree Police, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Crisis Center. It is the first program of its kind in Colorado. Thus far 134 assessments were completed with 64 considered "high danger" for lethality and 60 of those getting connected with a counselor.
- **Roads** – Castle Rock Parkway is a new regional connection between US Highway 85 and I-25. Partners in this project included the Town of Castle Rock, Douglas County and the Colorado Department of Transportation.
- **Water** – the WISE Partnership has been looking ahead and planning for our water future. The South Metro Water Supply Authority, a member of the WISE Partnership, includes many of the entities represented here today. In 2017, this partnership met two significant milestones: 1) The Ridgegate Pipeline connecting WISE partners south of E-470 to the existing Western Pipeline; carrying 1 – 3M gallons of water per day and 2) The Otter Marker Road pipeline between Parker Water's distribution system and the Ray Waterman Regional Treatment Center in Castle Rock is under construction with completion expected this fall.
- **Recreation** – Rueter-Hess Reservoir Recreation Area – Parker, Castle Rock, Douglas County, Lone Tree, Castle Pines and Parker Water and Sanitation have created a partnership to develop the reservoir as a recreational amenity. In 2017 this group finalized the Reservoir Master Plan and hosted the first event, National Trails Day, at the site.
- **Parks and Trails** –
  - ✓ Schweiger Ranch – partnership with Lone Tree and the Schweiger Ranch Foundation on the trailhead; also, East/West Regional Trail from Cabela's to Schweiger Ranch and from the Ranch to Parker.
  - ✓ High Line Canal Trail – partnership with Highlands Ranch Metro District
  - ✓ E-470 Trail Connections – partnership with the Town of Parker
- **Schools** – Douglas County has partnered with DCSD to design and construct sidewalk and crossing improvements. Locations include Trail Blazer, Pine Grove and Summitview Elementary Schools and the Grand View Trail.
- **Career Connect 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Expo** – this unique career fair, with over 70 participants, is designed with 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth in mind as they begin exploring and setting their future college/vocational and career plans. Sponsors include Douglas County, the City of Lone Tree, the Towns of Castle Rock and Parker, DC Libraries, HR Metro District, DC School District, Arapahoe Community College and multiple area businesses.
- **Human Service Programs** – The Castle Rock Municipal Court partners with DC Human Services Department on the Santa's Second Chance program to provide holiday gifts to 100+ children in need that live in Castle Rock. The Winter Weather Care and Winter Shelter Network work with local churches and coordinates with the school district to provide shelter for families in need. Shelter availability information is provided to law enforcement in Parker, Lone Tree, Castle Rock and the DCSO.