

Public Safety Youth Programs

Safety, Homelessness, Education, & Housing Committee

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AGENCY SNAPSHOT

 Established 1994 under Dept of Safety to address youth violence using a positive youth development framework.

Safe City Office

Public Safety Youth Programs

 Rebranded 2013 in Dept of Public Safety to reflect expanded scope and programming including juvenile justice reform. Announced May 2024 will join new Office of Neighborhood Safety under Office of Social Equity & Innovation

In Process - Office of Neighborhood Safety

38 Staff (16 grant-funded FTE's)

\$6,145,935 Budget (2024) \$3,524,244 (Gen Fund) + \$2,621,691 (Grants) 10 Programs serving 2,000 youth/families





AGENCY OVERVIEW

PRIMARY PREVENTION

- Youth Leadership Team
- Peer Mentor Program
- Community Partnership Program

SECONDARY PREVENTION

- School-Based Support
- Alternative to Citation
- Runaway Outreach Notification & Intervention (RONI) Project

INTERVENTION

- Municipal Juvenile Diversion
- Juvenile Human Trafficking Multidisciplinary Team
- Helping Youth Pursue Excellence (HYPE) Program
- Colorado Youth Detention Continuum Juvenile Pretrial





SCHOOL BASED SUPPORT

Program Snapshot

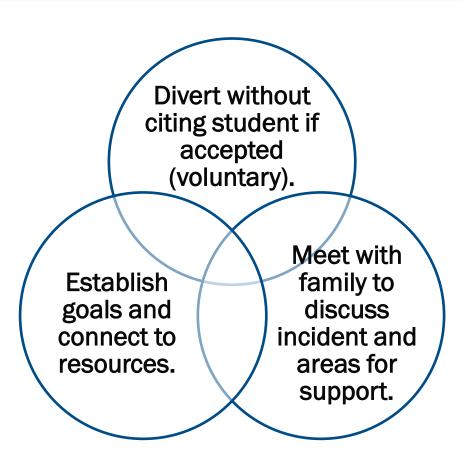
- Youth Programs staff on campus 8-10 hours per week
- Provide access to resources & facilitate groups to address issues
- 49 of 87 (57%) of students referred engaged in support services

Partner High Schools

- Academy of Urban Learning
- Montbello
- North
- Northfield
- West



ALTERNATIVE TO CITATION



- 96 of 121 (79%) students referred were connected to services.
- Municipal Citations down 16.2% (Jan 1, 2024 – May 30, 2024)
- Citations for Assault/Public Fighting down 25%



RONI PROJECT



450 reports taken (Jan 24, 2024 – June 5, 2024

- 30% engagement rate with youth.
- 24/7 hotline through Juvenile Services Center.



JUVENILE HUMAN TRAFFICKING MDT

Multi-agency collaboration (DPD, DHS, FBI, DCAC, OCVS, DPS).

28 referrals (Jan. 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024)

Staff referrals to assess risk of exploitation and develop response plan.

 23 referrals assigned to RONI Outreach Team

Denver only Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) in state with outreach/crisis response capability. Contact rate = 90%

Engagement rate = 33%



GAPS & CHALLENGES

Identification of youth in need at earliest point possible.

Information Sharing

Consistent investment in prevention and early intervention strategies.

Collaboration between internal and external city partners.

Crisis mode is often short-lived.

Family engagement

Housing options for youth.

Equitable distribution of resources.