



2012


YouthZone
ANNUAL REPORT



Since 1976, YouthZone has provided opportunities for all youth to be responsible, contributing members of society.



YOUTHZONE LAUNCHES A NEW ENTITY!

INSIGHT to IMPACT enables organizations serving youth, families and communities a way to maximize their impact and sustainability. The tools and processes in the INSIGHT to IMPACT system have been honed from more than 30 years of success in directly serving at-risk youth, communities, families, as well as judicial, government and private stakeholders. The tools and processes are proven to make work easier and more effective while increasing employee morale and youth, family and community engagement.



INSIGHT to IMPACT

Debbie Wilde, former executive director of YouthZone, is spearheading INSIGHT to IMPACT as CEO.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of YouthZone,

2012 was a year of many new adventures and milestones for us that gave our clients and our communities a reason to celebrate. As I look back on the year, I am humbled by the work of the staff and by the kids I met along the way. As a team we created a vision to empower youth and families to grow beyond their own expectations. Here are a few examples of how that vision played out in 2012.

First, we decided to create a new entity called Insight to Impact. This new entity will take the tools and processes that YouthZone has developed to help support other youth organizations and communities. By selling this screening tool, YouthZone in turn will benefit with more long term financial stability. Our previous executive director, Debbie Wilde, is leading this exciting effort.

Secondly, YouthZone took a long look at how we respond to our youth who have substance use concerns, marijuana in particular. Over the past few years the number of youth arrested for marijuana use has doubled. YouthZone met that challenge by training staff in motivational interviewing, providing year round teen discussion/education groups and providing community education about the long term impacts of marijuana use for teens.

Lastly, we believe in research and know that training in best practices and evidenced based programs is essential when it comes to our work with youth and families. YouthZone's board of directors earmarks money annually for continuous training. A highlight for our staff in 2012 was attending a trauma focused, cognitive behavioral therapy training. This is an evidenced based treatment for children and teens who have experienced varying degrees of trauma. Research indicates that 82% of all children have experienced trauma and we also know that early trauma can be directly linked to risky behaviors in the teen years. Our staff is committed to providing trauma informed care not only to youth but also to parents.

Thank you for your partnership in helping families begin to have hope, once again, for an amazing future.

You make the difference,

Lori Mueller
Executive Director
YouthZone



YOUTHZONE BY THE NUMBERS



YouthZone continues to see a significant improvement in the 5 following areas: 1) decreased alcohol, tobacco and other drug use; 2) decreased delinquency and aggression; 3) decreased self-deprecation (perception of self as a victim and plans to attempt suicide); 4) increased optimism and problem solving; and 5) increased school and community involvement.

- **1,128** - number of YouthZone clients from Aspen to Parachute
- **50%** - YouthZone clients, boys
- **24%** - YouthZone clients, girls
- **26%** - YouthZone clients, adults (parents or guardians)
- **44%** - YouthZone clients, Latino
- **88%** - YouthZone clients, Garfield County; 10% Pitkin County; 2% Rio Blanco and west Eagle counties
- **68%** - referred to YouthZone through the court system
- **32%** - referred to YouthZone by schools, parents, counselors, other youth organizations, or self-referrals
- **75%** - success rate for youth referred to YouthZone by the juvenile justice system (youth who do not commit another offense within one year of finishing their YouthZone program)
- **86%** - youth participating in YouthZone's Restorative Justice program who do not repeat another offense
- **3,500** - Number of hours committed to YouthZone by more than 150 volunteers



YOUTHZONE'S POSITIVE IMPACT

How can communities afford not to have YouthZone?

According to the latest Juvenile Justice Policy Institute:

- **Community-based programs increase public safety.** The recidivism rate for YouthZone Clients still at YouthZone is 11%, compared to Colorado's average of 51%.
- **Community-based programs for youth are more cost-effective than incarceration.** It costs \$240 per day for one youth to be in a state-funded facility, which equates to \$7,230 per month or more than \$43,000 for 6 months. YouthZone's cost per client for three to six months of service averages \$1,100. Astoundingly, on any given day there are more than 70,000 youth in juvenile justice facilities across the country. YouthZone is working hard to change this!
- **States spend about \$5.7 billion each year imprisoning youth.** Most of these are low-level, non-violent offenses that could be safely managed by the community. By contrast, over 90% of YouthZone referrals that come from the court system are for first-time offenders.

YOUTHZONE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

YouthZone serves youth from ages 6 – 18 years. We see each young person as a multifaceted human being with many needs, desires, interests, and motivations. To meet their diverse needs, YouthZone provides each youth with an individualized, comprehensive program.

INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

Counseling
Case Management
Family Mediation
Juvenile Court Services
Useful Public Service
Restorative Justice
Substance Abuse Education

PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Pals Mentoring Program
Girls' Circle
Boys' Council
TITAN, Trained Involved Teens
Assisting Non-profits

PARENT PROGRAMS

Parenting Through Divorce
Parent Consultations
Parent One-on-One Education
Parent Classes and Workshops

STAFF TRAINING IN 2012

Continual training and staff development keep YouthZone on the forefront serving at-choice youth.

- Restorative Justice Summit
- Diversion Training
- How to live well: Suicide Survival Story
- Healthy Adolescence (webinar)
- Women's Foundation of Colorado Annual Conference
- Understanding the mindset of a youth w/suicidal ideation (webinar)
- High Fidelity Wraparound Training
- Trauma Focus
- Strategic Planning Workshop (Executive Service Corps)
- Working With and In the Criminal Justice System (webinar)
- SB94 Conference
- Colorado Non Profits
- Colorado Organization for Victims Assistance (COVA) Training
- Setting Up a Restorative Justice program in Your Community (webinar)
- Mentoring Disconnected Youth (webinar)
- Healthcare Reform (webinar)
- Supervision/training for the Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (2 each month)
- Sexting: Balancing the Law, Teens, Technology and Bad Choices
- Alternative to Traditional School Discipline: The Multi-Tiered Behavioral Health Prevention Framework
- Making a Case for Positive Approaches to Discipline

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Collaboration with local and state community partners is an integral part of YouthZone operations.

In 2011-2012, YouthZone staff was active on 21 committees.

Carbondale Rotary	Garfield County FACET	Governors Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council
Colorado West	Garfield County Human Service Commission	Pitkin County Human Services
Coalition for Families (9th Judicial District): Collaborative Management Program	Women's Business Network	Rifle Chamber Women in Business
Eagle/Pitkin Counties Child Protection Team	Garfield County Probation	Senate Bill-94 Coordinators Group
Glenwood Chamber Business Women's Network	Garfield Juvenile Evaluation Team	State Restorative Justice Council
	Glenwood Springs Noontime Rotary	

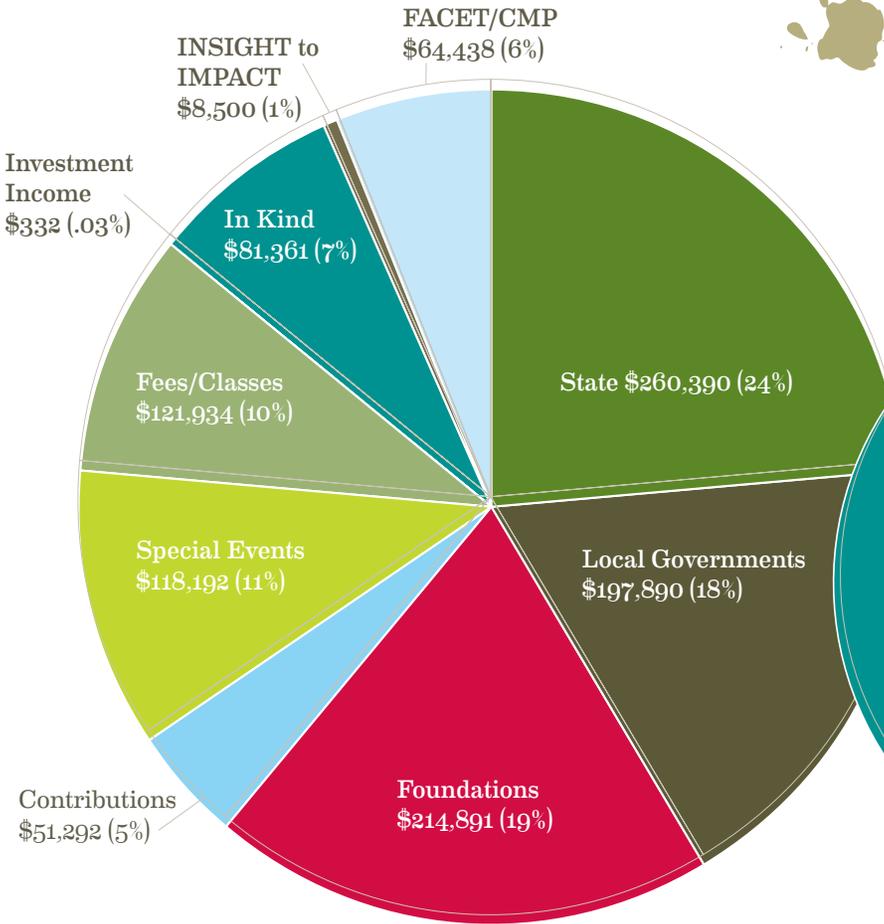


“Kerri and Nancy have really seen the best in my son and given him the opportunities to do the right thing. I was not sure how this would work out but it was an amazing process!”   — Parent of YouthZone Teen

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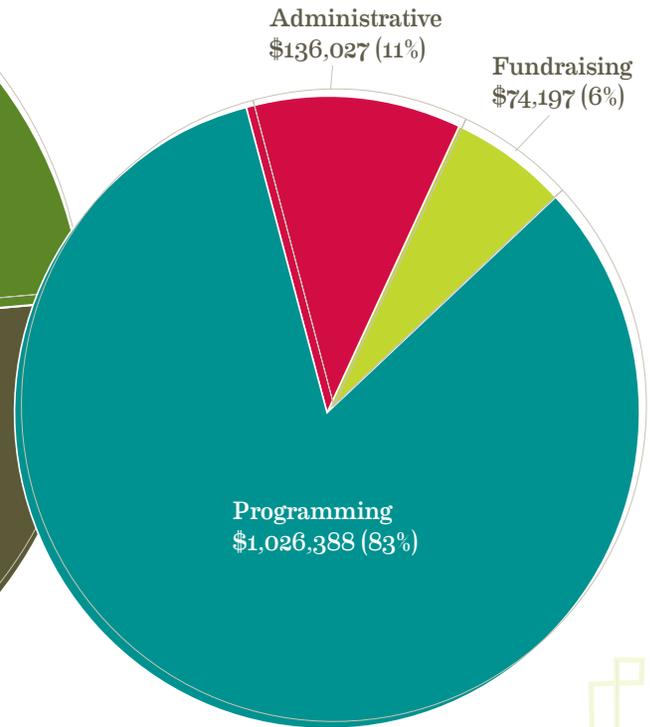
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\$1,101,321



2011 - 2012 ACTUAL EXPENSES

\$1,236,612



YOUTHZONE FOUNDATION

10 Years of Sustainability

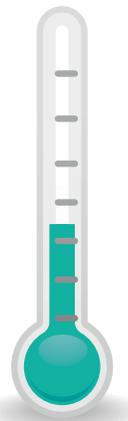
GOAL: \$5 million

2012 marked the 10th Anniversary of YouthZone Foundation, and we are celebrating this benchmark event during the coming year.

YouthZone Foundation was established to provide an additional source of sustainability to YouthZone operations. Recognizing the invaluable—and measurable—impact YouthZone has in our communities, YouthZone Foundation has received contributions that are approaching our first million dollar goal. We hope to exceed that during our Anniversary year!

Managed by an independent Board of Directors, the funds at YouthZone Foundation are invested under the guidelines of an investment policy that provides goals for growth and limitations of risk, allowing the fund to distribute earnings back to YouthZone operations annually. This opportunity for growth is what attracts so many generous donors to our mission of providing a financial legacy to the youth, families, and communities we serve.

Pam Szedelyi, Director, YouthZone Foundation



REC'D: \$820,000

Learn more about the YouthZone Foundation. The YouthZone Foundation provides a lasting financial legacy of opportunity, empowerment, and a future of choice for YouthZone and the youth, families, and communities they serve. www.youthzone.com/yz-foundation

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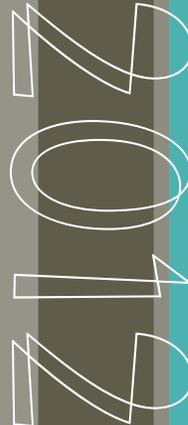


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