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ANNUAL REPORT

PROGRAMS & IMPACT



DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

This past year we celebrated the 10th anniversary of Colorado Youth for a Change, and what an incredible 10 years it has been! CYC started its work by knocking on the doors of students who had dropped out to reenroll them in school. While knocking on doors is still a large part of our work, we have come a long way. In addition to the dropout outreach and recovery services that bring students who have dropped out back to school, we provide educational intervention services to students failing core courses in the 9th grade, and run Futures Academy, a program that helps students who have fallen too far behind pursue their GED and post-secondary credits. We serve nearly 2,000 students each year and indirectly impact thousands of other students. This past year, we have increased our capacity to extend our impact in Colorado. CYC was asked to head the Colorado Reengagement Network, which develops and disseminates statewide and national best practices and guidelines for schools and districts to reduce dropout numbers. In addition to our 38 staff, we welcomed 20 AmeriCorps members to serve in our programs this year. Our students continue to overcome the barriers to their education and demonstrate incredible determination. We hope you enjoy exploring our annual report and seeing our work come to life. Thank you for helping us reengage students in Colorado!



LAURA ST. JOHN
CHAIR

MARY ZANOTTI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IMPACT 2014-15

REENGAGING STUDENTS

1,760 students were served by CYC during the 2014-2015 school year across our three core programs: Dropout Outreach and Recovery, Educational Intervention, and Futures Academy. We worked in six school districts:

Aurora Public Schools
Boulder Valley School District
Denver Public Schools

Englewood Schools
Mapleton Public Schools
School District 27J (Brighton)

DEMOGRAPHICS

56% MALE

43% FEMALE

1% TRANSGENDER OR SELF-IDENTIFY

20% HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN CORRECTIONS

7% HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

13% ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

10% ARE PREGNANT OR PARENTING

9% IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ

56% HISPANIC/LATINO

20% WHITE

14% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN

7% TWO OR MORE RACES

2% AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE

.5% ASIAN

.5% OTHER

STUDENT STORIES



When Jesus came to Futures Academy, he realized this was his last chance. He concurrently enrolled in the auto program at Pickens Technical College and school became a priority. "I never worry when I'm at Futures because the counselors are always there for me. When I get called into their office, it's because they want to check in on me and see how everything is going."

Olivia became pregnant her sophomore year of high school. While she stopped going to school for a short period of time, she returned with a promise, she will graduate from high school. Sinead, a CYC Student Advisor at Olivia's school, says "I am truly inspired by Olivia. Regardless of her adversities and the barriers she's been up against, she stays focused on her goal for her family."



MVP

CYC also provided additional services for the Most Vulnerable Populations (MVP) including LGBTQ, homeless, pregnant/parenting, foster care, and corrections-involved students.

These identified vulnerable populations often become disengaged in their education due to high mobility and lack of adult support.



OVER 11,000
STUDENTS DROP OUT OF COLORADO SCHOOLS EACH YEAR

STUDENTS THAT DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR
90%
OF JOBS IN THE U.S.

STUDENTS AGE 14-21

EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTION
RISK OF NOT COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL

DROPOUT OUTREACH & RECOVERY
ENROLL STUDENTS BACK INTO SCHOOL

FUTURES ACADEMY
GED AND CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

DIPLOMA / GED

OF THE NEARLY **2,000** STUDENTS WE SERVE ANNUALLY **75%** CONTINUE ENROLLMENT OR GRADUATE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

2014-15 SCHOOL-YEAR IMPACT



CYC's Educational Intervention program provides one-on-one support, skill building, academic monitoring, and services coordination to slightly off-track students (those with 1-2 course failures) who are not receiving other school and community resources but need additional support to get back on track.

- 462** STUDENTS WERE SERVED THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM.
- 74%** OF STUDENTS RAISED AT LEAST ONE FAILING GRADE DURING EACH GRADING PERIOD.
- 68%** OF STUDENTS ENDED THE SCHOOL YEAR ON TRACK TO GRADUATE BY TOTAL CREDITS.
- 44%** OF STUDENTS PASSED ALL CORE CLASSES BY THE END OF THE GRADING PERIOD.
- 51%** AN AVERAGE OF 51 PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF CORE COURSE FAILURES.



CYC's Dropout Outreach and Recovery program reengages youth who have already dropped out of high school. Our team contacts students that are not in school, educates them on the importance of a high school diploma or GED, and works to eliminate barriers to educational engagement. This year, our specialists contacted almost 4,000 students who had dropped out of school.

- 493** STUDENTS WERE ENROLLED BACK INTO SCHOOL.
- 265** IN-SCHOOL YOUTH WERE PROVIDED WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO STAY IN SCHOOL.
- 66%** OF SUPPORTED STUDENTS ENDED THE YEAR WITH A POSITIVE OUTCOME. CONTINUED ENROLLMENT OR GRADUATED WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED CERTIFICATE.



Futures Academy is a collaborative program between CYC and Aurora Public Schools that serves students ages 17-20 who have too few credits to earn a diploma in the traditional manner and are interested in furthering their education and pursuing a post-secondary degree.

- 279** STUDENTS SERVED THROUGH OUR FUTURES ACADEMY PROGRAM.
- 33** STUDENTS WERE CONCURRENTLY ENROLLED AT PICKENS TECHNICAL COLLEGE WITH 32 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES EARNED.
- 25** STUDENTS WERE CONCURRENTLY ENROLLED AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF AURORA WITH 30 CLASSES PASSED.
- 20** STUDENTS EARNED THEIR GED CERTIFICATE.

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FINANCIALS 2014-15 (18 MONTH FY)

INCOME

Government	\$3,642,948
Foundations & Corporations	\$580,110
Special Events/Individuals/Other	\$258,731
TOTAL	\$4,481,789

EXPENSES

Programs	\$3,818,403
Administration	\$187,604
Fundraising	\$426,870
TOTAL	\$4,432,877

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