

## Boosting Access & Resources for Colorado Students

Colorado Youth for a Change (CYC) has been helping young people get back into school and chart new paths forward through education since 2005. In fact, we helped 158 young people get back into school last year, and 80% graduated or continued enrollment.

In Colorado last year:

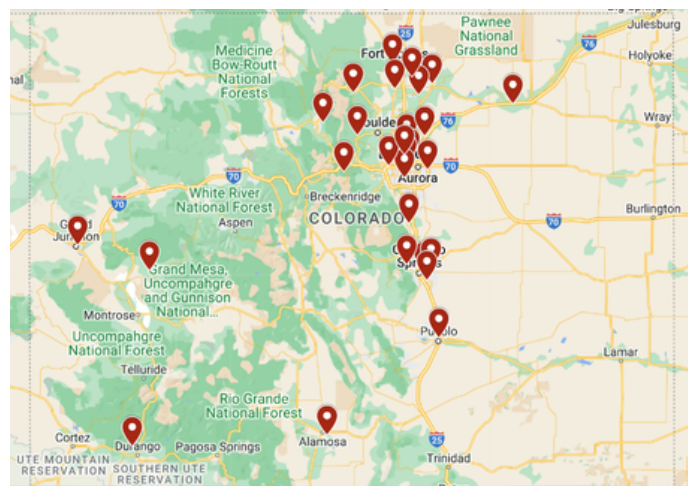
- Over 10,000 students left school without a diploma
- 59% of 3rd graders did not reach grade-level standards in reading
- 68% of 8th graders did not reach grade-level standards in math

Individualized attention for Colorado students is more important than ever! Together, we're supporting over 6,000 students each year with tutoring, self-advocacy, and a stronger connection to school. Partnerships with donors, AmeriCorps, and 200 Colorado schools make this work possible.

"We count on Reading Corps... I can confidently say that every student in our building is receiving the supports they need to become proficient readers. This would not be the case without our Reading Corps members. They serve a population in our building who would otherwise not likely receive the intensity of supports that we can provide." —school staff member in Thompson School District



### DISTRICT PARTNERS AT A GLANCE



"Josie started our Math Corps group as a very quiet student. She was attentive but didn't answer questions unless called on. Throughout our time together, her confidence has increased to the point where she is the first one to raise her hand when I ask a question. Sometimes she even has her hand up before I ask a question and will tell me the next step or answer. She is not afraid to be the only student using a different math strategy, because she now knows what works for her. Recently, Josie received an award at the school's award ceremony. It's been wonderful to see her personality and confidence shine." —Emily, Math Corps tutor in Jeffco Public Schools



# Supporting Students at Every Stage

## Reengagement

*Young people looking to return to school*

### Corps for a Change

*High school students*

Provides outreach to students classified as having dropped out and supports students with reenrollment

Increases school engagement for students considered chronically absent and provides flexible support to students and families to reduce academic and non-academic barriers

### Colorado Math Corps

*4th-8th grade students*

Builds Math skills and increases Algebra readiness via small group interventions (90 minutes per week per student)

### Colorado Reading Corps

*K-3rd grade students*

Increases reading proficiency via daily one-on-one sessions (20 minutes per day)

### Colorado Early Learning Corps

*PreK students*

Increases Kindergarten readiness through individual, small group, & classroom numeracy and literacy support

With the support of Colorado Youth for a Change, Cristal (right) is now reenrolled at Colorado's Finest High School in Englewood. But her journey back to school wasn't easy. Cristal left school one year ago and spent time in juvenile detention. After being released, Cristal wanted to go back to school but her mother decided to open a bakery and needed the help of Cristal to help translate from Spanish to English. CYC's Reengagement Specialist Ben reached out and met with both Cristal and her mother – evaluating her transcript and talking through options. Cristal is thriving in a new, smaller school setting and is set to graduate in May. She shared a drawing recently with Ben that illustrated feelings of hopelessness in juvenile detention, compared to her current outlook that involves hope, college, and making her family proud.

