

**EL PASO COUNTY  
YOUTH PROGRAMMING DIRECTORY**

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*Youth specific organizations are identified with a (Y).*

## COLORADO SPRINGS

### ACCESSIBILITY

#### **Discover Goodwill**

<https://www.discovermygoodwill.org>

*Mission:* dedicated to helping people reach their highest level of personal and economic independence

*\*national program*

In addition to an array of adult services for individuals with disabilities, seniors, veterans, and low-income individuals, Discover Goodwill offers youth specific programming. The “Work Experience Program” provides one-on-one job skill training for high school students with learning challenges. “Possibilities” fosters highly interactive programming for individuals with disabilities to develop life skills; participants engage in stimulatory activities in a realistic learning environment and are able to move through the program at their own pace.

#### **PEAK Parent Center (Y)**

<https://www.peakparent.org>

*Mission:* to provide training, information and technical assistance to equip families of children birth through twenty-six including all disability conditions with strategies to advocate successfully for their children. As a result of PEAK’s services to families and professionals, children and adults with disabilities will live rich, active lives participating as full members of schools and communities

PEAK Parent Center provides support and resources for self-advocates and their families to navigate the educational system and community resources. Services include youth & parent advising/trainings and transition programs for youth independence (goal setting and information about how to access adult resources). The organization also engages the community through professional trainings, community workshops, and the Annual Conference on Inclusive Education.

#### **Special Kids Special Families (Y)**

<http://sksfcolorado.org>

*Mission:* to promote, strengthen, and support individuals with disabilities, their families and caregivers

Special Kids Special Families provides programming and resources for self-advocates and their families. Services include 24/7 respite and daycare at Zach’s Place facility, life-skills trainings, in-home care, and social groups. Community outreach includes Koscove Kids Puppets (used as an educational tool to explore disabilities in an inclusive, accepting environment), Sibshops (sibling support groups), and Teen Nights.

#### **Special Olympics Colorado**

<https://specialolympicsco.org>

*Mission:* provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community

*\*international program*

Through sports, Special Olympics fosters character development and self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities while fostering an inclusive community. Apart from sporting events/seasons and competitions, programming includes the “Unified Champion Schools” to directly impact education equity through inclusive sports and student leadership of Special Olympics activities. Additionally, the “Athlete Leadership” program provides an introduction to the leadership opportunities available through the organization.

## ARTS

### **Bemis School of Art**

<https://artschool.csfineartscenter.org>

The Bemis School of Art facilitates art and theater programming for all ages. A variety of art classes for all skill levels are offered, often incorporating exploration of the Fine Arts Center Museum. Bemis also develops special programming for local organizations/populations such as D11 elementary students. 2-week summer musical theater programs are also available for youth ages 8-13.

### **Hear, Here! Poetry**

<http://www.hearherepoetry.org>

“Hear Here Poetry...exists to encourage everyone to listen, write, share, and engage. We sponsor four monthly events and are actively involved in poetry education and performances in our local schools and community”

Hear, Here! empowers youth to explore their emotions and openly express themselves through poetry composition and spoken word. Their youth program (ages 13-19) hosts workshops and open mic/poetry slams. Additionally, the organization develops tailored workshops for elementary, middle, and high school students who are a part of school programs, group homes, and treatment centers.

### **Imagination Celebration**

<https://www.imaginationcelebration.org>

*Mission:* we connect people of all ages to the brain-stimulating, community-building, life-enhancing power of creativity by inspiring artistic and intellectual curiosity, instigating community collaborations, and promoting life-long experiential learning that helps us thrive in a changing world

Imagination Celebration offers opportunities for youth to engage with various creative art forms through the Kaleidoscope Arts Project (beginner ballet, jazz, tap, modern, contemporary, and musical theater classes)—the iSpace creative space which provides materials for hands-on activities from robotics to reading to sculpting—and community theatre troupes. Additionally, the organization develops an annual “What IF” festival to showcase the innovation and imagination of the Pikes Peak region.

### **Millibo Art Theatre**

<https://themat.org>

“The MAT offers the community a unique opportunity to experience the best new theatre from around the nation; provides Colorado artists with a home where they are encouraged to create new work; welcomes children and adults into the creative process through dynamic workshops...”

Youth programming includes the weekly Millibo Circus Club for ages 9-14 on Tuesdays to learn, practice, and perform circus arts/aerial skills—as well as summer camps: Comedy Lab (middle and high school), Make a Circus (grades 4-8), and MAC Shakespeare (high school).

MAT also hosts local, professional productions.

### **Youth Documentary Academy (Y)**

<https://www.youthdocumentary.org/about-us/>

“The Youth Documentary Academy provides intensive media and documentary film training to high school students in under-served and under-represented communities of Colorado Springs”

The Youth Documentary Academy offers a seven-week rigorous documentary and filmmaking program for local high school students ages 14-18. Participants obtain not only technical skills, but produce their own work, learning how to share narratives with the community. Students gain exposure to what a career in film looks like and how to navigate collaboration and engagement.

## EDUCATION

### **Educating Children of Color (Y)**

<https://educatingchildrenofcolor.org/>

*Mission:* to dismantle the cradle-to-prison pipeline for children of color and children in poverty through education

Educating Children of Color facilitates diversity education for local community professionals through annual conferences: Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education and Diversity University. The organization supports students directly through accessible SAT preparation classes, scholarship opportunities, and the annual iInspire award.

### **Peak Education (Y)**

<https://www.peakedu.org>

“comprehensive, community-based pre-collegiate program serving scholars and their families from middle school through college years and beyond”

PEAK Education supports students with lower socioeconomic backgrounds from middle school through college completion with college and career readiness, leadership development, family involvement, and community engagement. Middle schoolers are introduced to the program with experiences to develop goal setting, self-advocacy, and resilience. High schoolers form community connections, learn financial literacy skills, and are guided through the college application process. Postsecondary support is also available through continued check-ins and scholarships.

## FOSTER CARE

### **Fostering Hope (Y)**

<https://www.fosteringhopefoundation.org>

*Mission:* affirming and supporting foster parents in their task of caring for abused and neglected children

“Rooted in the power of loving, enduring relationships and healing”

Fostering Hope has three programs to support foster families and youth, focusing on providing spaces for children to heal from trauma by developing a sense of belonging and identity. The Core Program connects volunteers from local faith communities to support foster families and kids in an effort to enrich and establish a communal network. The Teen Intern Partnership connects with TwoCor to give youth opportunities for employment navigation. The Foster Adulthood follows youth 18+ in their transition out of the program with housing and transportation support and healthy relationships.

### **Hope & Home (Y)**

<https://hopeandhome.org>

*Mission:* as a nondenominational Christian charity, Hope & Home trains and actively supports foster families all across the Front Range

Hope & Home uses a missionary work approach to foster care, focusing on the needs and emotions of children in the foster system in an effort to create permanence whether that be returning to birth parents or moving through the adoption process. The organization offers a comprehensive training program for parents and continual guidance through classes (via “Hope & Home University”) and support groups. Kids and families connect with each other during annual fundraisers, holiday events, summer activities, and sport camps. Additionally, the Woodsum Daniel Store provides an opportunity for younger children to pick out new clothes and toys before moving to their new foster home.

## HOUSING

### **Dale House Project (Y)**

<http://dalehouseproject.org>

Dale House Project is an individualized emancipation program for youth (often referred to by the Department of Human Services or Division of Youth Services). This residential facility offers preparation for independent living through one-on-one mentorship, educational support, and development of life-tools such as budgeting/banking, cooking, and interpersonal skills. The Urban Garden provides opportunities for community service and employment. Stay is around 5-10 months. After-stay connections are maintained through weekly activities.

### **Rocky Mountain Kids (Y)**

<http://www.rockymountainkidscs.com>

*Vision:* provide a safe, therapeutic environment to work on healing the effects of abuse and neglect, and to help these kids turn their lives around

Rocky Mountain Kids supports group homes for youth who have experienced trauma and provides life-skills training, educational/employment support, and counseling services. Homes include: Future Bound (girls 12-18), Nevada House (boys 14-18, emancipation program), Drew's Place (boys 15-18, drug/alcohol use background), and Jeremiah 29 & Brad's House (boys 10-13, family reunification program). Length of stay ranges from 6 months to 2 years.

### **The Place (Y)**

<https://theplacecos.org>

*Mission:* ignites the potential in youth to exit homelessness and create self-determined, fulfilled lives

The Place provides outreach (ages 15-24) and shelter (ages 15-20) for youth experiencing homelessness. Services include case management advocates, educational support, employment support (resume/internship preparation), family/life skill training (healthy living, healthy relationships), and medical support (health clinic, recovery groups, and suicide awareness programs). A housing program is also available to navigate next steps.

### **Teens with Promise (Y)**

<http://www.teenswithpromise.com>

*Mission:* developing resiliency among vulnerable teens. Teens with Promise provides high quality, innovative services for disadvantaged and disconnected youth

Teens with Promise is a referral-based organization that provides an array of resources for underserved youth. Services include access to stipends for sports participation, educational support (tutoring, class costs), medical/dental care, and essentials such as clothing and school supplies at the Promises Boutique. Programming includes the Teen Empowerment and Clearing House (TEACH) for individuals experiencing homelessness—it provides mentorship, educational advocacy, and emergency housing, food, and medical care.

## LGBTQIA+/ALLIES

### **Inside Out Youth Services (Y)**

<https://www.insideoutys.org/youth/>

*Mission:* to empower, educate and advocate for LGBTQ+ youth from Southern Colorado, primarily El Paso and Teller counties. Inside Out does this by creating safe space, support systems and teaching life skills to all youth in our community and work to make our community safer and more accepting of gender and sexual orientation diversity.

Inside Out is an after-school safe space and support network for LGBTQIA+ youth “based on peer sharing and peer support”. In addition to informal hang-out time, services include group discussions about mental health,

dating violence/suicide prevention, community resilience, and self-advocacy as well as a food/clothing pantry and Friday night recreation activities.

**\*contact Angelina for more information**

## **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

### **National Alliance on Mental Illness**

<https://www.namicoloradosprings.org>

*Mission:* to educate, support and advocate for people and families who are living with mental illness in the Pikes Peak region

NAMI provides direct support groups for adults experiencing mental illness and their families. The organization also engages in community outreach through workshops and presentations in order to educate and break stigma. For youth, NAMI facilitates a 50min high-school presentation called “Ending the Silence” facilitated by an individual with personal experience. They overview symptoms of mental illness, coping strategies, and resources.

## **OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

### **Catamount Institute (Y)**

<https://www.catamountinstitute.org>

*Mission:* We connect kids to outdoor science education and adventures. It is here that kids learn they have the powerful ability to change the world around them and even as kids they can make a difference.

Catamount Institute fosters youth outdoor education through connections with local schools to facilitate field trips and implement Young Environmental Stewards (YES) clubs. Summer camps focus on outdoor skills, developing awareness of one’s surroundings, and team building through activities at local parks.

- YES club (grades 4-5): In this semester-long after-school program, students engage in field trips, service projects, and hands-on activities to become ecological stewards, explore various ecosystems, and understand the impact that their actions can have.

### **UpaDowna**

<https://www.upadowna.org>

*Mission:* provide access to outdoor adventures for all, through events and programs that empower individuals, create healthier communities, and foster a respect for the environment

UpaDowna hosts community outdoor donation-based events for all ages to foster community connection through new adventures—youth are encouraged to participate. Activities include 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Hiking Adventures, stand up paddle boarding classes (equipment provided), community bike rides, climb night at CityROCK (equipment provided), overnight camping trips, and Nordic skiing. Leave No Trace classes and trail/park cleanups are also organized.

### **Rocky Mountain Field Institute**

<https://www.rmfi.org>

*Mission:* Rocky Mountain Field Institute conserves and protects public lands in Southern Colorado through volunteer-based trail and restoration projects, environmental education, and restoration research

Rocky Mountain Field Institute encourages the participation of youth and community members. Group workdays for youth (4 to 7-hour shifts of local trail maintenance or restoration projects) can be scheduled.

Overall, RMFI fosters stewardship, education, and research through communal restorative work, project sites, and specialized programming.

**\*contact Jasmine, Isa, or Daniel for more information**

## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

### **Colorado Springs Teen Court (Y)**

<http://www.csteencourt.org>

*Mission:* empowering our youth through restorative justice for a brighter future

Colorado Springs Teen Court provides an alternative program to the standard juvenile court system. Rooted in restorative justice, defendants are holistically interviewed and sentenced for misdemeanors by fellow peers in the community. Sentences are viewed as paths for growth and thus are highly individualized—they can include life skills trainings, community impact panels, substance use education, sports or art classes, and creative projects. All participants complete community service and serve on a peer jury for higher level cases.

**\*contact Maddie or Chloe for more information**

## SPORTS

### **The First Tee of Pikes Peak (Y)**

<https://www.firstteepikespeak.org>

“First Tee is an international youth development organization introducing the game of golf and its inherent values to kids and teens...reinforcing values like integrity, respect, and perseverance”

The First Tee cultivates character-development and life skills through golf. Seasonal programs offer classes based on age or skill. The organization partners with other youth centers such as the YMCA and Boys & Girls Club to develop specialized curriculum.

### **Hillside Connection (Y)**

<https://www.hillsideconnection.org/>

*Mission:* leveraging the game of basketball to create pathways to opportunity for kids in Southern Colorado Springs

Hillside Connection offers free basketball clinics for youth boys (grades 1-7). Participants who attend 4 clinics, participate in the organization facilitated community service projects, and provide a report card are eligible to partake in enrichment activities such as trips to the zoo, theater, and athletic events.

### **Kids on Bikes (Y)**

<https://kidsonbikes.net>

*Mission:* inspire and empower all kids to lead healthy, happy and active lives through bicycling

Kids on Bikes provides accessible opportunities for youth to learn biking basics through earn-a-bike programs, group rides in neighborhoods and America the Beautiful park, and summer bike camps for various levels and terrains.

### **Sk-8 Strong**

<https://www.sk8-strong.org>

“founded to help promote a healthy environment at skate parks and provide opportunities to amateur athletes to improve their skills and make healthy choices”

Sk-8 supports the local skating community through skill workshops, amateur competitions, and park improvement. Emphasis is placed on initiatives to encourage youth involvement as a positive, healthy activity.



## YMCA

<https://ppymca.org>

*Mission:* to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all

YMCA adolescent programming focuses on youth development through various kinds of physical activity, art projects, and focused programs. These include:

- **RAD** (in conjunction with Palmer Ridge and Lewis Palmer High School)
- **Welte Teen L.I.F.E Program:** for D8 students ages 14-19 at low performing schools—they are provided with educational support and resources for college readiness, career exploration, life skills, positive self-identification, and leadership development

## TRAUMA-INFORMED/SURVIVOR SUPPORT

### Angels of America's Fallen (Y)

<https://aoafallen.org/>

*Mission:* to encourage and fund healthy positive activities for children of fallen firefighters, military and law enforcement

Angels of America's Fallen provides these youth with mentorship from the time they enter the program through age 18. Support includes scholarships and empowerment through constant check-ins and celebrations of successes. They are encouraged to explore activities through other organizations to develop confidence, passions, and identity. Initial counseling services are available.

### Kingdom Builder's Family Life Center

<https://kingdombuildersfamilylifecenter.org>

*Mission:* committed to changing the narrative of underserved individuals, families and youth who have been impacted by various forms of trauma

Kingdom Builder's specific youth programs are rooted in mentorship and comprehensive support in order to prevent recidivism. The New Beginnings program (ages 11-17) connects with youth who have had a first experience with the juvenile system to provide academic support, substance-use education, counseling services, job skill training, and support for rebuilding family relationships. The Empowerment Program (ages 18-24) focuses on education and employment competency, leadership development and decision making. Additionally, Kingdom Builder's has developed a domestic violence program (My Brothers' Keeper and My Sisters' Keeper) which is rooted in support groups. Family support groups and general support groups are also available—these address topics such as healthy relationships, anger, coping skills, and personal safety.

## TESSA

<https://www.tessacs.org/>

"TESSA offers confidential support and services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children"

TESSA's support includes a crisis 24-safe line; safehouse for female survivors and their children; case management, legal services, communal advocacy, and counseling services. The organization offers specialized programming for children who have witnessed abuse—services include counseling, age-appropriate support groups, advocacy, and recreational opportunities. Youth chats for ages 15-18 with professional staff are available online Monday-Friday.

TESSA also engages in community outreach through various formats to address topics such as mental health, bullying, healthy relationships/safe dating, partner violence, bullying, coping, human trafficking, elder abuse, and victim rights.

## TwoCor Projects (Y)

<https://www.twocor.org>

TwoCor is vocational training program for youth who have experienced trauma and have been referred from social services, juvenile justice organizations, school or family members in an effort to reduce recidivism and prevent future unemployment. The organization is rooted in emotional, behavioral, and cognitive foundations based on scientific data. Youth move through a trauma-informed care program for 9-15 months. Stages include learning labs (carpentry, ceramics, maintenance), labor intensive community service, and the business practicum—a 3-month internship which creates an opportunity for a permanent position. Weekly gatherings, work trainings, and life skills support (housing, financial assistance for work needs, and case managers) are also included.

## YOUTH ADVOCACY

### CASA (Y)

<https://www.casappr.org>

*Mission:* provides a volunteer's voice in court for children who are victims of abuse, neglect or domestic conflict and promotes community awareness of these issues to ensure safe and permanent homes

"CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to be a voice for these children in court and in the community."

CASA has four distinct programs to support youth trauma survivors. The "Dependency and Neglect Program" matches volunteers to children for legal advocacy; the "Supervised Exchange & Parenting Time" appoints volunteers to oversee parent child visitations; the "Milton Foster Children's Fund" provides financial support and a clothing store for foster children; and the "Children and Families in Transition" is an educational program for parents on the effects of divorce.

### Safe Passage (Y)

<https://www.safepassagecac.org>

*Mission:* gives abused children a voice and enables the healing process by acting as the single source of contact for medical, investigative, and legal service

Safe Passage is a trauma-informed advocacy program for youth survivors. Services include legal advocacy, appropriate forensic interviews and medical exams, and psycho-educational support groups for teen victims and caregivers. The organization also offers training for professionals that are mandatory reporters or engage with youth who have experienced trauma.

## YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

### Kidpower (Y)

<https://kidpowercs.org>

*Mission:* to teach young people personal safety and confidence-building skills to reduce their risk of abduction, assault, and emotional, physical and sexual abuse

Kidpower facilitates safety education programs focused on emotional/physical safety, self-advocacy, the importance of reaching out for help, and how to resist peer pressure. Programs include: Women's Teenpower (ages 13-18) which is a one-session program that covers skills for healthy relationships, boundaries, and self-defense—and Weekend Family Workshops (ages 7-12) which include 2 kid sessions and a separate parent support session. Custom private classes, professional/school trainings, and community forums are also offered.

## OTHER YOUTH PROGRAMS

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters-Pikes Peak (Y)**

<https://biglittletcolorado.org>

*Mission:* provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever

Mentorship programs include: Community Mentor (pairs meet between two to four times each month with a minimum commitment of a year), Sport Buddies (bonding through participatory or spectator sporting events), Bigs with Badges (mentorship from first responders), and Operation Mentor (for ages 9-16 from military backgrounds). Mentors must be 21+

### **El Pomar Boys & Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region (Y)**

<http://www.bgcppr.org>

*Mission:* to empower every Club member, through safe and impactful experiences, to: graduate high school with a plan for college or career, contribute to their community and live a healthy life

The Boys and Girls Club provides a safe, after-school space for students to cultivate well-rounded development through appropriate programming and activities. Clubs include a reaction room, computer lab, and gym/field. Programs focus on character building and self-development through topics such as health, physical/mental safety, communication, teambuilding, peer-pressure, and leadership.

**\*contact Min for more information**

### **Mile High Youth Corps (Y)**

<https://www.milehighyouthcorps.org>

“to give youth...a chance to earn an income and learn hands-on job skills while serving in their communities”

Mile High Youth Corps supports two conservation programs in Colorado Springs. The Youth Build program (ages 17-24) provides youth who are out-of-school and unemployed with the opportunity to gain job and skill experience on construction and home maintenance sites or become nurse aid trained. Participants also receive academic support to earn a GED while engaging in general life skills classes.

The Land Conservation program (ages 18-24 with GED or high school diploma) gives youth the opportunity to develop restoration and environmental rehabilitation skills and certifications while fostering the local outdoors—the program spans 10-12 weeks in either the fall or summer. The Land Conservation Leaders program (ages 19-24 with GED or high school diploma) focuses on leadership development, outdoor education, and community outreach.

*Partnership with Rocky Mountain Field Institute*

### **Pikes Peak Library District**

<https://ppld.org>

### **Young Life (Y)**

<https://pikespeak.younglife.org>

*Mission:* introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith

Young Life, rooted in Christian teachings, relationship building, and storytelling, engages youth through weekly faith meetings, club nights, and week-long camps to foster self-discovery and leadership development. They also provide mentorship for teen moms and programming for individuals with disabilities and children from military backgrounds.

## MONUMENT

### TEEN EDUCATION/EMPOWERMENT

#### **RAD Program [via Ryan Pappas Memorial Foundation] (Y)**

<https://ppymca.org/programs/youth/teens/rad-program>

*Mission:* provide Safe and Sober alternative activities for high school students, educate our high school youth with meaningful, impactful, and factual Drug and Alcohol risk information, and provide scholarships for D38 high schools seniors who positively impact their peers and community

The RAD program provides a sober, inclusive space on Friday nights for high school students to participate in party alternatives such in indoor soccer/volleyball/basketball, ping-pong/foosball, board/video games, etc. Current chapters are at D38 high schools: *Palmer Ridge High* and *Lewis Palmer High*. This program is in conjunction with the YMCA.

## MANITOU SPRINGS

### ARTS

#### **Concrete Couch**

<http://www.concretecouch.org>

Concrete Couch collaborates with the local community for artistic projects to “grow confidence, connection, hope, self-esteem, skills and optimism”. Programs are free and open to the public—these include weekly/monthly spaces such as Fab Lab (fixing/creating), Music Jam (experiment with instruments) and the Sustainability Skillshare. The Summer Coyote Program is dedicated specifically to construction, adventure play, music, science, and art.

#### **Poetry Heals**

<https://poetryheals.org>

“Poetry Heals provides therapeutic writing classes to teen trauma survivors and others who are incarcerated, homeless, institutionalized, in recovery, or recently released”

Poetry Heals connects local nonprofit partners to one-on-one mentors that use poetry to explore emotional processing. Generally, the organization hosts weekly poetry/pottery collaborations that are open and free to the public to encourage inclusive engagement among all community members.

## SCHOOL PROGRAMS: EL PASO COUNTY

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPECIFIC

#### Colorado College Student Organizations (Y)

<https://www.coloradocollege.edu/offices/campusactivities/student-organizations-leadership/index.html>

- **Early Scholars Tutoring:** *Taylor Elementary (D11)*  
This group assists with homework while forming mentoring relationships.
- **Enseña:** *Steele Elementary (D11)*  
This group promotes multicultural awareness and Spanish speaking abilities.
- **Volunteer Action:** *West Elementary (D11)*  
This group mentors 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and engages them in activities around the city.

#### Girls on the Run (Y)

<https://www.girlsontherun.org>

“At Girls on the Run, all girls are inspired and motivated to understand and accept others, while standing up for they believe”

*\*national program*

Girls on the Run inspires young girls to engage in character development through interactive lessons and physical activity. Values include understanding oneself, teamwork, and recognizing our ability to impact our surroundings. This program is a 10-week after school club—at the end, students participate in a 5k, fostering a goal-oriented mindset.

Partnerships with:

*Bricker Elementary (D2), Monterey Elementary (D2), Pikes Peak Elementary (D2), Sand Creek International School (D2), Soaring Eagles Elementary (D2), Stratmoor Hills Elementary (D2), Pinello Elementary (D3), Audubon Elementary (D11), Patrick Henry Elementary (D11), Rogers Elementary (D11), Academy Endeavor (D20), Bear Creek Elementary (D38), Stetson Elementary (D49)*

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIFIC

#### Colorado College Student Organizations (Y)

<https://www.coloradocollege.edu/offices/campusactivities/student-organizations-leadership/index.html>

- **Colorado College Learning Initiate in the Mountains:** *West Middle (D11)*  
This group mentors students and facilitates exposure to outdoor education and community service.
- **North Boys Enrichment Program:** *North Middle (D11)*  
This group empowers male students through one-on-one mentorship and tutoring.
- **CREATE:** *Mann Middle (D11)*  
This program cultivates self-exploration and self-confidence for female students through creative activities such as book making, yoga, dance, poetry, painting, pottery, and jewelry making.

## HIGH SCHOOL SPECIFIC

### Colorado College Student Organizations (Y)

<https://www.coloradocollege.edu/offices/campusactivities/student-organizations-leadership/index.html>

- **Tesla Mentors:** *Tesla High (D11)*  
Mentors facilitate goal-setting and post-high school planning.

## ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND HIGH SCHOOL

### Sources of Strength (Y)

<https://sourcesofstrength.org>

*Mission:* provide the highest quality evidence-based prevention for suicide, violence, bullying and substance abuse by training, supporting, and empowering both peer leaders and caring adults to impact their world through the power of connection, hope, help and strength

*\*national program*

Sources of Strength develops resources to facilitate an in-school peer social network that cultivates open discussions/narrative-telling to preventively approach suicide, bullying, and substance abuse. Nominated peers receive training on materials/activities and later work with adult advisors (educational staff or community members). These programs emphasize connections between peers and trusting adults as well as promote overall wellness.

Partnerships with:

*Janitell Junior High (D3), Sproul Junior High (D3), Colorado Springs Charter Academy (D11), Palmer High (D11), Legacy Peak Elementary (D20), Chinook Trail Middle (D20), Discovery Canyon Campus (D20), Rampart High (D20), Pine Creek High (D20), and Lewis Palmer High (D38).*

## SUBSTANCE USE RESOURCES

### Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) (Y)

Students create campaigns and educate peers & staff about cigarettes and vaping. This club is sponsored by El Paso County Public Health.

*Current chapters at: North Middle (D11), Panorama Middle (D2), Palmer High (D11), Sand Creek High (D49), Liberty High (D20), Harrison High (D2), and Doherty High (D11)*

### The Tobacco Free Alliance of El Paso County: Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership

<https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/service/tobacco>

“grant-funded program that works with community partners to 1. help adults and youth quit tobacco 2. prevent youth from starting tobacco 3. decrease exposure to secondhand smoke”

This organization is rooted in community outreach such as youth education initiatives in schools (with accompanying staff training). The alliance is also involved in policy change and data.