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COMMUNITY GRANTMAKING



The Community Grantmaking program prioritizes nonprofits working in the areas of early childhood education, education and youth development, family support and essential human services. The organizations included in this category have submitted grant applications and financial information and have been vetted by ACF staff within the context of our grantmaking guidelines and funding priorities.

Through annual grants, capacity building, and organization funds, Aspen Community Foundation has been supporting nonprofit organizations throughout the Aspen to Parachute region since its founding in 1980.



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A WAY OUT

Based in Aspen, serving to Parachute

Mission Statement: “Providing youth and adults in crisis with drugs and alcohol access to the treatment and recovery support.”

Overview: A Way Out offers need-based financial aid to motivated alcoholics, addicts, and their families for residential treatment and counseling. The agency also provides assessments, crisis support, aftercare follow-up, case management, counseling, and public education/prevention presentations about substance abuse, co-occurring mental health diagnoses, and recovery solutions.

Leadership:	Elizabeth Means, Executive Director
Number of staff:	2 full-time, 4 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	250
Current Budget:	\$825,000

ACCESS AFTERSCHOOL

Based in Carbondale, serving Basalt to Rifle

Mission Statement: “To provide opportunities for students to further develop academic, enrichment, social and physical skills in a safe and healthy environment.”

Overview: Access AfterSchool provides low-cost afterschool enrichment programs in six middle and two elementary schools from Basalt to Rifle and in two K-8 schools in Carbondale and Glenwood Springs. In addition, Access operates Boost Camp in Rifle, a summer program providing academic and enrichment programming for first through fifth graders. In 2021, Access expanded its afterschool programs and Boost Camp to the Aspen School District.

Leadership:	Deb Rice, Executive Director
Number of staff:	3 full-time, 180 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	1,400
Current Budget:	\$865,000

ADVOCATE SAFEHOUSE PROJECT

Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Carbondale to Parachute

Mission Statement: “To promote healthy relationships free from violence through education, advocacy, empowerment and safe housing.”

Overview: Formed in 1987, Advocate Safehouse Project provides services for domestic and/or sexual violence survivors and their children, including volunteer advocates, a 24-hour help line, safe housing and transitional

housing, women's support groups with childcare provided, Latina outreach, sexual assault crisis intervention, and community awareness and education.

Leadership:	Julie Olson, Executive Director
Number of staff:	6 full time, 4 part time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	550
Current Budget:	\$786,000

ALPINE LEGAL SERVICES

Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: "To ensure access to justice by providing and coordinating quality legal services that protect and advance fundamental legal rights."

Overview: Alpine Legal Services provides legal representation to crime victims, seniors, youth, and low-income people in critical situations often involving domestic violence, child safety, family law, senior issues, restraining orders, housing disputes, custody disputes, employer/employee conflicts, victim rights and consumer law. These services are provided either pro bono or on a sliding scale.

Leadership:	Jennifer Wherry, Executive Director
Number of staff:	5 full-time, 3 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	1,150
Current Budget:	\$650,000

ASPEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Based in Aspen, serving Aspen School District

Mission Statement: "Aspen Family Connections is a response center and activity hub created to connect all families residing in Pitkin County with services and programs to support them and their children in any and all aspects of their family journey, building on strengths, self-reliance and community connections."

Overview: Aspen Family Connections was established 2016 and is a resource hub, designed to be a one-stop shop for families seeking services, connection to and help with navigating resources, and prevention education, information, and support.

Leadership:	Katherine Sand, Executive Director
Number of staff:	3 full-time, 2 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	1000
Current Budget:	\$459,000

ASPEN HOPE CENTER

Based in Basalt, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “Our mission is to extend a beacon of hope to those in emotional crisis and offer a continuum of comprehensive care while steadfastly working to decrease the stigma of mental illness through expert clinical treatment, public education, community collaboration and outreach.”

Overview: Aspen Hope Center is a mental health nonprofit specializing in crisis: prevention, response, intervention, stabilization, and recovery. In addition to its 24/7 crisis line and mobile crisis team, AHC provides a stabilization program as an alternative to inpatient hospitalization, school-based mental health programs, and community-wide education programs.

Leadership:	Michelle Muething, Executive Director
Number of staff:	18 full-time, 0 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	150
Current Budget:	\$1,750,000

ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET FOLKLÓRICO

Based in Aspen, serving Basalt to Rifle

Mission Statement: “To cultivate and enhance an understanding and appreciation of dance by maintaining the highest standards of artistic excellence in performance, education and outreach.”

Overview: Aspen Santa Fe Ballet’s Folklórico outreach program is an afterschool Mexican folk-dance program for elementary through high school students. Through disciplined rehearsal and frequent performances, Folklórico promotes artistic excellence, instills positive youth development, increases cultural awareness, and encourages the crossing of cultural boundaries. Aspen Santa Fe Ballet remains committed to Ballet Folklórico even as the organization has dissolved its dance company.

Leadership:	Jean-Philippe Malaty, Executive Director
Number of staff:	10 full-time, 6 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	120 (Folklórico)
Current Budget:	\$260,000 (Folklórico)

ASPEN STRONG

Based in Aspen, serving Roaring Fork Valley

Mission Statement: “To raise awareness of and improve mental health in the roaring fork valley by creating sustainable financial resources, uniting professionals and agencies in mental health, and by supporting and implementing empirically based and results-oriented education and action. Our goal is to inspire a movement that promotes healthy community dialogue where suicide is recognized as preventable and mental wellness is embraced and supported within community and organizational structure.”

Overview: Aspen Strong was founded in 2014 as a response to Pitkin County’s suicide rate to connect the Roaring Fork Valley’s mental health resources and promote mental hygiene. It offers online screenings for mental health needs, a comprehensive mental health provider directory to help connect people with appropriate care, toolkits for emotional literacy to help people recognize and evaluate signs and symptoms and guide them towards mental wellness, outreach and education through workplace partnerships and teen initiatives, and community engagement through the annual Hike Hope Heal event, Symposium and various panels and discussions throughout the year.

Leadership:	Angilina Taylor, Executive Director
Number of staff:	1 full-time, 0 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	2500
Current Budget:	\$158,000

ASPEN VALLEY SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB (AVSC)

Based in Aspen, serving to Glenwood Springs

Mission Statement: “To provide all youth in the greater Roaring Fork Valley the opportunity to excel as athletes and as people through winter sports.”

Overview: AVSC has taught winter sports to generations of local children and has a legacy of training Olympians and hosting national and international competitions. In all, AVSC offers 69 skiing/snowboarding/cycling programs, providing training, coaching, mentoring, and financial aid to youth ages 3 ½ through high school. Extending its outreach to those with disabilities, in 2010 AVSC became the first ski club in the nation to establish an Alpine Paralympic Development Program in which disabled athletes train alongside able-bodied athletes.

Leadership:	Mark Godomsky, Executive Director
Number of staff:	33 full-time, 124 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	5,500
Current Budget:	\$5,650,000

ASPEN YOUTH CENTER

Based in and serving Aspen

Mission Statement: “To provide a safe and supportive place for youth to connect, learn and grow.”

Overview: Aspen Youth Center provides a safe, supportive and supervised space for youth afterschool and all day during the summer, offering fun extra-curricular activities such as cooking, science, art, sports, outdoor activities and volunteer clubs, free of charge. Participants can also get help with their homework and are fed healthy afternoon snacks.

Leadership:	Michaela Idhammar, Executive Director
Number of staff:	2 full-time, 10 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	2,173
Current Budget:	\$434,000

BLUE LAKE PRESCHOOL

Based in El Jebel and Carbondale, serving to Rifle

Mission Statement: “Nurturing and empowering young children to learn and grow in a safe and challenging environment and creating a setting for children that will foster positive self-esteem and prepare them for a successful, long-term, educational experience.”

Overview: Blue Lake Preschool in El Jebel is a full-service childcare center providing infant, toddler and preschool care as well as afterschool care for children in kindergarten through third grade. In 2015, a second school, Little Blue, was opened in Carbondale. The school strives for all students to have access to the program at least two days per week despite the family’s ability to pay.

Leadership:	Michelle Oger, Executive Director
Number of staff:	29 full-time, 2 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	214
Current Budget:	\$1,998,000

THE BUDDY PROGRAM

Based in Aspen, serving to Rifle

Mission Statement: “Empowering youth through mentoring experiences in order to reach their full potential.”

Overview: The Buddy Program provides mentoring for young people ages 6-18 through several programs: the “big buddy” model where an adult is paired with a young person, “peer-to-peer” where a high school student is matched with a younger student, and through experiential group programs such as wilderness adventures and ropes courses. The Buddy Program also offers scholarships for extra-curricular activities, therapeutic counseling, and college scholarships.

Leadership:	Lindsay Lofaro, Executive Director
Number of staff:	14 full-time, 1 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	400
Current Budget:	\$1,560,000

CASA OF THE NINTH

Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Pitkin, Garfield and Rio Blanco counties

Mission Statement: “Our mission is to provide well-trained, court-appointed volunteer advocates to abused and neglected children in Colorado’s Ninth Judicial District. The program’s vision is to support a safe, permanent, nurturing home for every child it serves.”

Overview: CASA of the Ninth provides support during dependency and neglect court proceedings for children ages 0 to 17 who have been abused, neglected or witnessed domestic violence. CASAs are specially trained community members who investigate family situations, facilitate communication, monitor treatment plans, and

advocate for children by getting to know the child involved, their caregivers, parents, family members, teachers, and other providers.

Leadership:	Traci Gurley-Tomashosky, Executive Director
Number of staff:	2 full-time, 2 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	75
Current Budget:	\$249,000

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, WESTERN SLOPE

Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Pitkin, Eagle and Garfield counties

Mission Statement: “As the charitable arm of the Archdiocese of Denver, and inspired by God's love and compassion, Catholic Charities extends the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to the poor and those in need. Catholic Charities serves individuals and families of all faiths, backgrounds and cultures to alleviate poverty and promote self-reliance.”

Overview: Founded in 1927, Catholic Charities provides supportive, safety-net services for vulnerable individuals and families. The Western Slope office, headquartered in Glenwood Springs, serves Pitkin, Garfield, and Eagle County residents with financial assistance for rent and utilities, case management to those at risk of homelessness, and services for the immigrant community including helping them access resources, mediation and conflict resolution, and helping them attain workplace equity. Catholic Charities offers immigration services out of its Denver office.

Leadership:	Marian McDonough, Regional Manager
Number of staff:	7 full time, 1 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	150
Current Budget:	\$779,000

COLORADO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COALITION

Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Pitkin, Eagle and Garfield counties

Mission Statement: “A statewide, membership-based coalition of immigrant, faith, labor, youth, community, business and ally organizations founded in 2002 to improve the lives of immigrants and refugees by making Colorado a more welcoming, immigrant-friendly state.”

Overview: CIRC is a unified, statewide voice and movement to defend and advance justice for immigrants. CIRC has helped immigrant communities mobilize, organize, and build more powerful institutions. It influences state and federal policy; increases civic engagement by people of color; helps immigrants obtain drivers licenses, process DACA renewals, green card applications, and become citizens; prepares and defends immigrant communities from harsh immigration enforcement policies; and build grassroots power within immigrant communities who then drive the kind of change they want to see.

Leadership:	Lisa Duran, Regional Manager
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Number of staff:	26 full time, 1 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	360
Current Budget:	\$1,965,000

EARLY CHILDHOOD NETWORK

Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Basalt to Parachute

Mission Statement: “Early Childhood Network's mission is to enhance capacity, quality and accessibility of childcare in Garfield County and the western portion of Eagle County.”

Overview: Early Childhood Network is Garfield County’s primary resource for all things related to early childhood. It provides childcare resources to families, quality improvement coaching to licensed childcare programs and informal childcare providers, houses the Early Head Start Family Coordinator, provides professional development, and connects families to financial aid resources in Garfield and western Eagle counties.

Leadership:	Kelly Esch, Executive Director
Number of staff:	3 full-time, 6 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	2500
Current Budget:	\$459,000

ENGLISH IN ACTION

Based in El Jebel, serving Aspen to Carbondale

Mission Statement: “To build a stronger community and intercultural relationships through language development, personal empowerment and community engagement.”

Overview: Founded in 1994, English in Action helps adult immigrants develop the language and leadership skills they need to participate fully in our community as workers, parents, and community members. The program also aims to build bridges of trust between immigrant and non-immigrant residents. Students in EIA’s individual tutoring program work with a community volunteer who tutors the student in English with a personalized course of study based on the student’s English language level, personal goals, and learning styles. EIA also offers open office hours, small group programs, community engagement opportunities and “How to Learn English!” seminars.

Leadership:	Lara Beaulieu, Executive Director
Number of staff:	5 full-time, 3 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	380
Current Budget:	\$638,000

FAMILY VISITOR PROGRAMS

Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “To promote healthy families by providing education, advocacy, and support services that

strengthen and empower families, foster the optimum development of children, and prevent child abuse and neglect.”

Overview: Family Visitor Programs provides home-based parent support from pregnancy until the baby is two years old. The programs focus on strengthening parenting skills and protecting young children from toxic stress caused by abuse, neglect, domestic violence, and family dysfunction which has been linked to lifelong health and social problems. The agency offers four core programs: Nurse Family Partnership, Healthy Families America, Partners for Healthy Baby and Colorado Bright by Three. All FVP services are offered free of charge.

Leadership:	Andrew Romanoff, Executive Director
Number of staff:	16 full-time, 1 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	300
Current Budget:	\$1,657,000

FOCUSEDKIDS

Based in Basalt, serving Basalt, Carbondale, and Glenwood Springs

Mission Statement: “To deliver a program that emphasizes the importance of safe relationships with children and provides engaging ways to learn about the brain and self-regulation. In addition, the goal is to prepare children for academic and life success using well-developed executive function skills.”

Overview: FocusedKids™ was uniquely developed to use in preschool settings. This is the time in human development when the brain is growing fastest and is most pliable. It is the window in time for influencing the basic architecture of the brain. Using many visual and tactile props, mindful activities, and adult involvement (teachers, parents, and caregivers) children become competent in self-regulation skills. These skills are foundational for successful learning, for developing healthy relationships, and for long-term health.

Leadership:	Kathy Hegberg, Executive Director
Number of staff:	3 full-time, 2 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	300
Current Budget:	\$205,000

LIFT-UP

Based in Rifle, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “To provide essential humanitarian assistance in the communities we serve”

Overview: LIFT-UP operates brick-and-mortar food pantries in Parachute, Rifle, New Castle, Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, and Aspen. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, LIFT-UP has diversified the ways people can access food, offering both bricks and mortar “pantries of choice” and mobile distribution throughout the region. LIFT-UP also organizes the Extended Table program that offers, hot meals each weeknight in Glenwood Springs, provides fresh produce and meat through its Farm to Pantry program, and operates one thrift store to provide low-cost goods to families as well as revenue for the organization.

Leadership:	Ivan Jackson, Executive Director
Number of staff:	10 full-time, 4 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	32,000
Current Budget:	\$2,990,000

MIND SPRINGS HEALTH

Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Pitkin, Eagle, Garfield and Mesa counties

Mission Statement: “We rebuild lives and inspire hope by providing exceptional mental health and addiction recovery care, strengthening the health and vitality of our communities.”

Overview: Mind Springs Health started in 1972 as the not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation ‘Colorado West’ after a spate of suicides in Grand County spurred local mental health practitioners to join together. In the ’80s and ’90s, the organization service area grew to 13 offices and provided services to 10 counties across 23,000 square miles of Northwestern Colorado. The ’00s were not particularly kind to the Colorado West Regional Mental Health network, which struggled to find stability in clinical, operational and fiscal areas. Yet in 2005, when all existing western slope psychiatric units were closing, Mind Springs Health stepped up and established the only psychiatric hospital between Denver and Salt Lake City – the original 32-bed West Springs Hospital. A few years later in 2008, longtime Executive Director Ken Stein, who had overseen much of the organization’s expansion, retired. Shortly thereafter, enter Sharon Raggio LPC LMFT. As CEO & President of Mind Springs Health & West Springs Hospital, Sharon engineered an organizational turnaround and has been the architect of many of our successes since.

Leadership:	Sharon Raggio, Executive Director
Number of staff:	219 full-time, 62 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	100
Current Budget:	\$31,000,000

MOUNTAIN FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS

Based in Basalt, Glenwood Springs, and Rifle, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “To provide high quality, integrated primary, behavioral and dental health care in the communities we serve, with special consideration for the medically underserved, regardless of ability to pay.”

Overview: Founded in 1999, Mountain Family Health Centers provides integrated medical, behavioral, and dental care to patients in the Roaring Fork, Colorado, and Eagle river valleys, regardless of income, insurance status, or ethnicity. MFHC accepts most public and private insurance plans and is one of the only providers in the region offering a sliding fee scale discount program.

Leadership:	Ross Brooks, CEO
Number of staff:	167 full-time, 48 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	Not reported

Current Budget: \$21,000,000

MOUNT SOPRIS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Based in and serving Carbondale

Mission Statement: “Dedicated to cultivating children's respect for themselves, their community and their natural environment through the insightful application of Montessori principles.”

Overview: Located in Carbondale, Mount Sopris Montessori School offers half- and full-day childcare for children ages 18 months to five years of age throughout the school year and for eight weeks in summer. Fifty-five children are enrolled from mostly middle class, dual working families. Scholarships are available for lower income families and MSMS accepts Colorado Child Care Assistance Program tuition assistance.

Leadership:	Carrie Tippet, Executive Director
Number of staff:	9 full-time, 4 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	54
Current Budget:	\$165,000

PLANNED PARENTHOOD, GLENWOOD SPRINGS CLINIC

Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “Empowering people to make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health by providing high quality health services, comprehensive sex education and strategic advocacy.”

Overview: Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains offers reproductive health care and provides comprehensive sex education programs and advocacy through 18 health Centers in Colorado, including Glenwood Springs. In addition to reproductive health services, the clinic provides testing and early identification of breast and cervical cancer. Through its Patient Assistance Fund, PPRM is committed to serving patients regardless of income, identity, or background.

Leadership:	Rebecca Binion, Glenwood Springs Health Center Manager
Number of staff:	4 full-time, 6 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	2,200
Current Budget:	\$49,000,000

RESPONSE

Based in Aspen, serving to Basalt/El Jebel

Mission Statement: “To support, educate and empower victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.”

Overview: Founded in 1983, Response serves victims and survivors of domestic violence and their families by training volunteer advocates and providing 24/7 crisis intervention, support-group counseling, and court

advocacy, as well as offering the Housing for Survivors program. Response's staff and volunteer advocates work closely with local law enforcement, schools, and other nonprofit organizations to provide confidential, non-judgmental support for people in Pitkin County and Basalt/El Jebel.

Leadership:	Shannon Meyer, Executive Director
Number of staff:	5 full-time, 3 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	150
Current Budget:	\$690,000

RIVER BRIDGE REGIONAL CENTER

Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: "Providing collaborative services to child abuse victims, their families and the community in a supportive environment through a child-centered approach."

Overview: Founded in 2007, River Bridge is an accredited, evidence-based children's advocacy center. RBRC brings together the services and support needed, including law enforcement, prosecutors, child protective services, and medical and mental health professionals to confront child sexual abuse. This approach reduces trauma to the child, aids in the prosecution of abusers, and maintains and supports the accuracy of information capable of withstanding the scrutiny of court proceedings.

Leadership:	Blythe Chapman, Executive Director
Number of staff:	6 full-time, 3 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	603
Current Budget:	\$795,000

ROARING FORK PRECOLLEGIATE

Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Basalt, Carbondale and Glenwood Springs schools

Mission Statement: "To identify promising first-generation students and motivate them to pursue higher education. Through personal mentoring we provide access to information and resources and equip students with relevant life skills to enable them to successfully complete high school and graduate into a postsecondary program of their choice."

Overview: The Roaring Fork PreCollegiate program provides academic and extracurricular support to first-generation students in order increase high school graduation rates and help establish a college-going culture within the school district. The program consists of four main components: group mentoring with community volunteers, summer residential college camps at the University of Colorado Boulder and Colorado Mountain College, parent classes and outreach, and comprehensive college advising and transition planning.

Leadership:	David Smith, Executive Director
Number of staff:	4 full-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	500

Current Budget: \$297,000

STEPPING STONES OF THE ROARING FORK VALLEY

Based in and serving Carbondale

Mission Statement: “Empowering Roaring Fork Valley teens to reach self-sufficiency by providing youth with a safe and structured environment to learn life skills, participate in experiential learning, and have access to professional counseling and support services”

Overview: Founded in 2013 and located in Carbondale, Stepping Stones of the Roaring Fork Valley is a safe, drug- and alcohol-free place for youth ages 10 to 21 to come after school and during summer. Stepping Stones offers mentoring, skill development, educational support, drug and alcohol education, and access to programming in the arts, community engagement, and outdoor recreation. Its drop-in center provides home-cooked meals each night as well as access to basic needs services such as showers and laundry.

Leadership:	Kyle Crawley, Executive Director
Number of staff:	5 full-time, 3 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	260
Current Budget:	\$568,000

SUMMIT 54, SUMMER ADVANTAGE ROARING FORK VALLEY

Based in Denver, serving Basalt, Carbondale and Glenwood Springs schools

Mission Statement: “Summit 54 is committed to improving K-12 education effectiveness through coordinated, strategic, and accountable investments in evidence-based programs.”

Overview: Since 2012, Summit 54 operates the Summer Advantage Roaring Fork Valley program, which provides five weeks of rigorous daily academic instruction and enrichment for kindergarten through fourth grade students. The program partners closely with school principals and individual teachers to ensure that students who are most at risk for falling behind receive access to the program which is free of charge and includes breakfast, snack, and lunch for all participants.

Leadership:	Terri Caine, Executive Director (uncompensated)
Number of staff:	1 full-time, 1 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	550
Current Budget:	\$899,000

VALLEY SETTLEMENT

Based in Carbondale, serving Basalt to Glenwood Springs

Mission Statement: “Valley Settlement engages immigrant families in the Roaring Fork Valley to improve their lives.”

Overview: Established in 2012, Valley Settlement addresses the barriers low-income Latino immigrants face when settling in and connecting to the community: fear, poor public transportation, language barriers, etc. Valley Settlement focuses on two primary goals: improved school readiness and elementary school achievement for children, and family economic stability. Programs operate in the Roaring Fork School District and include mobile preschool, parent education and home visitation, family health and wellness, parent mentors, and adult literacy and career education through the Lifelong Learning program.

Leadership:	Maria Tarajano Rodman, Executive Director
Number of staff:	24 full-time, 2 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	1,117
Current Budget:	\$2,721,000

WINDWALKERS EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING AND THERAPY CENTER

Based in Carbondale, serving Aspen to Glenwood Springs

Mission Statement: “Where horses and caring professionals help individuals with challenges, and their families, grow and thrive!”

Overview: WindWalkers is an equine assisted learning and therapy center with a family-centered approach. Our mission is to provide a variety of equine assisted therapies to aid in the development and growth of those with challenges, be they physical, neurological, emotional, behavioral or psychological.

Leadership:	Gabrielle Greeves, Executive Director
Number of staff:	5 full-time, 6 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	48
Current Budget:	\$620,000

YAMPAH MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL TEEN PARENT PROGRAM

Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Basalt to Parachute

Mission Statement: “Yampah is a learning community designed to develop meaningful relationships, an appreciation of life-long learning, and the academic skills necessary for the 21st Century student.”

Overview: Founded in 1989, Yampah Mountain High School provides individualized learning for students, ages 14-20, who are at risk of not completing high school. These risk factors include teenage pregnancy or parenting, traumatic life experiences, emotional disabilities, and general disengagement and disinterest in the traditional school setting. Yampah also provides childcare for children ages birth to 3 ½ whose teenaged parents are enrolled in the Teen Parent Program. In total, 185 students are served.

Leadership:	Leigh McGown, Principal
Number of staff:	22 full-time, 7 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	150

Current Budget: \$2,050,000

YOUTHENTITY

Based in Carbondale, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “To empower youth to build successful futures through financial education and career readiness.”

Overview: Founded in 2001, Youthentity offers authentic real-world learning experiences for students including financial literacy and career exploration and development. Youthentity’s delivers state-mandated personal financial literacy standards for middle and high school students in six counties, helps middle school students match their personality traits, interests and strengths with potential career paths and to connect them with career-oriented internships in the community, and provides high school students with life-skills coaching, work experience and career-specific training.

Leadership:	Kirsten McDaniel, Executive Director
Number of staff:	4 full-time, 19 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	5,950
Current Budget:	\$690,000

YOUTHZONE

Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “Providing opportunities for youth to be responsible, contributing members of their communities and work with their families and the community toward this end.”

Overview: Established in 1976, YouthZone provides prevention and intervention services for at-risk youth and their families. These services include juvenile justice system intervention (court advocacy, deferred sentencing, diversion, case management and useful public service); restorative justice and victim/offender mediation; individual, family and adolescent peer group counseling; and preventive programs. The majority of YouthZone clients are Garfield County boys aged 10 to 18 years, about half are Anglo and half are Latino.

Leadership:	Jami Hayes, Executive Director
Number of staff:	10 full-time, 2 part-time
FY Unduplicated Clients:	1,400
Current Budget:	\$1,240,000
