



# YouthZone presentation

## MISSION

YouthZone provides comprehensive assessment and advocacy to inspire healthy relationships between youth, families, and communities.

## VISION

Hopeful Youth, Strong Families, & Safe Communities

## CORE VALUES

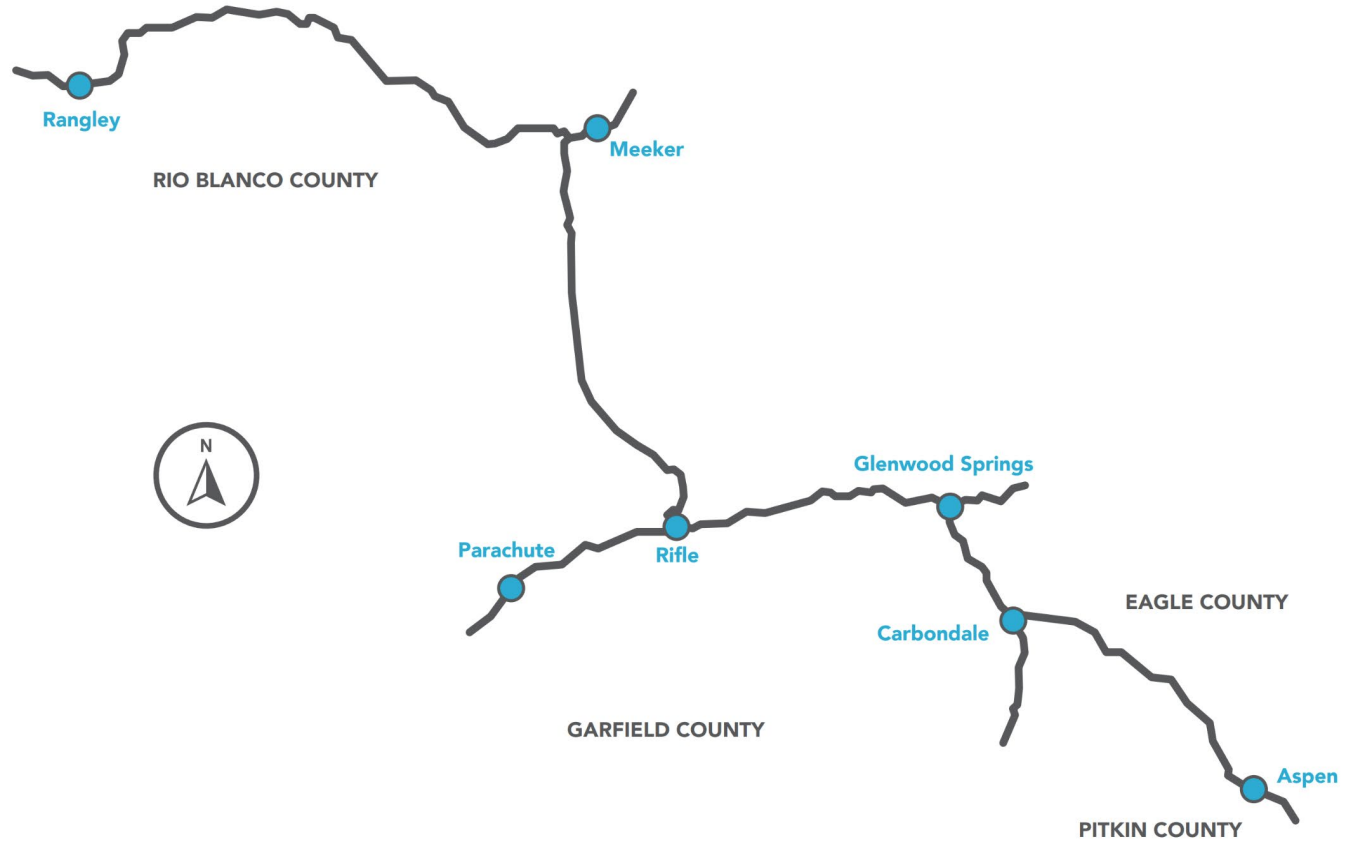
Inspire with Integrity, No judgements, Stewardship and believe in Possibilities, Inclusiveness, Restoration and Encouragement





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## 9th Judicial District and YouthZone



## GOALS AND OUTCOMES

- To intervene with youth who exhibit risky, disruptive or criminal juvenile behaviors,
- YouthZone:
  - Provides youth tools and resources to **reduce risk** and elevate success
  - Supports the entire family unit and promotes **healthier family** relationships
  - Supports **mental health** through coaching, counseling and education
  - Intervenes with **substance** use through intervention, education and counseling
  - Heals communities through **restorative processes**



*\*Evidence Based: Sensitive to program effectiveness, completion, and client recidivism. The screener includes 60 questions, of which seven are identifying and demographic. Staff collect quality screening answers, as well as assets and risks. The screener is at a 7th-grade reading level and takes about 15 minutes to complete.*

**The YouthZone survey measures the following five domains:**

- Substance Use
- Alcohol Use
- Optimism and Problem Solving
- Delinquency and Community Engagement
- Trauma



## PROGRAMS & SERVICES



### Youth Services

- Assessments – Youth and Family
- Youth Advocacy - Case Management
- Counseling – Individual
- Substance Use Counseling & Education
- Restorative Justice
- Victim/Offender Mediation
- Peer Support Groups
- Useful Public Service
- Deferred Sentencing Programs through Courts
- Diversion
- Life Skills Classes
- Youth Coaching
- CYDC Detention Screening 9<sup>th</sup> District

### Parent Support

- Parent Consultation
- Parent Education
- Family Mediation
- Peer Support Groups

[Online Referral Form](#)

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## COST & SOURCES OF INCOME

- \$200 fee per client to initiate services- Sliding fee schedule for reduced or waived fees
- Average overall cost per youth is \$2,000-\$4,000 for a 3-6 month program
- Avg. cost to detain a youth is \$66,000 for 6 months
- FY25.26 budget at \$2.0m
- FY26.27 budget at \$2.1m



## OUR GOALS:

- 1) Leverage community partnerships for better outcomes and outreach. This includes coordinating with schools and law enforcement agencies to identify pre-ticket youth
- 2) Reduce barriers to access, including transportation, language, cost, and timeliness.
- 3) Improve capacity to serve youth and families in need of mental health and substance use intervention



## DEMOGRAPHICS AND OUTCOMES

- 56% of referrals come from courts, offering both pre- and post-file diversion.
- 30% of referrals are from schools and pre-ticket law enforcement contact, allowing us to provide preventative services prior to formal engagement with the judicial system.
- 15% of referrals are self-referrals or referred by a partner organization.
- 6% of our clients are adults.



## DEMOGRAPHICS & OUTCOMES

	Organization-wide	New Castle
<b>Top Reasons for Referral</b>	Possession of marijuana	Possession of marijuana
	Possession of alcohol	Petty theft
	Petty theft	Possession of alcohol
	Criminal mischief	Harassment/Menacing
	Parent consultation	Reckless driving
<b>Top Referral Sources</b>	Garfield District Court	Glenwood Muni Court
	Glenwood Muni Court	Garfield District Court
	Rifle Muni Court	New Castle Police
	Garfield County Court	Garfield County Court
	Carbondale Muni Court	Internal/Other





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## DEMOGRAPHICS & OUTCOMES

	Organization-wide	New Castle
Total assessments	449	48
Unique clients	378	38
Total community members served	1020	113
CYDC cases	50	9
Non-recidivism rate	84%	87%
Contract completion rate	92%	83%
Survey improvement	48%	35%
Gender	39% female, 61% male	35% female, 65% male
Ethnicity	44% Caucasian, 49% Latino, 7% other	43% Caucasian, 51% Latino, 6% other



## Support Staff and Key Consultants



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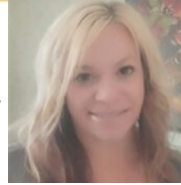
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## Key Partnerships



**COLORADO**  
Department of Human Services



**COLORADO**  
Division of Criminal Justice  
Department of Public Safety

Office of Gun Violence Prevention

**Colorado Youth Detention Continuum (CYDC)**



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