

Mile High United Way Youth Success Initiative



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22% OF COLORADO'S HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DON'T GRADUATE

Every nine seconds a student drops out of school.

Each year dropouts cost taxpayers and businesses millions of dollars. Dropouts earn \$10,000 less annually than those with a high school diploma.

YOU CAN HELP A YOUNG PERSON graduate from high school prepared for higher education and for life. Your support provides at-risk students with the tools they need to graduate.

Making a Difference for Youth

- **Lights On After School** - free, quality after school programs that keep children engaged in school and expand their learning potential.
- **Youth Mentoring** - positive adult role models for youth in need of responsible, caring guidance.
- **Alternative Schooling Programs** - provide homeless, pregnant or parenting and low income youth with ways to complete their education and graduate from high school or earn their GED.
- **Youth Development Programs** - guidance through sports and recreation, leadership development, gang intervention, and violence and substance abuse prevention.
- **Bridging the Gap** - serving foster youth aged 14-23, providing them with critical housing opportunities and financial literacy skills.
- **Advocacy** - ongoing work to influence and impact systems and public policy.



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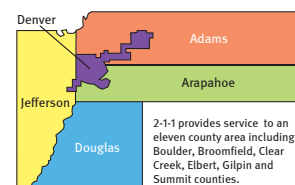
What Success Looks Like

School age, low-income and at-risk students succeed academically and graduate from high school.

Youth from low-income families or underserved populations stay in school and succeed academically. Youth success programs supported by Mile High United Way strive for the following outcomes.

- 75% of program participants are retained in the program and will graduate from high school.
- 90% or more of the participants successfully progress to the next grade level on time.
- Participants have a school attendance rate of at least 90% or better.
- Parents participate in activities that support their youth's development.

We support programs in all five counties of the metropolitan area.



Learn more about Mile High United Way, read our stories of success, watch our online videos and join the movement for positive change at www.UnitedWayDenver.org

MILE HIGH UNITED WAY

MISSION

Uniting people, ideas and resources to advance the common good.

VISION

A community united to create better opportunities for all.

VALUES

Integrity, Excellence, Service, Accountability, Courageous Leadership, and Live United



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