



## Initiatives in Action: Youth Success Initiative



### Lights On After School, Even In the Summer!

Nearly 250 Denver Public School students spent part of their summer break at school and, they say they are happy that they did!

Denver-CAMP is a free summer camp program designed to keep students actively engaged – physically, intellectually and socially – over the summer months. The idea is that these students return to their schools in the fall ready to learn and succeed in the classroom.

This past summer, Denver-CAMP operated two sites: one at the Skinner Neighborhood Center in Northwest Denver and the other at Noel Middle School in the Montbello neighborhood.

The program offered up educational as well as recreational activities including science, computer lab, yoga, tennis, swimming and much more.

Denver-CAMP is aimed at students who would not ordinarily be able to afford a summer camp experience. In fact, many of the students are homeless.

“If I hadn’t been here at Denver-CAMP,” says one student, “I’d have nowhere to go and nothing to do over the summer.”

The Denver-CAMP experience is operated and supported through a collaboration of local organizations including Denver Public Schools Foundation, Denver Public Schools Extended Learning, Open World Learning, Catholic Charities, Skinner Neighborhood Center, Lights On After School, UPS and Mile High United Way.

Lights On After School is one of Mile High United Way’s many collaborations in our community. It offers after school



Yoga class gave Denver Camp students the chance to stretch their bodies and calm their spirits.

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programming throughout the metro area for students throughout the year and is an important part of Mile High United Way's Youth Success Initiative.

"I had fun this summer and I learned a lot, too," says a Denver-CAMP student. "One of our science projects was to make a homemade volcano! I would never have been able to do that on my own."



Denver Camp provided students with physical, artistic and educational activities including a computer course.

For more information about our Youth Success Initiative, please visit our website at [www.unitedwaydenver.org](http://www.unitedwaydenver.org).

We can do more together.



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