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Promoting Health

School Age Engagement and Care Grant Awards

COVID Relief and Recovery

Aurora Community Connection Family Resource Center – Adams, Arapahoe
Expanded In-Person Learning & Mental Health Support for Latinx Children
Expand ACC's existing in-person support for remote learning for low-income, Latina families in North Aurora to a model offering 14 contact hours per child per week, aiming to replicate the social connections and engagement of in-person learning in schools. This program would include a licensed educator, daily exercise and wellness sessions that promote mental and physical health, in a space that adheres to all relevant public health guidelines. ACC staff would also provide referrals to mental health services to enrolled children and their caregivers.
$25,000¶

BeyondHome – Jefferson, Adams, Denver
BeyondHome Youth Program
Support the BeyondHome Youth Program which focuses on the educational goals and mental health of BeyondHome children and youth and is actively responding to the current COVID-19 crisis by meeting the needs of children and youth as they navigate remote learning and changes in their environments.
$20,000¶

Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County – Larimer
Harmony Village Remote Learning Center
Support a comprehensive plan to serve youth across Larimer County through mobilization and implementation of Boys & Girls Club Remote Learning Centers. Remote Learning Centers exist to provide a safe place for youth to go during traditional school hours, support student engagement in virtual learning settings and ensure that students have access to enrichment activities that help to promote and reinforce academics and promote social and emotional wellbeing. These centers are targeted at helping some of our most vulnerable youth populations.
$20,000¶

Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver – Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson
Academic, Social-Emotional, and Health Supports for Metro Denver Youth
Support out-of-school-time programs (after school) and remote learning centers (during the school-day), which focus on providing safe physical spaces for youth to access and receive academic, social, emotional, and health supports in a caring, community-based environment staffed by trusted adults. Nimbly adapt to the constant changes in school and life circumstances children are experiencing during the COVID-19 health and economic crisis – focusing on children of color and children experiencing poverty, who are being disproportionately affected.
$25,000¶

Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley – Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande
Virtual Youth Engagement and Support
Support enhanced programming, including Positive Action curriculum and Sources of Strength, as schools transition to full remote learning due to the increase of COVID-19 so that youth are socially engaged and connected in a time where being physically engaged with others is not a realistic option.
$20,000¶

Boys and Girls Clubs of Pueblo County – Pueblo
Removing Barriers to Health and Wellness While Creating Opportunities in Pueblo
Support BGCPC's five Clubhouses and three In Person Learning Communities to provide safe, structured, technology-enabled places for Pueblo's kids who are experiencing disruption in their school, family and social lives due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In-Person Learning Communities provide a safe, supervised place for kids who would otherwise be home alone on their remote learning days and funding will support staff, program supplies, transportation and cleaning/PPE supplies.
$25,000¶

Center for Rural Outreach and Public Services – Rio Grande and Saguache
Growing Ute Online Student Navigation and Supports
Support Growing Ute Online Student Navigation to increase engagement and academic performance of at risk Ute Mountain Ute Tribe children in grades K-12 during COVID-19 by providing Tribal Student Navigators to assist students and their families access and success in using online services provided by Montezuma Cortez School District and Fort Lewis College tutoring services.
$25,000¶

Center Viking Youth Club – Alamosa, Rio Grande, Saguache
Center Viking Youth Club- School Age Engagement & Care
Support youth through expanded out-of-school time programming provided Monday-Friday. During this disrupted time, promote the health, social, educational, vocational and character development of youth in the San Luis Valley and provide a safe, trusting, and positive space where all youth are given opportunities that enrich their strengths, encourage healthy relationships, and envision future possibilities.
$20,000¶

Colorado I Have A Dream Foundation – Denver
Expanding Remote Learning Centers
Support Remote Learning Centers to provide a safe, supportive, in-person learning option for students and families who are struggling academically, socially, and emotionally. Increase the number of seats available for students and families looking for this option and support student engagement in learning, provide authentic and frequent social-emotional engagement opportunities, connect students with mental health, and ensure a stable, caring, individualized learning environment for students.
$25,000¶

Denver Inner City Parish – Denver
COVID-19 Student Support Center
Support the COVID-19 Student Support Center which helps students stay motivated and engaged in remote learning by providing students with the space, technology, and technical, educational, and social emotional support needed to succeed. The Learning Center is designed to provide a COVID-safe, socially distanced workspace for students, equipped with WiFi and laptops to loan to students who do not have their own. DICP's Puentes Mentoring program will expand to serve 10 additional high school seniors at the Student Support Center.
$20,000¶

Early Connections Learning Centers – El Paso
Remote Learning Support for School Age Children
Support school age students in El Paso County while they are learning remotely by providing distance learning support (including computers, reliable internet, and a safe stable place to learn), outdoor play time, three nutritious meals daily, and one-on-one behavioral health support. Continued support for in-person distance learning ensures students have more equal access to education and support.
$25,000¶

Empower Community High School – Adams, Arapahoe, Denver
School Engagement through Academic and Mental Health Supports
Offer two new programs designed to support students' academic growth and mental well-being, thereby increasing engagement. The Justice Fund provides financial support to families most impacted by COVID-19 for emergency financial assistance and referrals for counseling. The Hustle Collective supports engagement through a series of student-led projects designed to increase students' interest in learning with support from a mentor.
$25,000¶

Family Resource Center of the Roaring Fork Schools – Eagle, Garfield, Pitkin
Engagement & Care Support for Distance Learners
Hire a full-time, bilingual, bicultural family liaison to provide regular home visits to youth and families enrolled in distance-learning. With an organizational mission to strengthen student health, well-being and academic achievement by partnering with families, schools and communities, a liaison dedicated solely to a 400-student online learning school can ensure students are engaged, motivated and continuing to learn. Regular home visits with a trusted adult will provide social engagement and support for students' emotional well-being, as well as provide access for youth to integrated health care - including mental health - in a virtual environment.
$20,000¶

Florence Crittenton Services of Colorado – Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson
Social Emotional Engagement with Teen Families
Support Florence Crittenton Services' Student and Family Support Program and Early Childhood Education Center staff in keeping teen mothers and their children engaged and supported while learning from home. FloCrit will work to engage young families in creative and adaptable ways. Services provided include virtual check-ins, mental health counselling, virtual and in-person ECE Center content, academic support, housing assistance, basic needs support, and home visits.
$20,000¶

Friends of Lamar Hope Center – Prowers
Expanded Programming at Lamar Hope Center
Support the Friends of Lamar Hope Center in providing expanded after school programming, social connections, school engagement, food and adult engagement for youth grades 3rd-12th at Lincoln Elementary School or through virtual supports. Provide youth a safe space to come, have fun, get homework help, snacks and other supports.
$15,000¶

Full Circle Of Lake County – Lake
Social Emotional Learning Supports for Lake County Students
Address the needs of youth coming out of incarceration during the pandemic by providing a continuum of support at the Montbello group homes where students have transitioned and are struggling to succeed at remote learning and life. Support includes: case management, tutoring, executive functioning development, sports programming, employment/job training placement, and mentoring. Services even more important in response to the pandemic and amidst racial tensions.
$20,000¶

Gold Crown Foundation – Denver, Jefferson
Remote Learning at the Gold Crown Clubhouses
Expand Remote Learning support, providing free programming for youth in need through the remainder of the school year, including families who are concerned about the health of their children, the multigenerational make-up of their homes, and the inconvenience of schools' inconsistencies. Use resources to assist the academic achievement of youth, while enhancing their social and emotional health.
$15,000¶

Haven House of Montrose – Statewide
Remote Learning Program for Children of Homeless Families
Support the continued operation and development of new programs designed to meet and overcome the recent challenges created by the Covid19 pandemic. Programs will ensure that the 20+ children of homeless families currently residing at Haven House who have been unable to return to a full time off campus academic calendar and another 25 to 30 more children that will be enrolled in the next 12 months continue to develop academically at grade level or above. These programs consist of an on-site full time hybrid remote learning/hands on instructional Education Program, with one on one tutors. The funding will help cover the increase in costs relating to the teaching staff and needed supplies.
$15,000¶

Heart & Hand Center – Denver
Remote Learning Support for Students in Northeast Denver
Offer consistent, structured programming for between 10 to 35 hours each week, with a strong emphasis on remote school attendance and work completion, while supporting social emotional learning to keep students in grades 3-12 supported, engaged, motivated, and learning as educational schedules are disrupted. With in-person programs, meet families' childcare needs and address the continued education disparity for students of color living in low-income households, mitigating the long-term impacts of COVID-19 educational disruptions.
$20,000¶

Highline Academy – Denver
Student Care Partnership with Rocky Mountain Kids
Support HANE's partnership with Rocky Mountain Kids to provide childcare and support for students on-site at HANE with before and after-school care, offering more families free or reduced-cost full day care, despite the unpredictability of the school year. Maintain COIVD-19 infrastructure when in-person, and re-open quickly when schools are remote to ensure a seamless transition for families.
$20,000¶

International Rescue Committee, Inc. – Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson
Academic Engagement and Wellness for Refugee Youth
Support the growing youth program, extending academic, social, emotional, and mental wellness support to refugee youth and similarly displaced populations in Denver. The Back to School Buddies rapid response program will meet youth where they are with their current technology skills, providing one-on-one assistance with families to address digital literacy, unstable internet, communications with teachers, tutoring as needed and ultimately establish an environment within family's households inducive to remote learning.
$20,000¶

Joint Initiatives for Youth & Families – El Paso, Teller
Response to COVID to Enhance Student Engagement
Continue support for a multi-disciplinary team engaged with youth involved in the juvenile justice system and offset costs associated with childcare costs for younger school-age siblings so youth can attend in-school classes; technology needs; mental health supports; and, supports for a learning pod environment on school premises, including access to adult support and increased social/emotional connections.
$25,000¶

Karis – Mesa
Supporting Homeless Youth in School During Covid-19
Provide support to homeless students by creating a supportive learning environment, connecting them to positive adults and mental health supports as needed, and offering incentives to help students stay motivated to remain in school.
$5,000¶

Kids Above Everything – Denver
Enhanced Support Services
Support youth of color, ages 5 through 20, who face obstacles to social emotional wellness and academic success, by integrating mentorship and media arts education within and beyond the school day, with a specific focus on programming for K-5th grade students at Stedman Elementary.
$20,000¶

Make a Chess Move MACM – Denver
Make a Chess Move Move-MACM
Develop tenacious learners, compassionate leaders, and ethically driven critical thinkers by offering programming during the school year in the MACM offices. This enrichment program will provide a safe space for youth social interaction, and a technology center to build career skills.
$20,000¶

Mile High 360 – Denver
Enhanced Programming for Students During COVID-19 Pandemic
Provide a structured, safe, enriching and nurturing learning space for students to do their remote, online classes, Monday-Friday for full-day programming, to bolster student engagement in school & life. Programs include healthy meals and snacks, physical activity, and a robust mental health program that uses an evidence-based curriculum.
$15,000¶

Mile High United Way – Adams
United for Schools
Partner with the PEAK Learning Center to provide quality out-of-school-time programming to students at four partner elementary schools in South Thornton. Provide engaging, enriching OST opportunities that have demonstrated a positive impact on school attendance and literacy during this time when it is critically important to provide enhanced care and supports for families.
$20,000¶

Project VOYCE – Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson
Maintain Resilience and Learning
Serve low-income youth and families who have been greatly impacted by COVID, especially those from communities of color, through enhanced basic human needs support for youth and their families as well as shifted programming to ensure that youth are safe by centering their health, emotional health, and wellbeing.
$20,000¶

Respite Care Inc – Larimer
Education and Social Engagement for Children with Developmental Disabilities
Provide children with developmental disabilities, living in low-income families, with distance learning, social engagement opportunities, enrichment activities, meals and snacks, and quality, individualized care in a safe environment designed to accommodate the needs of children with disabilities during COVID-19.
$20,000¶

Ricardo Flores Magon Academy – Adams, Denver
COVID 19 Support for Students
Support activities that ensure equitable access to remote learning education resources and foster strong student engagement at all grade levels. Increase the number of Latino students that RFMA can accommodate in a remote learning space that offers a safe, connected environment to engage in remote learning, in-person academic and social-emotional learning support, as well as nutrition during school days, five days a week.
$20,000¶

Riverside Education Center – Mesa
REC Online Student Support
Continually provide academic, social-emotional, and enrichment programming to Mesa County students virtually. Support a holistic model of student support, virtually meeting with students individually to provide check-ins and connect them to other services, facilitating virtual peer groups to maintain social connections, and delivering supplies for enrichment activities.
$20,000¶

Stepping Stones of the Roaring Fork Valley – Garfield, Pitkin
Expanded Daily Support for Older Youth
Provide critical services to 150 at-risk youth in Carbondale with seven hours of daily programming to youth in 5th - 12th grades, including distance learning support, prosocial activities, and mentoring. Continue to provide safe, stable environment amidst the instability of COVID, where youth can build healthy relationships, increase protective factors, and build resilience.
$20,000¶

Struggle Of Love Foundation – Denver
School Age Engagement and Care Spreading Our Love Mentor and Leadership Program
Provide in-person safe, social distancing learning labs and engage with students ages 5 to 12 years. Provide supervised afterschool sports-oriented and enrichment programs for up to 15 youth 12 – 18 years and continue engaging with youth through our mentor/leadership program. SOLF will work with community-based partner organizations to ensure that participating students and their families have access to support services such as mental health support and emergency food relief.
$20,000¶

Summit County Youth and Family Services – Summit
The Drop-In Teen Center
Expand the Teen Center hours to full-day programming to offer tutoring services, a remote place to learn, socialize and recreate with other peers and healthy, screened, adult staff and volunteers. The ultimate goal of the expansion is to keep youth connected with other peers and adults and to offer access to learning during their remote school days.
$20,000¶

Sun Valley Youth Center – Denver
Academic, Mental Health and Social Emotional Supports to Low Income Students
Support in-person learning centers where students come to receive everything they need to do their assignments (i.e. a quiet workspace, reliable internet, computer access). Programming emphasizes social-emotional learning and mental health well-being. Staff are trained in trust-based relational intervention and help students remember the ways that are most beneficial for them to remain in control, not get overwhelmed, and be connected to supportive adults who care about them.
$20,000¶

The Family Learning Center – Boulder
Support to Keep Low-income Students Engaged and Thriving
Serve children, youth and families living with low-incomes and other barriers in Boulder County. With COVID-19 threatening educational engagement, particularly for low-income students, support will help ensure that youth can continue benefitting from tutoring and educational enrichment in a safe environment at the Center while also receiving the tools and support they need for a successful remote school learning experience.
$25,000¶

The Matthews House – Larimer
Homework Helpers and Learning Labs at The Matthews House
Provide a safe and enriching environment for students to work on and receive help with school work, eat a healthy snack, and build positive relationships with other students and adult mentors. Provide transportation for students whose parents have work conflicts and are unable to transport their children.
$20,000¶

Urban Peak Denver – Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson
Education & Employment Classroom Updates
Help youth experiencing homelessness increase their independence, build positive relationships, make progress to achieve academically, and develop employment and career skills. Youth experiencing homelessness are facing the challenges of COVID-19, especially in disruptions to schooling. Support reliable technology updates to help youth facing challenges of virtual and remote learning and help youth engage in peer and adult relationships promoting SED.
$20,000¶

Vega Collegiate Academy – Adams, Arapahoe
Support Student Engagement & Care in Northwest Aurora
Support the child care program, serving 82 families, that provides supervised virtual learning spaces, activities, meals, and engagement that promotes strong social-emotional and physical growth.
$20,000¶

Youth Club of Trinidad, Inc. – Las Animas
Operation Remote Learning Support
Support children who are remote learning in Trinidad by providing them with a safe environment that has internet access. Providing meals and snacks, help managing their schedules and assignments, and extracurricular activities to fill in gaps in their schedules due to a lack of in person instruction.
$10,000¶