

**Youth Crisis  
Center, Inc.**

# **Big Deal News-Because serving Casper's youth is a big deal!**

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**July 2020  
Year End**

The Youth Crisis Center, Inc. program years run from July-June.  
On June 31, 2020 our 2019/2020 program year ended.

Here are just a few achievements we had over the year:

**527 YOUTH AGES 0-17 SERVED**

**4,198 SAFE NIGHTS PROVIDED**

**114 YOUTH STAYED AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO JAIL**

**120 RECEIVED SAFETY FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND/OR FAMILY CONFLICT**

**64 YOUTH HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO GO**

**21 YOUTH REPORTED HOMELESSNESS**

**85% OF YOUTH RETURNED HOME OR TO A LOWER LEVEL OF CARE**

**8,838 MEALS WERE SERVED**

**298 FAMILY INTERVENTION MEETINGS HELD**

**547 YOUTH INTERVENTION MEETINGS HELD**

**625 HOURS OF SUPPORT GROUP PROVIDED**

**1,510 REFERRALS TO COMMUNITY SUPPORTS**

**634 HOURS OF WRAPAROUND SERVICES PROVIDED**

**2,335 HOURS OF HOMEWORK HELP OFFERED**

**93 SAFETY PLANS DEVELOPED**

**628 TRANSPORTS TO SCHOOL**

We are so grateful to have been able to provide another year of emergency shelter, crisis intervention, and group home services to youth and their families. We are looking forward to the upcoming year to continue to provide safe shelter and support to youth and families!



(Written by: Ashley Mikels-Clinical Supervisor)

Summer is here! Youth have so much to look forward to with an exciting summer schedule at the Youth Crisis Center!

This summer we embraced a little more structure for our summer schedule, which we believe helps youth be more prepared, provides easier transitions to the next activity or task, and reduces challenges related to boredom or idle time. Some of the fun activities for this summer (suggested by our AWESOME team) include water fights, Bingo!, painting rocks, Pictionary, charades, and tie-dying.

Additionally, team-members have taken on special activities:

~ Lynn and Amanda C. will be sharing their green thumbs as they teach youth to garden each day.

~ On Sundays, staff are excited to host Nerd Movie Night, complete with popcorn in a variety of flavors to entice everyone's taste buds!

~ Case Manager Amanda W. will be offering fun games and engaging discussions through a weekly Cowboy Ethics course.

~ Our Group Home Program Support Nichelle has put together some exciting Life Skills classes, including lessons on laundry, sewing, and car repairs.



Of course, summer would not be the same without a chance to get outside and enjoy the summer sun; each week youth have opportunities to go on field trips or drives to explore the great outdoors. We look forward to filling the season with learning and engagement.

## **Big Deal Donors!**

Our donors make success a reality in the lives of over 600 youth and their families each year!

Here are this quarter's donors:

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## **THANK YOU!**

**YOUR SUPPORT IS A BIG DEAL AND  
MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!**

*We're so  
thankful  
for you!*

# DREAM TEAM

(Written by: Pam Mann-Team Supervisor)

I would like to express the greatest appreciation for the amazing efforts put forth by Youth Crisis Center staff. I greatly appreciate everything that the YCC team members have done over the past several months, since the outbreak of COVID-19. Though we are all working to maintain our consistency and structure; this isn't business as usual, and it's a time of great stress and uncertainty. It is a moment in time when the work we're doing is its most critical. The Coronavirus outbreak is challenging in every aspect of life. With the ever-changing information and with significant impacts, our team members have worked hard to rapidly adapt and rethink priorities to keep everyone safe. Staff have adjusted to the increased changing schedules and processes, while also juggling concerns about their own family, friends, and health. This time has reminded us how much we all rely on the work of one another. The YCC youth workers and case managers have put forth great effort to work with the youth in the center to help them complete school, attend meetings virtually, participate in life-skills/development opportunities, and to stay busy during free time. The YCC administrative team has kept our team up to date on the current recommendations and guidelines. I am so grateful for a team that has come together to help each other. Because of the efforts of all, we have grown stronger as a group.

## **JOIN OUR TEAM!**

**The Youth Crisis Center, Inc. is currently seeking highly energetic, motivated, dedicated, and structured individuals to serve as Youth Workers!**

**Youth Workers provide for the direct care and support of the youth in our shelter and group home. Youth workers provide daily positive support and encouragement to youth and act as role models and guides which encourage youth success.**

**To learn how to apply and more about the rest of our incredible team visit:  
[www.casperycc.org](http://www.casperycc.org)**

## **WELCOME TO THE TEAM!**

We are excited and proud to announce this quarter's newest team members!

Savannah W. - Youth Worker  
Kody A. - Youth Worker  
Tori S. - Case Manager  
Dominic S. - Youth Worker

**SO GLAD TO HAVE YOU!**

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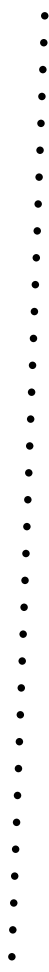
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## 2020!! WHAT A YEAR!

(Written by: Traci Blevins-Executive Director)

Wow! What a year 2020 has been so far! Here at the Center we have experienced policy and procedure changes, pandemic concerns, budget cuts, hardship for families we serve, youth and child crises, a canceled fundraiser, online schooling, staffing shortages, reduced visits and passes for youth, and many other challenges and struggles.

The benefits and positive experiences we have had this year have far outweighed the hardships.

Here are just a few of the amazing things 2020 has brought us:

- \*We have been given the opportunity to serve the most incredible children and families!
- \*We updated our school and summer programs to include a higher level of structure, increase family involvement, improve youth engagement and support, and enhance our education services.
- \*We have received countless donations of games, clothing, food, activities, and other items for youth.
- \*We have received financial donations that have helped us to continue to meet the needs of youth and children!
- \*We have hired and trained several incredible team members who are dedicated to youth and children!

Like I said, "WHAT A YEAR!" We are so grateful for all of the support we have received and look forward to what the rest of 2020 has to offer!

