

Quarterly Update

#### April—May—June 2020

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Mountain Youth Network (MYN) has moved! Formally based out of the Clear Creek County Resource Center, MYN needed more room for our growing coalition and efforts, and we have found just the right fit. The





Clear Creek School District offered the former middle school media center at the District Office on Highway 103. The hope was to have a headquarters not only for MYN staff offices but a location for coalition meetings and youth involvement projects and activities. With youth input, this is a welcoming environment for young people to stay engaged, plan future activities, and practice new skills with community partners. MYN team meetings have been held virtually since Stay at Home orders in April, however this large space allows social distancing for smaller live meetings. Staff and visitors are asked to log temperature upon en-



try and wear face coverings if social distance cannot be maintained. Mountain Youth Network is so appreciative to the Clear Creek School District for the new **COUNCIL** "headquarters" which will help centralize our organization and allow us to be more available to youth and the community.

# Meet the Staff!

It is a rare occurrence in Colorado communities implementing Communities that Care (CTC), but in Clear Creek County, Laura Robertson has been the grant project coordinator from the very beginning. This has allowed for consistency and momentum in Mountain Youth Network. When the Assistant Coordinator accepted a career opportunity with the state health department, Georgetown local, Becca Bernal joined the team. Becca has worked with young people in the community as a substitute teacher as well as a staff member with the Rock House and Young Life and is a trusted adult for many students. She couldn't be more perfect for the role! Apart from the Coordinator staff, Mountain Youth Network contracts with

community members in lead roles and with young people in functional roles, especially within the Communications (and Outreach) Workgroup. We are happy to announce that Clear Creek County now has an official Youth Advisor position for Mountain Youth Network! Working closely with Coordinators and Strategy Team Leads the Youth Advisor can provide the youth voice and perspective in all coalition activities. We could not have a better first Youth Advisor than Emma Sander, Clear Creek County native and CCHS 2020 salutatorian. Emma has been active in CTC & MYN from the beginning and has contributed greatly to this community effort. Although she will be missed as she heads to Colorado School of Mines in August, she is blazing this trail for her successors. This position will re-open later this year. The MYN team has come together with a united vision to support the community they all love!

have been able to help my community by giving youth a voice in important matters and by working on challenges to better the community for " everyone. -Emma Sander

## **Maximizing Our Strengths**

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The Stay at Home Order for COVID-19 encouraged Mountain Youth Network to hold a coalition meeting in April via Zoom. There were 28 attendees! Time was spent reviewing the history of MYN in Clear Creek County and how the Communities that Care prevention process serves as our operating system. Maintaining fidelity with the process, MYN strives to have representation from multiple community sectors. Coalition members can offer expertise in their areas of interest, which then strengthens our efforts. The meeting allowed for strengths and interests to be matched with MYN prevention strategies and functional CTC workgroups. Check out our website and the "Get Involved" tab for descriptions of the various teams and fill out the form!

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# We've been busy!

#### **April-May-June Activities**

### Positive Youth Development (PYD)

- PYD Strategy Team Leads Planning Zoom
- PYD 101 Online (3 coalition members attended)
- Youth Advisor for Mountain Youth Network now an official staff position with Clear Creek County!

## **Community Mapping Strategy Team**

- Community Mapping Strategy Zoom
- StoryMap Presentation completed
- Strategic Reflection for project evaluation

### Youth Communications Workgroup

- TREK Talks (Presentation Team) Workshop Sessions
- Youth Forum on COVID with County Commissioners
- Website work
- Colorado Constellation Project with Rise Above
- Clear Creek Courant submission for <u>May</u>

### **Clear Creek School District Collaboration**

- CCSD/TREK Career Talks
  - Clear Creek EMS Captain, Bryon Monseu
- Entering lease agreement for space at District Office

### **Other Coalition Activity**

- Community Coalition Zoom Meeting
- Board Maintenance Workgroup Meetings
- Data Workgroup begins review of 2019 data

#### TREK Outdoors (Youth Leadership Program)

- o TREK Outdoors Committee Meeting
- Equity & Inclusion meeting with coalition members
- o TREK Hike

#### **Community Collaboration**

Inspire and support launch of Mountain Youth Pedicabs.
Community Partners include:

- Interstate Parking of Colorado
- 360 CAD, LLC (Clear Creek County Evergreen)
- Clear Creek School District
- Two Brothers Deli
- Tommyknocker
- City of Idaho Springs
- Clear Creek Economic Development Corp

# What's Next:

- → Refresh of Funding and Strategic Planning Workgroup to project next 5 years for MYN!
- → Launch of Policy Strategy starting with Strategy Team Leads meeting to discuss Team schedule. Contact us if you are interested in system changes that effect youth in Clear Creek County!
- → Office of Behavioral Health funding and action plan implementation begins.
- → Continued activities and development of TREK Outdoors.

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# Contact us to get involved!