

ADAMS COUNTY
YOUTH INITIATIVE
CRADLE TO CAREER

April 12, 2012

Dear Northglenn City Leaders,

The Adams County Youth Initiative needs your help to ensure that every child in Adams County is successful!

No one agency or organization can improve child and youth outcomes alone, which is why ACYI provides the essential infrastructure, reduces duplication and maximizes resources to guarantee every Adams County child's success at every stage of development, from early childhood through high school graduation and transition into a chosen profession.

Made up of leaders in education, nonprofit, human services, law enforcement and other community groups, ACYI magnifies the impact of all community resources working to achieve our goals:

Goal 1: Decrease juvenile delinquency

Goal 2: Decrease substance use

Goal 3: Increase high school graduation

Since 2005, we've made great progress toward these goals:

- Juvenile justice filings have decreased by 42% and violent and repeat offenses are down 84%
- The number of seniors who graduated from high school in four years increased by 1.84 percent from 2010 - even larger increase than the state average (1.5 percent)

Financial contribution from every Adams County city is critical to the success of ACYI's "cradle to career" goals. Northglenn can make a difference in the lives of thousands of children and young people with a generous donation of \$5,000 to help sustain operations in the last quarter of 2012 and \$10,000 for 2013's fiscal year. Your support will send an important message to potential funders so ACYI can more successfully leverage all local funding and expand programming.

We hope to have 2012 commitments in place by May 1st, 2012. We appreciate City Leaders to take the time to consider this important, time sensitive request.

Sincerely,

Adams County Youth Initiative Board of Directors:

Chief Les Acker, Federal Heights Police Department
Chief Lee Birk, Westminster Police Department
Dr. Rod Blunck, Superintendent, School District 27J
Dr. Don Cassata, Director, Adams County Human Services
Dr. Susan Chandler, Superintendent, Adams 14
Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent, Mapleton Public Schools
Richard Coleman, Superintendent Bennett School District 29J
Sheriff Doug Darr, Adams County
Andrew Dorsey, President, Front Range Community College
Rick Doucet, Chief Executive Officer, Community Reach Center
Chris Gdowski, Superintendent, Adams 12 Five Star Schools
Lisa Jansen-Thomas, Director, Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County

Valorie Ladwig, Director, The Link
Chief Jim May, Northglenn Police Department
Jeanne North, Director of Nursing, Tri-County Health Department
Chief Randy Nelson, Thornton Police Department
District Attorney Don Quick, 17th Judicial District
Interim Chief Chuck Saunier, Commerce City Police Department
Kim Skattum, Pastor, Crossroads Church, Member at Large
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Sandy Steiner, Executive Director, Adams County Education Consortium
Russ Van Houten, Community Member at Large / Former Chief of Police, Northglenn

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**Adams County / ACYI
Cradle to Career Strategy**

***City of Northglenn
April 16, 2012***



Adams County Need / Challenge

Child Population – 128,059

28.9 % ratio of children to adults

Economics

44.4% of children qualify for free or reduced lunch

Health

14.7 % children are uninsured

14.9% child abuse & neglect rates (per 1,000)

Source: 2011 CO Kids Count – 2009 data

ACYI Mission

*OUR MISSION IS TO
WORK TOGETHER
TO ENSURE YOUTH EXCEL
FROM CRADLE TO CAREER*

Why ACYI?



Collective Impact

“The commitment of a group of important actors from different sectors to a **common agenda** for solving a specific social problem.”

-- John Kania & Mark Kramer,
FSG Social Impact Advisors,
Stanford Social Innovation Review
Winter 2010

ACYI Leaders

Education:

Mapleton School District; Adams 12; District 14; Brighton 27J; District 50; Front Range Community College

Law Enforcement:

District Attorney's Office, Adams County Sheriff, Police Departments from the Cities of Brighton, Broomfield, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Northglenn, Thornton and Westminster

Juvenile Justice:

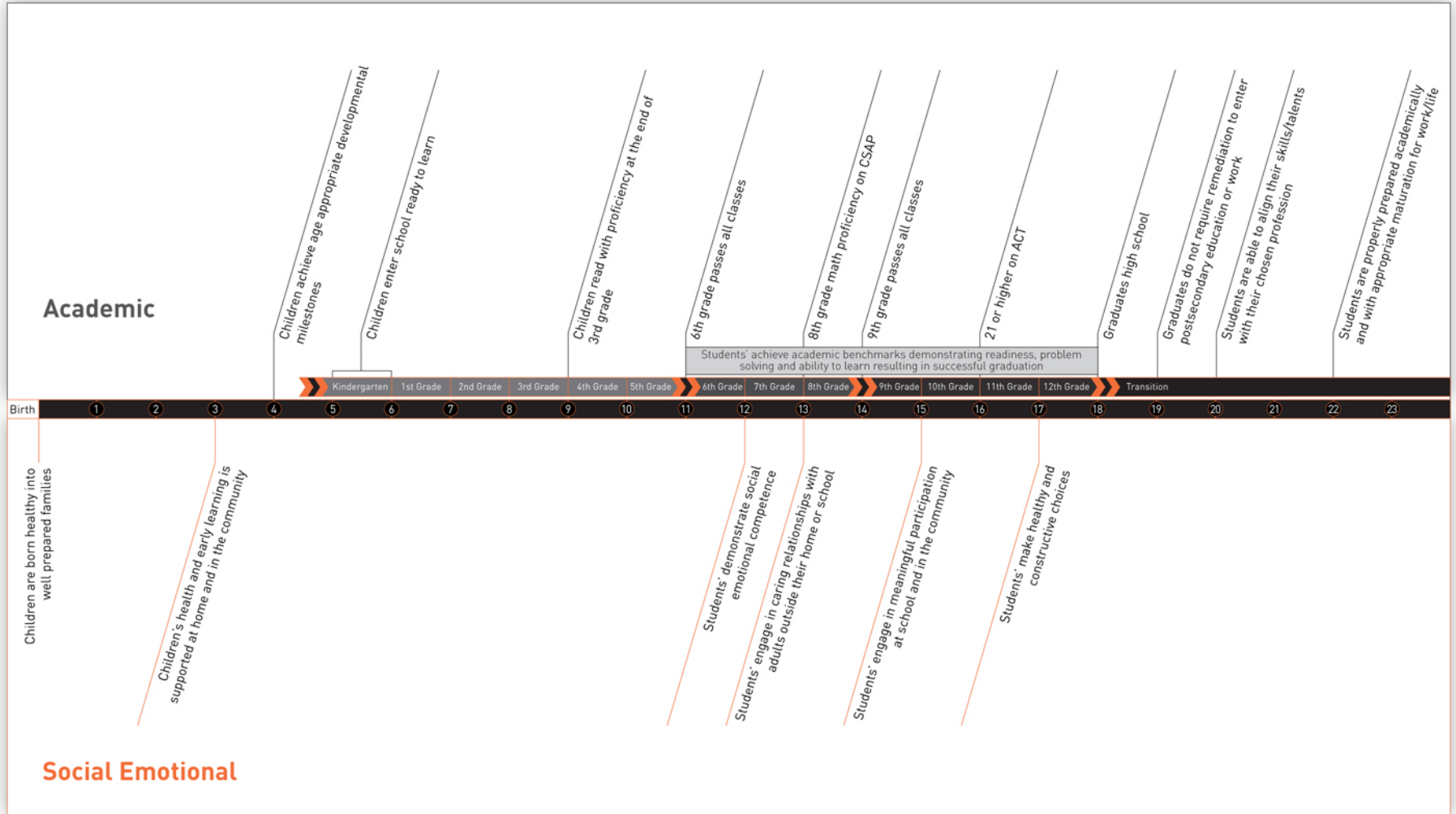
Juvenile Court, Juvenile Probation

Youth Serving Agencies:

The Link Juvenile Assessment Center, Adams County Human Services, Community Reach Center, Adams County Education Consortium , Tri-County Health Department, Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County

Cradle to Career:

Roadmap of Developmental Priorities



ACYI's Role

1. Shared Vision

plans, manages and supports the commitment to goals

2. Data-Driven Decision Making

report results and support best-practice strategies

3. Collaborative Action

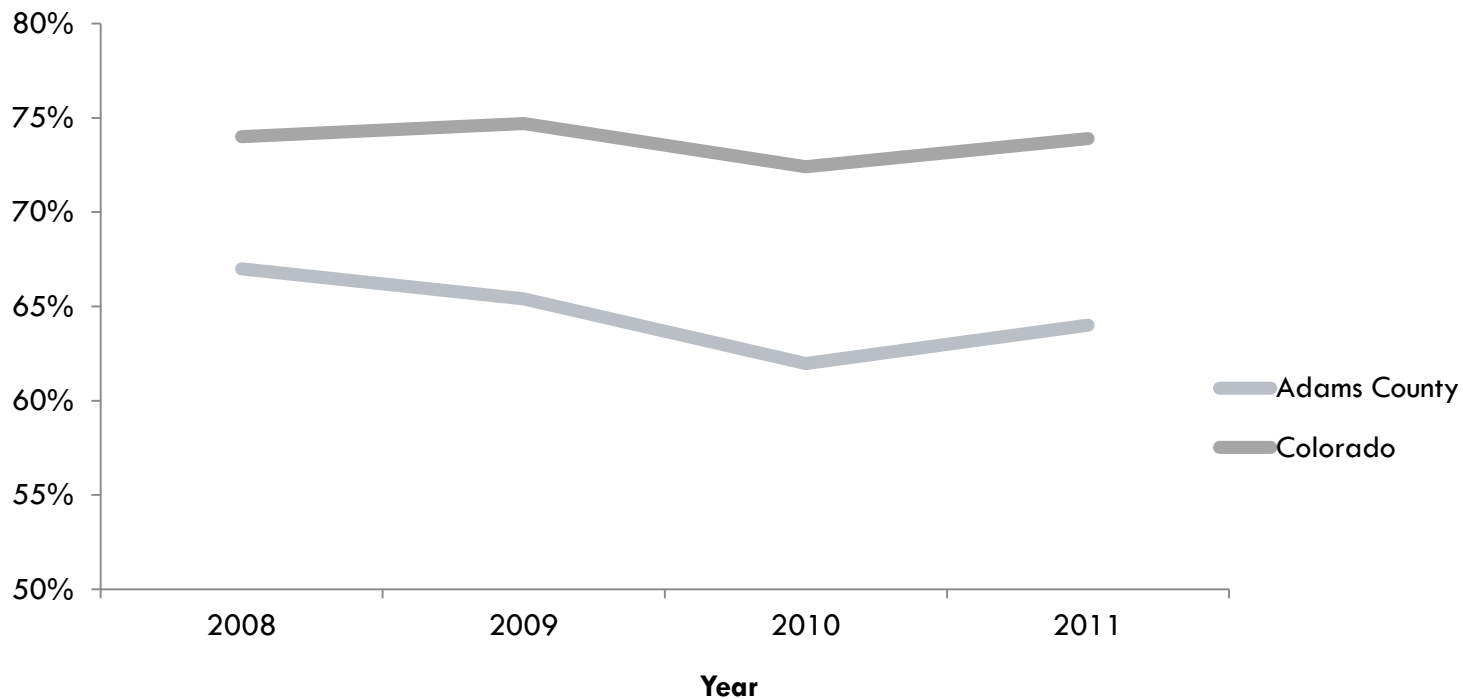
mobilize action teams and communication link

4. Sustainability

streamline funding / avoid duplication

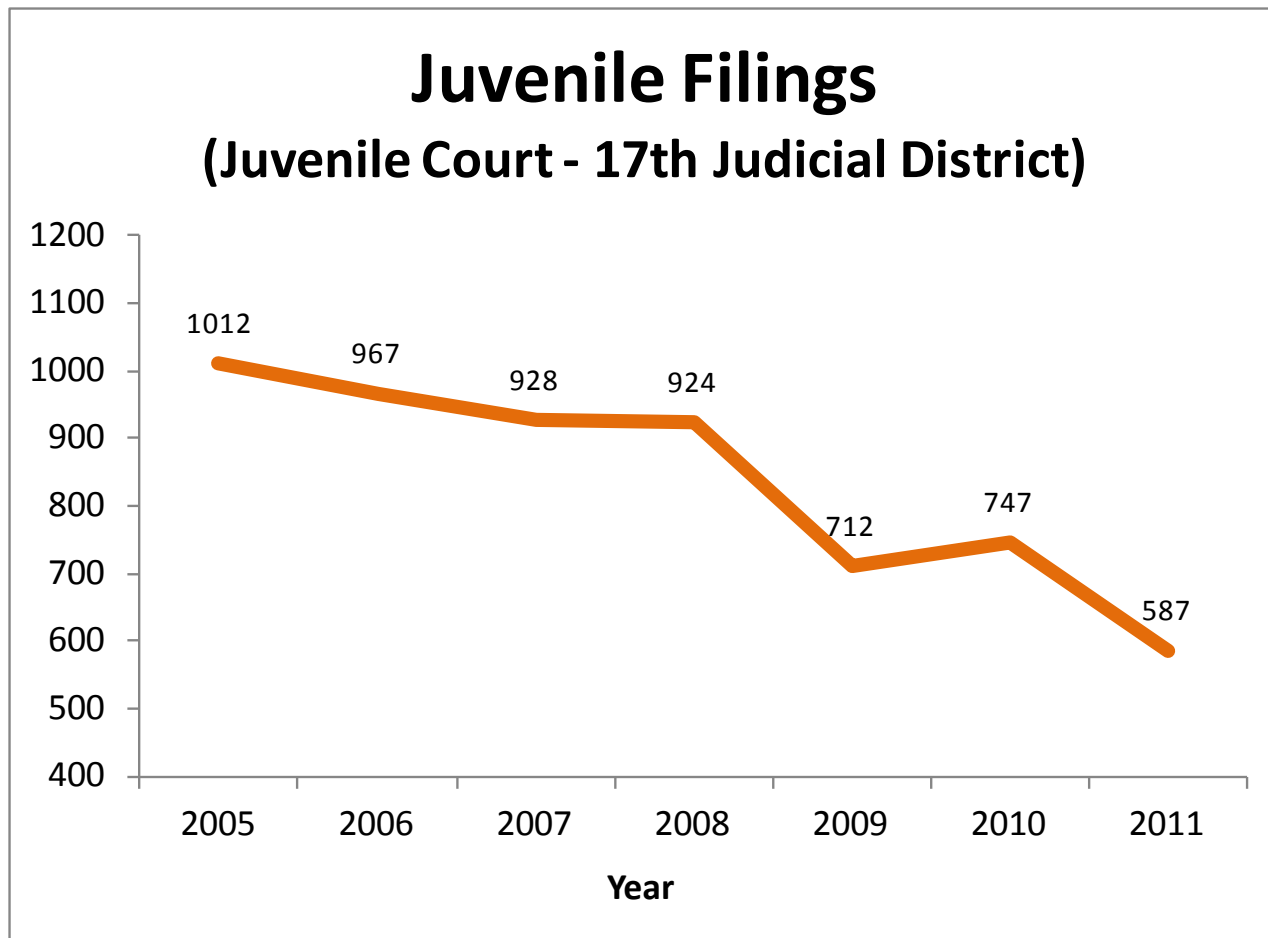
High School Graduation on the Rise

Graduation Rates by Year



Source: Colorado Department of Education

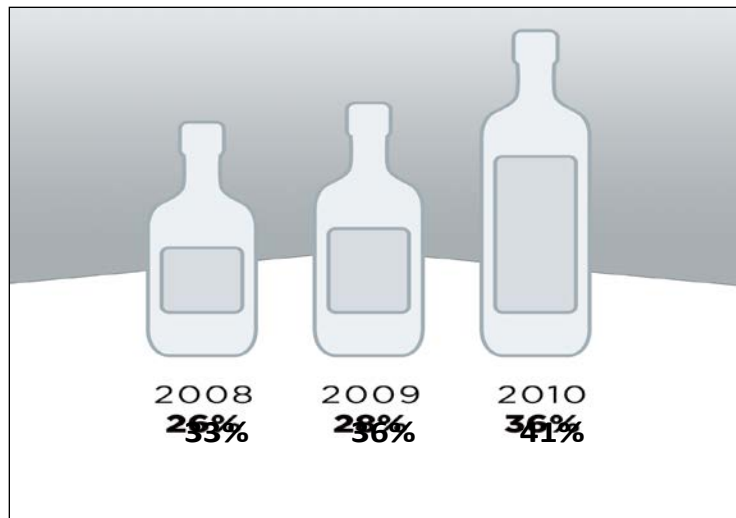
Juvenile Crime Filings Down



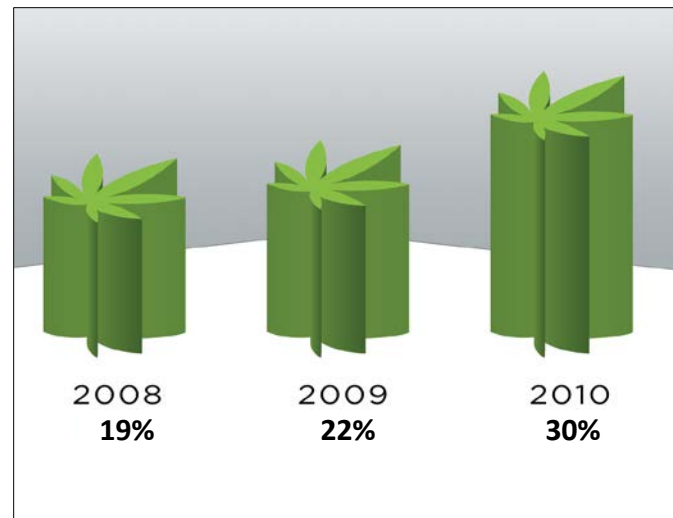
Source: 17th Judicial District - Court Records

Substance Use on the Rise

Alcohol



Marijuana



Source: Adams County Student Survey –
9th-12th graders' self reported use past 30 days
(County-wide average)

Outcomes: Northglenn

High School Graduation Rates:

74.7% of Northglenn High School students graduated on time

Community Safety:

5% increase from Northglenn Middle School reporting
“I feel safe on my way to or from school.”

Substance Use:

Youth self reported use of drug and alcohol use follows county-wide increase rates

School – Church Community Collaboration efforts

Increased school and church partnership in Northglenn



Thank-you

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