



youthzone
Connect and Grow

June 2024

Welcoming Exceptional Team Members to YouthZone!

We are thrilled to introduce three incredible new members of our team—Pete Durrance, Lupe Loya, and Naomi Pena. They bring a wealth of experience, passion, and dedication to their roles, embodying our values.

Join us in welcoming Pete, Lupe, and Naomi to the YouthZone family. Their contributions will enhance our efforts to create hope, strengthen families, and nurture safe communities.

[Get to Know Our New Team Members](#)



Naomi Pena,
Administrative and Data
Assistant



Pete Durrance, Youth
Advocate



Lupe Loya, Youth
Advocate

Empowering Youth through Motivational Interviewing



Exciting news!
YouthZone, the 9th
Judicial Diversion Team,
and Natural High are
partnering for a
professional development
session on Motivational
Interviewing. This
approach fosters
resilience, inspiring teens,
parents, and our
community.

At YouthZone, our team's growth is crucial. We invest over \$70,000 annually in training, including trauma-informed practices, youth coaching, substance use intervention, conflict mediation, and restorative justice facilitation. This equips us to provide top-notch

support for our youth, families, and community.

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Serving Up Support with Starbucks Foundation's Grant



NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS

We're delighted to announce that YouthZone has been awarded a \$1,000 Neighborhood Grant from the generous Starbucks Foundation! This windfall comes thanks to nominations from Starbucks partners who recognized the meaningful work we're doing in our community.

Out of thousands of nominations, we're honored to be one of the selected few! We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Starbucks Foundation and its partners. Your support fuels our mission!

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Powering Positive Change: Black Hills Energy Grants \$3,000 to YouthZone



We're excited to announce a significant boost! Black Hills Energy has generously granted us \$3,000. This substantial contribution helps us further enrich the lives of the youth and families we serve.

Jason Auslander, BHE Community Affairs Manager, encapsulates this partnership perfectly. "Your organization does good work in the community, and we're happy to support it," he said.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Black Hills Energy for their support, enhancing our mission to uplift our youth and community.

[Learn More Here](#)

Discover The Space at YouthZone

The Space is a supportive environment for LGBTQIA+ youth to connect and empower one another. It helps youth experience a sense of belonging, engage in advocacy, and foster positive perceptions of gender and sexuality in our community. Youth ages 12 to 18 can join us at one of our three peer support

groups held weekly from Parachute to Aspen.



MONDAYS:
4:15 – 5:15 PM at Rifle One Door, 703
Railroad Ave, Rifle, CO 81650

TUESDAYS:
4:00 – 5:00 PM at Glenwood CMC
Campus, 1402 Blake Ave, Glenwood
Springs, CO 81601

WEDNESDAYS:
3:30 – 4:30 PM at Basalt TACAW,
400 Robinson St, Basalt, CO 81621

Come together, share your voice, and be a part of building a more inclusive and supportive community with YouthZone.

Join YouthZone in Building a Brighter Future for Local Youth



At YouthZone, we know that even the smallest gestures can have a big impact. Whether you're looking to volunteer or donate, your contribution matters.

Join us on our mission to create a better future for the young individuals in our community. Your involvement is crucial and greatly appreciated.

Together, let's create a positive chain reaction by supporting local youth and families. With every act of kindness, we pave the way for a brighter tomorrow filled with hope, self-assurance, and achievements. Stand alongside us and be a part of YouthZone's journey towards a brighter future, one generous act at a time.

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