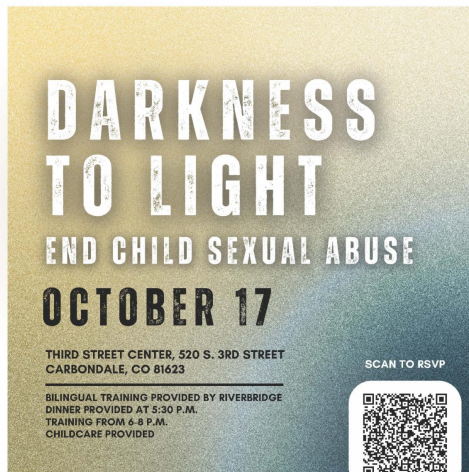




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September 2024

YouthZone is Proud to Co-Host October's Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children Training



Grasp this chance to join hands against child sexual abuse with the empowering event Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children, on October 17th at the 3rd Street Center in Carbondale. Learn practical actions so you can help build safer communities, while enjoying a complimentary dinner and networking opportunities - with childcare and language support available.

Tap Here to RSVP

Read More About the Event

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DARKNESS TO LIGHT EMPOWERS ADULTS TO PREVENT, RECOGNIZE, AND REACT RESPONSIBLY TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE THROUGH AWARENESS, EDUCATION, AND STIGMA REDUCTION VISIT D2L.ORG/ FOR MORE INFORMATION

Nature Walk For Those Who Have Lost a Loved One

GRIEF IN MOTION STEP BY STEP

Join the Grief Walking Group to navigate the path of loss alongside those who understand. Meeting weekly, the group facilitates connection, healing, and wellness through exercise, shared experiences, and a supportive gathering, all in the solace of nature. Find comfort and connection on the healing walks in nature. Meet in Community Center Lobby. Facilitated by Cath Adams, a Certified Grief Coach.

Mondays September 16th through October 28th from 9:00 am - 10:30 am.
Registration recommend. Free and open to the public!

[Learn More and Register](#)

A Successful and Informative Evening at Miner's Claim with Supporters



Thanks to everyone who attended the YouthZone meetup at Miner's Claim in Silt. The event provided valuable insights about our organization's impactful work and allowed attendees to network with like-minded individuals, and enjoy some relaxing downtime.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to connect and contribute to the community.

YouthZone's Column in The Post Independent: "Upcoming Educational Event to Help Adults Recognize, Prevent Child Sexual Abuse"

Join YouthZone for an empowering educational event that confronts the



Ali Naaseh-Shahry, Deputy Development Director at YouthZone

grim implications of child sexual abuse, focusing on prevention and responsible reaction. Enhance your understanding of the plight many children face daily and discover strategies to create safer communities through the award-winning program, Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children.

"Local statistics indicate a pressing need for increased awareness and proactive measures to prevent child sexual abuse. By equipping adults with the knowledge and tools to recognize and respond to abuse, we can create a safer environment for our children and break the cycle of trauma that affects so many families."

[Read Full Article!](#)

Board Member Highlight: Patrick McGinty, Board Member


Board Member Highlight



“ I believe in YouthZone’s mission to advocate for the wellness of our young people in our community. The programs and services help young people to have opportunities to grow and heal and be positive members of our society. Ensuing that there are parent partnerships, helps bring the services to place to make great changes for our youth. I think that providing many programs and opportunities have helped many youth become amazing adults. Sometimes, all it takes is a caring heart and simple dedication to see amazing results. The staff at Youth Zone have these and so many amazing gifts that they bring. We are lucky to have a community resource like Youthzone that is so easily accessible. ” - Patrick McGinty, Board Member

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Naaseh-Shahry and Pete Durrance



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99.5 West Glenwood	105.5 Old Snowmass*
99.5 Rifle, Silt	102.3 Redstone*
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*Pitkin County Translator System

Explore the transformative work of YouthZone in this compelling KMTS Connections interview with Deputy Development Director, Ali Naaseh-Shahry, and Restorative Justice Facilitator, Pete Durrance. Unpack the organization's mission and programs dedicated to youth development, restorative justice, court diversion, and substance education, aimed at fostering positive outcomes for court-referred and independent youth, as well as their communities.

[Click Here to Listen to the Interview Now!](#)

Vote For YouthZone September 25 - October 3

Support YouthZone by voting for us as the best nonprofit In The Aspen Time's "Best of" competition from Sept. 25 to Oct. 3. Remember, you can cast a vote once a daily per email. Thanks for standing with us!



Vote YouthZone for Best Nonprofit!

(from September 25th through October 3rd)

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YouthZone's 2024 Evaluation Report

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Our program evaluations play a critical role in molding the future of countless young lives. We understand the importance of data and analytics in quantifying the transformation we aspire to achieve in every youth's life; therefore, our program evaluations are meticulously designed to document the developmental progress and resilience among youth, the efficacy of our programs, and the consistency of our strategies.

Your Community Needs Your Support



Join us at YouthZone, where small actions amplify major change. Whether you volunteer or donate, your contribution is incredibly valued.

Be a part of our mission to uplift and motivate local youth. Your investment in their future makes a significant difference.

Together, we can foster positivity and back young individuals towards a promising future. Join us in our journey towards a brighter tomorrow.

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Harnessing the Power of Partnership with Chevron



Exciting News! Chevron awards YouthZone a generous \$10,000 grant in recognition of our mission. Join us in making a difference for youth and families in our community. Together, we can create positive change.

[Click Here to Learn More!](#)

Have a Drink on YouthZone!

September 18, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Join us for a YouthZone meetup at Miner's Claim in Silt on Wednesday, September 18th, from 6-8pm.

This casual event offers a great opportunity for you to learn more about our organization and the important work we do.

Enjoy a complimentary first drink, mingle with like-minded individuals, and indulge in light snacks. This laid-back gathering is similar to our cocktail parties, but with a more relaxed atmosphere.

Don't miss out on the chance to see what we've been up to and give back to our community. RSVP now by phone or email to confirm your attendance. We look forward to seeing you there!



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YouthZone's Column in The Post Independent: "Fostering Hopeful Youth, Strong Families and Safe Communities this School Year and Beyond"

"Back-to-school season is an interesting time in our communities... For some parents and guardians, a return to school signifies less to worry about... For others, particularly single parents, finding a balance between personal obligations and school-related activities in Fall can be tough."

"When administrators, counselors, teachers, and officers identify at-risk youth and refer them to YouthZone, those youth become eligible to receive the same set of services as our court-involved clients. In most cases, we'll sit alongside these partners and develop

Ali Maasseh-Sherry, Deputy Development Director at YouthZone



a plan that works for all parties involved, including the family."

[Read Full Article!](#)

Board Member Highlight: Allison Mahoney, Board Vice Chair

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“ I support YouthZone because when you help a young person you have the opportunity to make a lasting impact on someone’s life. ”

- Allison Mahoney, Board Vice Chair

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**Welcome YouthZone's Newest Team Members:
Aida Bonilla & Becca Paturalski**



Aida Bonilla, Pre-Trial & Diversion Youth Advocate at YouthZone



Becca Paturalski, Youth Advocate at YouthZone

Aida has grown up in the valley for most of her life. She earned her Associate's Degree with an emphasis in Psychology and is currently studying for her Bachelor's Degree in Human Services with an expected graduation date in December 2024. Aida joins YouthZone with vast experience working with various populations in the Department of Human Services. She enjoys spending time with her daughter, traveling, and paddleboarding in her free time. Aida is excited to be a part of an organization that can help make an impact in a youth's life.

Becca has 16 years of experience in the service industry, enabling her to serve many different people from various backgrounds. She grew up in Chattanooga, TN, and holds her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. Becca found her passion for helping young people while mentoring and tutoring inner-city elementary students for Tulane's Service-Learning program. She joined the Roaring Fork Valley in 2019, where she worked as a Medical Assistant during the Covid-19 pandemic. Outside of YouthZone, Becca enjoys hiking with her dog Snacks, reading sci-fi novels, paddleboarding, soaking in hot springs, and camping in the mountains.

[Meet the Entire Team](#)

Our Team Connects During Staff Retreat

Get a sneak peek into YouthZone's staff retreat at Harvey Gap State Park! See our dedicated team connecting behind the scenes. We spent the day cleaning our offices and preparing for the upcoming year. Then had a picnic, paddleboarded, played spike-ball, and went fishing together. It is through their dedication that our mission is successfully achieved.





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A Special Day for a Valued Spring Gala Donor

We're excited to share the story behind these photos! At our Spring Gala, Charla, Tim, and Ben Belinski of Basalt, CO generously donated their time to take a lucky donor on an unforgettable river adventure. Dr. Swann and

her husband, Jason, were the exciting winners! Together they enjoyed Executive Director Jami Hayes and Deputy Development Director Ali Naaseh-Shahry on a whitewater rafting, fishing, and a gourmet meal trip on The Belinski's favorite island.

If you're interested in participating in similar adventures, simply reach out and ask for the Goofy Guide Service! For more information on becoming a donor and creating a lasting impact on the youth in our community, click the link below.



[Tap Here to Invest in Our Youth's Future!](#)

[Email Ali & Create Your Own YouthZone Adventure](#)

Your Community Needs Your Support



At YouthZone, we believe in the power of small actions to drive significant change. Whether through your time volunteering or through your generous donations, your participation is valued and impactful.

Engage with us in our commitment to forge a more hopeful future for our community's youth. Your investment in this cause is essential and genuinely valued.

Together, we can ignite a ripple effect of positivity by bolstering our local young individuals and their families. Each act of generosity lights the path toward a future illuminated with promise, confidence, and accomplishments. Partner with us, and be an integral part of YouthZone's quest towards a hopeful tomorrow, punctuated with acts of kindness, one after the other.

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