

2024 Children and Youth SUMMER RESOURCE GUIDE

Generalized resources to connect you with the support you need

Progan	n	Description	Location	Contact Info
<u>211</u>		211 is a free, confidential, and multilingual information and referral service that connects people to essential services and resources 24/7 online and over the phone. 211 Colorado's database currently holds information for more than 6,500 services across the state.	Throughout Colorado	Call 211 211colorado.org
<u>FindHe</u>	<u>elp</u>	FindHelp allows you to use your zip code to find free or reduced-cost resources like food, housing, financial assistance, health care, and more.	Throughout Colorado	findhelp.org













Summer Camps and Activities for Children & Youth

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Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center	Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (BOEC) provides life-changing outdoor learning experiences to people of all abilities and ages, providing a sense of freedom to those who are routinely excluded from outdoor activity due to a disability or special need.	Summit County	Call the Wilderness Program office: 970-453-6422 boec.org
Colorado Foundation for Conductive Education (CFCE)	Colorado Foundation for Conductive Education summer camps provide intensive Conductive Education therapy (covering everything from physical therapy, occupational therapy, to speech and language therapy) for children with motor disabilities in a fun, motivating group environment. Their camps run weekly Monday through Friday.	Arvada and Loveland	Register or request an assessment by emailing: admin@conductiveed.com conductiveed.com/ summer-camp
Colorado Dream Foundation	The Colorado Dream Foundation offers a summer program from June 17-July 26 to rising 3rd-8th graders at Westwood and Z Place Opportunity Centers. They also offer a High School Summer Academy to rising 9th through 11th graders.	Denver	coloradodream.org/ summer
Camp Paha	Camp Paha is a unique summer day camp for children (ages 6-17) and young adults (ages 18-25) with disabilities who live in Lakewood and its surrounding communities. Enjoy swimming, sports, games, nature, music, sensory, arts, crafts, and field trips in a safe, challenging, and fun environment. There are two sessions: June 10-28 and July 8-26. There are scholarships available through the nonprofit, Friends of Paha.	Lakewood	303-987-4866 lakewood.org

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Denver Parks & Recreation - Adaptive Recreation	Denver Parks & Recreation offer various inclusive programs throughout the summer at different times and locations. Adaptive activities include swimming, cycling, fitness classes, ceramics, cooking, camping, martial arts, and more. Details are on the website.	Denver	Call the Adaptive Recreation Team: 720-865-0820 Email: adaptive.recreation@ denvergov.org denvergov.org
Denver Parks & Recreation Youth Summer Camps	Denver Parks and Recreation—Youth Summer Camps and MY Denver Activities through Denver Parks & Recreation offer a variety of camps throughout the summer with focuses including arts & culture, outdoor adventures, and youth sports. There is also a free half day camp called Summer Rec Kidz at most Denver rec centers throughout the summer.	Denver	denvergov.org
Denver Public Schools— Community Hubs	The Community Hubs operated by Denver Public Schools use a holistic approach to student learning through services that support the social, emotional, physical, academic, and basic needs of families. Dedicated to promoting equity and inclusion in DPS communities, these hubs provide family supports including childcare, adult English and GED classes, and basic needs. There are six locations throughout Denver County.	Denver	dpsk12.org
iCan Shine	iCan Shine is an international nonprofit dedicated to providing quality learning opportunities in recreational activities for individuals with disabilities. By creating an environment where each person is empowered to maximize their individual abilities, everyone can learn to bike, swim, and dance.	Lafayette, Aurora, and Castle Rock	icanshine.org

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Parker Therap Recrea Progra	eutic ition	Parker Therapeutic Recreation opportunities are designed to ensure individuals have equal access to quality leisure experiences regardless of ability level. Their programs minimize barriers, promote skill building, improve confidence, and promote overall well-being through fun activities for individuals with disabilities. See website for session dates and costs. Scholarships are available for eligible families.	Parker	303-841-4500 Email: recreation@ parkeronline.org parkerrec.com
Out of School Progra Strugg Love Found	m_ le of	The Struggle of Love Foundation, which provides a variety of opportunities for underprivileged youth and families, offers weekly camps from June 1-August 2 every Monday through Friday. These are enriching, educational, and fun and include outdoor games, environmental learning, life skills, weekly field trips and more. Open to grades K-5.	Denver	720-434-9428 struggleoflovefoundation.org /ostprogram
YMCA Denve		The YMCA of Metro Denver offers children a variety of weekly day camps. With a wide range of weekly themes, these camps are designed so that children will have a fun and engaging summer while	Denver	denverymca.org





staying active and making new friends. There is financial assistance available at a

25%, 50%, and 75% levels.







Places to Access Food

Progam	Description	Location	Contact Info
Tasty Food	Tasty Food invites youth ages 3-18 to enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner, or a nutritious snack at Denver Rec Centers from June 1-August 16. These meals are completely free, and youth can come to as many as they like or need. No ID or registration required.	Denver	denvergov.org
Beyond Hunger Market	The Beyond Hunger Market offers families or individuals the chance to shop for free food in market-style each Thursday from 4 pm – 6 pm. This weekly offering is hosted by the Southwest YMCA at 5181 W. Kenyon, Ave, Denver, CO 80236 and is a partnership with Food Bank of the Rockies.	Denver	303-390-0833 Email: beyondhunger@ denverymca.org denverymca.org
The Food Bank of the Rockies	The Food Bank of the Rockies has multiple locations throughout Colorado and Wyoming as well as an interactive map that allows you to find free meals and food in your neighborhood based on your zip code. There are currently no income restrictions.	Throughout Colorado	foodbankrockies.org











Mental Health

Progam	Description	Location	Contact Info
<u>Colorado</u> <u>Crisis</u> <u>Services</u>	Colorado Crisis Services provides confidential, immediate, and free support to youth and adults who need someone to talk to 24/7 from trained professionals or peer specialists. Colorado residents can also seek services at in-person at walk-in centers, regardless of ability to pay. If you don't know where to begin getting help with a mental health, substance use, or emotional concern, reach out.	Throughout Colorado	Text: 38255 Call: 1-844-8255 coloradocrisisservices.org
988	988 is Colorado's mental health and substance use help line that offers free, confidential support 24/7 through call-, text-, or chat-based support. Crisis looks different for each individual and there is no wrong reason to reach out for support. 988 provides inclusive care to meet the unique needs of a variety of communities including youth, rural populations, BIPOC individuals, veterans, and people who identify as LGBTQIA+.	Throughout Colorado	Call 988 bha.colorado.gov/988
Safe2Tell	Safe2Tell offers students and community members a safe and confidential platform to share when they're concerned about their own or someone else's safety. Reports can be made anonymously in several ways and effectively empower young people to keep their community safe.	Throughout Colorado	Call: 1-877-542-7233 Text: 738477 Download the Safe2Tell App safe2tell.org
Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health Colorado Chapter	Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health Colorado Chapter provides mental health support services to families of youth ages birth-21 living with emotional, behavioral, and/or mental health disorders at no direct cost.	Throughout Colorado	Email: m_grimsley@ coloradofederation.org cofederation.org