



CARE SUPPORT RESPECT INSPIRE EDUCATE EMPOWER



URBAN PEAK
Real life. Real change.

REAL LIFE:

- The most recent point-in-time survey reported there are 1,134 young people age 13-24 living on the streets of Denver.
- The majority of Urban Peak youth reported experiencing some form of abuse — physical, sexual or mental.
 - In Colorado, there is not a single county where a minimum wage worker can afford the fair market rent for a one-bedroom apartment, working 40 hours per week.
- The National Runaway Switchboard (NRS) reports between 1.6 and 2.8 million young people run away in a year, and one in every seven youth will run away before they are 18.
- The NRS also reports more than half of youth in shelters and on the streets reported that their parents either told them to leave or knew they were leaving but did not care.
- According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, 5,000 unaccompanied young people die as a result of assault, illness, or suicide.

REAL CHANGE:

Since 1988, Urban Peak has been there for tens of thousands of young people providing a continuum of services and an alternative to life on the streets.

In 2010, Urban Peak served 1,903 youth in our programs.

SHELTER

Every day of the year the Urban Peak Shelter is a warm, safe option to another night on the streets. Our 40-bed facility is the only licensed youth shelter in the Denver metro area primarily serving young adults. We also provide meals, clothing, a clinic and mental health evaluations.



At the Urban Peak Denver Shelter in 2010, 22,000 meals were served and 13,000 bed nights were provided.

STREET OUTREACH



Our Street Outreach team and volunteers go out each day to connect young people on the streets with the services and support they need to improve their lives. From a pair of socks or hygiene products, to HIV/AIDS testing or information on Urban Peak services, Street Outreach truly knows that a little gesture can make a big difference in the life of a homeless person.

Last year, Urban Peak Street Outreach made over 11,000 contacts with young people living on the streets of Denver.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Education and employment are key elements in the transition to adulthood for our young people. We offer GED classes, assistance in post-secondary educational opportunities, job skills training and career counseling, so that each young person has the best possible chance for success in today's world.

In 2010, 74 youth obtained their GED and 300 youth attended Job Readiness Training.



DROP-IN CENTER @ THE SPOT

Our drop-in center at The Spot offers meals, basic services, and opportunities for creative expression in a supportive environment, along with access to all Urban Peak programs and services.

HEALTH SERVICES



We help young people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. We serve youth who are victims of abuse, facing mental health or substance abuse issues, physically disabled or ill, or lacking sufficient support. Our direct care staff assists each young person in managing their current situation by providing a solid support system and hope for a brighter future.

Urban Peak provided 10,000 hours of case management for youth in 2010.

HOUSING

Urban Peak provides housing for our young people, and resources to help them find appropriate living situations.

The STAR (Starting Transition and Recovery) Program provides housing for those who are struggling to overcome substance abuse issues. The Rowan Gardens Program houses young people with disabilities. The Rocky Mountain Youth Housing Program, a joint venture with the Denver Department of Human Services, provides transitional housing for young people aging out of the foster care system. Additionally, we administer federally assisted housing vouchers for young people and provide supportive case management.

In 2010, Urban Peak provided safe, independent housing to 145 youth and 87% who exited our housing programs did so safe and stable housing



OUR MISSION

Urban Peak helps homeless youth and youth at risk of becoming homeless overcome real life challenges by providing essential services and a supportive community, empowering them to become self-sufficient adults.

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