



RIDGE VIEW YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

A Colorado Division of Youth Services facility operated by Rite of Passage.





About Us

The Ridge View Program

Ridge View Youth Services Center rests on an expansive campus of athletic fields, a gymnasium, academic quad and library that underscore our commitment to offering Colorado youth an opportunity to succeed. Ridge View serves male youth aged 12-21 referred by the Colorado Division of Youth Services or Colorado Department of Human Services. Through normalized high school programming paired with Positive Youth Development principles and trauma-informed care, Ridge View graduates develop the capacity to envision—and obtain—success.

Operated with over 35 years of experience

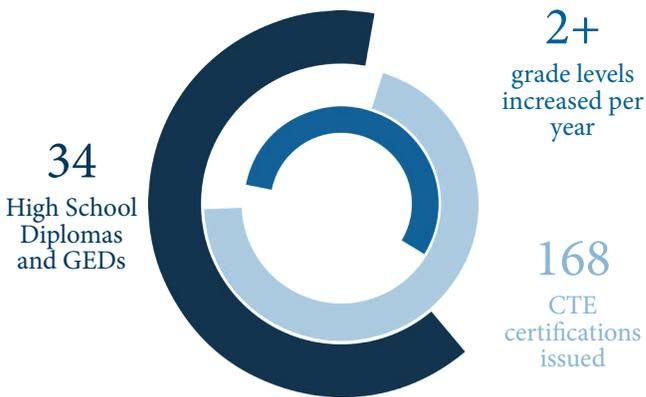
For over 35 years, Rite of Passage has incorporated best-practices, research and evidence-based methodologies to develop its Academic Model™ program: a strengths-based, trauma-informed paradigm that places youth at the forefront of their own personal growth, healing and recovery. It is this approach—offering at-risk youth a normalized, academic and therapeutic environment—that has allowed us to fulfill our mission of improving the lives of youth, families and communities.

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2016 Outcomes

In 2016, we witnessed our young men learn and grow while attending classes, participating in extracurricular activities and developing new skills through evidence-based interventions while meeting their Treatment Plan goals. These milestones enabled them to graduate with well thought-out plans for a bright and meaningful future.

Education and Vocation



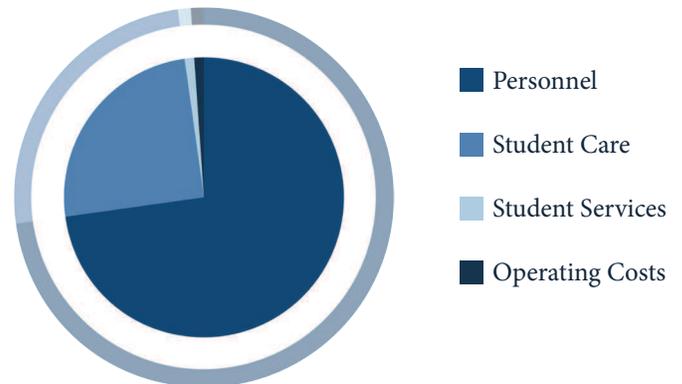
Evidence-Based and Clinical Services



Family and Community Engagement



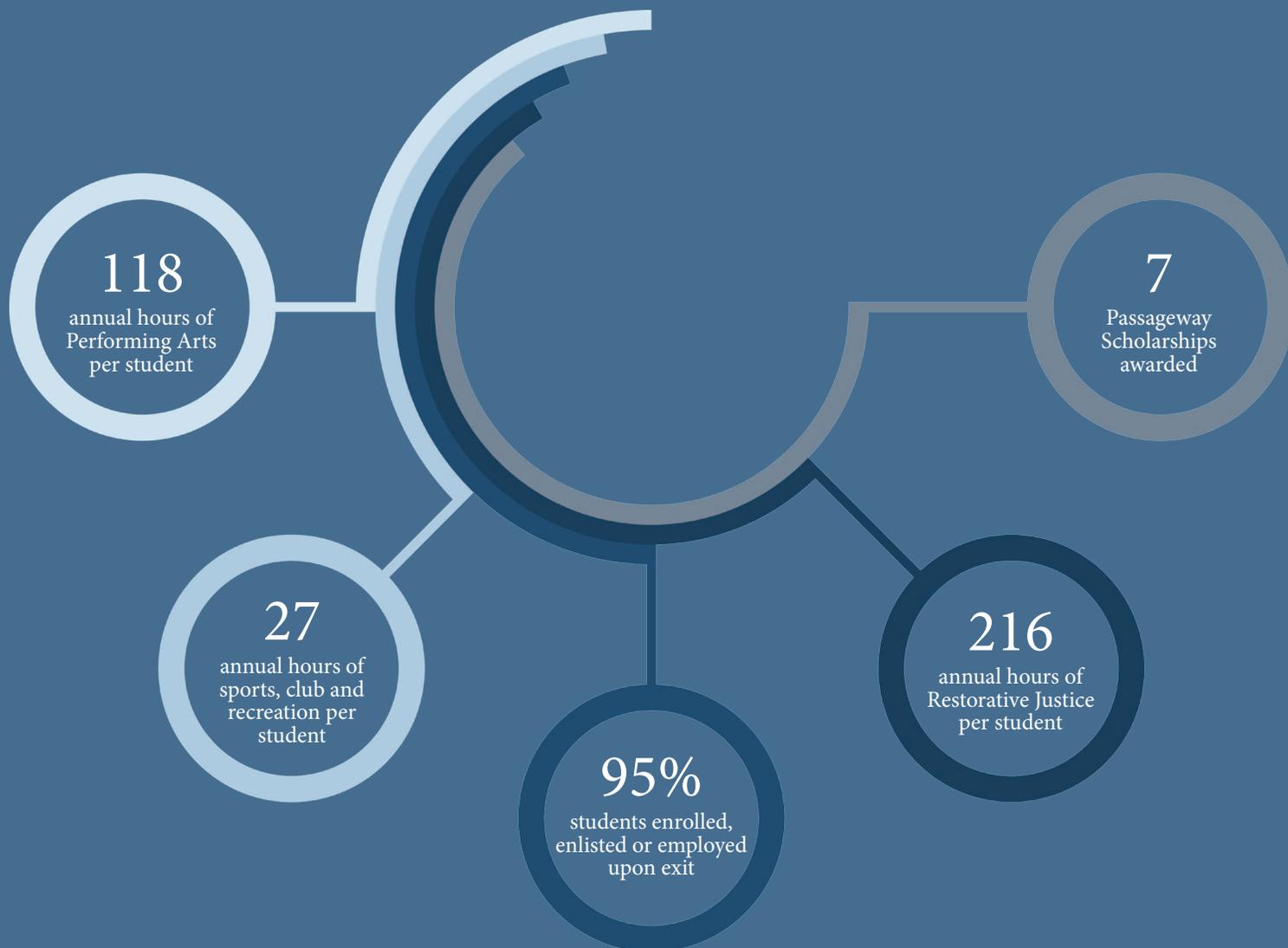
Financials





Positive Youth Development

Ridge View Youth Services Center offers students opportunities to develop and practice skills while engaging with their peers and community through our Positive Youth Development programming. Participation in cultural and recreational activities, the performing arts and engagement with the community help students cultivate ethical and moral development and a stronger sense of responsible citizenry.



Programming designed to promote learning, growth and positive change

Safe Spaces

Ridge View Youth Services Center emphasizes student safety by fostering a supportive environment based on the tenets of Positive Youth Development. Our well-trained staff form positive, pro-social relationships with our students, acting as mentors and role models. Rich staff to student ratios encourage the development of positive thought patterns, habits and skill sets that will help our students lead successful lives.

Learning Environments

Ridge View offers year-round, accredited education through its on-site charter school. This school embraces the three R's (Rigor, Relevance and Relationships), but adds an additional "R", Rituals. This focus enables our students to celebrate themselves—many of them, for the first time. Through rituals, graduations and vocational certificates are honored as milestones; students learn that rituals are meant to be replicated for a lifetime of success.

Places for Therapeutic Conversation

Through a carefully calibrated assessment process, individualized therapeutic services support protective factors while addressing a youth's risks and needs. Evidence-based, cognitive-behavioral therapy, trauma-informed care, individual and family therapy change negative thought patterns and begin the process of rehabilitation. Through targeted treatment plans, students learn healthy coping strategies and gain resiliency.

Family Connection and Community Engagement

Family and community involvement promote pro-social skills and responsibility. We welcome family and community inclusion through family therapy, parent-teacher conferences, meaningful community service projects, spiritual celebrations, athletic events and graduation ceremonies. Through innovative programming, our youth feel pride and belonging in their home communities and return as stewards of a brighter future.





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