



URBAN PEAK
COLORADO SPRINGS

IMPACT REPORT 2017
OCT 1, 2016 - SEPT 30, 2017

REAL LIFE. REAL CHANGE.

National Youth Homelessness

It is estimated that 1.6 to 1.7 million youth experience homelessness each year (NAEH CY, 2016), approximately 15% have lived on the streets for more than six months (NCFH, 2013) and 5,000 unaccompanied youth die each year as a result of assault, illness or suicide (NCSL, 2013). Almost by definition however, youth experiencing homelessness are difficult to count, as their living situations frequently change, their ability to remain unnoticed is keen and their desire to blend in with peers who aren't homeless is fierce. Attempts are made, using various methods, to estimate the extent of the youth homelessness problem in the United States, in Colorado and locally, but all methods have limitations, so we do not know the full extent of this crisis.

LIFE ON THE STREETS FOR HOMELESS AND RUNAWAY YOUTH

In real-time data, our community is now one of 9 nationally engaged in the "Way Home America" Community Dashboard Project, which assembles data monthly showing how many youth are on by-name waiting lists for a safe home. According to our local Dashboard, on an average month in El Paso County 135 youth are on the list, and nearly half of them are surviving outside while waiting for a home.



URBAN PEAK BY THE NUMBERS

URBAN PEAK YOUTH SERVED BY PROGRAM



Outreach - **569**



Education & Employment - **133**



Shelter - **170**



Housing - **51**

653

number of unduplicated
youth served by Urban Peak
in fiscal year 2017

132 / 914

Number of volunteers
during Fiscal Year 2016

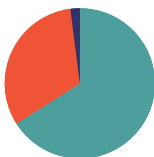
Number of volunteer hours of
direct program services to youth

\$22,542 Direct cost savings to Urban Peak

Demographics

Gender

63 % Male
33 % Female
2 % Transgender



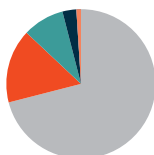
Ethnicity

79 % Non-Hispanic/Latino
20 % Hispanic/Latino



Race

71 % White
16 % Black or African American
9 % Multi-Racial
3 % American Indian or Alaska Native
1 % Asian
0 % Native Hawaiian/
Pacific Islander



Self-Reported Barriers To Success*

2016

Substance Abuse	31 %
Chronic Health	6 %
Developmental Disability	8 %
Mental Health Issue	40 %
Physical Disability	36 %

*NOTE: HUD (Housing and Urban Development) requires agencies serving those experiencing homelessness to collect and track specific information. Significant differences in the above data are a result of data points being removed from the HUD intake questionnaire (uppercase barriers), and a change to the data base that does not allow updates to barriers when additional information is provided by youth after intake.



OUTREACH

Our Street Outreach program canvasses Colorado Springs parks, streets and other areas to build relationships with youth and engage them in services to help them on the journey out of homelessness. We seek out youth who are congregating and living in uninhabitable environments such as vacant buildings, cars, under bridges, and on the streets. The team also spends time in Manitou Springs, along Monument Creek, and it works with outlying county agencies if called for service. From the basics of distributing hygiene materials and snacks, to helping youth obtain identification and reunify with family, street outreach ignites the potential in youth to exit homelessness.

REAL LIFE

- ▶ Thanks to your support, in fiscal year 2017, Urban Peak: Provided services to **569 youth** living on the streets such as hygiene materials, clothing and food, referrals, and assistance in obtaining personal documentation.

REAL CHANGE

- ▶ **91 youth** received emergency, overnight shelter as a result of working with the Outreach team.
- ▶ **142 youth** were sheltered, housed, or returned home.



SHELTER

Urban Peak Colorado Springs 20-bed emergency shelter serves as the only licensed youth shelter in the Pikes Peak region for homeless youth aged 15 through 20. While staying at the shelter, youth receive 3 meals per day, individualized intensive case management, and access to all services.

REAL LIFE

- ▶ Thanks to your support, in fiscal year 2017, Urban Peak:
- ▶ Provided **185 youth** with a warm, safe place to sleep at our overnight shelter.
- ▶ Supported youth throughout the duration of their stay; **32 nights** was the average length of stay per youth.

REAL CHANGE

- ▶ **32% of shelter participants** exited to safe and stable environments (such as renting an apartment of their own or reuniting with their families).



HOUSING

We all need a safe place to call home, and we assisted 51 youth in 2017 with housing. Urban Peak has three levels of housing operated in partnership with other nonprofits and private landlords to serve youth who are currently experiencing homelessness or who are at imminent risk of homelessness: the supportive housing program; the homeless prevention program and a rapid rehousing program.

The supportive housing program focuses on youth who have some level of disability and require more intense levels of support and skills building with staff and volunteers. The goal of supportive housing is to help maximize independence and self-sufficiency, which can take several years.

The homeless prevention program is a short-term financial solution that helps young people avert homelessness if they hit a stumbling block such as a job loss or a big car repair bill. While some case management support is available, the goal is to bridge over a financial crisis.

In our rapid rehousing program, youth in the experiencing of homelessness receive financial and case management support to gain housing assistance for about 6 months to 1 year while they build their ability to care for themselves and become self-sufficient.

In all housing programs, youth gain assistance in pursuing their educational goals, and receive valuable job readiness and life skills training to help them learn how to manage a household.



EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Approximately half of youth experiencing homelessness drop out of high school. Our employment and education program supports youth to re-enroll in school, pursue their GED, or move toward higher education or trade certification. Youth enrolled in our Job Readiness Training (JRT) program learn necessary skills for employment and gather resources to build long term self-sufficiency. Through JRT, youth can work on their resumes, learn appropriate work environment behavior, and practice interview techniques.

REAL LIFE

Thanks to your support,
in fiscal year 2017, Urban Peak:

- ▶ Served **133 youth** through education and employment.
- ▶ **102 youth** participated in employment services at Urban Peak.
- ▶ **33 youth** stayed in high school.

REAL CHANGE

- ▶ **86 youth** obtained employment in Fiscal year 2017.
- ▶ **32%** of youth graduated high school or trade school, or obtained their GED.



Urban Peak Colorado Springs FY2017

REVENUE

Government	37%	<div></div>	\$584,631
Foundation	15%	<div></div>	\$238,772
Individuals	21%	<div></div>	\$331,959
Corporations	4%	<div></div>	\$63,263
Other	.4%	<div></div>	\$6,255
Civic/Faith	17%	<div></div>	\$262,996
In-Kind	6%	<div></div>	\$87,367

TOTAL REVENUE \$1,575,243

EXPENSES

Program Services	77%	<div></div>	\$1,143,909
Management & General	11%	<div></div>	\$166,708
Resource Development	11%	<div></div>	\$170,305

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,480,922

ASSETS

Cash & Equivalents	\$207,460
Accounts Receivable	\$92,905
Prepaid Expenses	\$4,602
Property & Equipment, net	\$627,208
Total Assets	\$932,175

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$38,730
Tenant Deposits	\$10,070
Notes Payable	\$50,000
Total Liabilities	\$98,800

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$607,111
Temporarily Restricted	\$226,264
Total Net Assets	\$833,375

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS \$932,175

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URBAN PEAK'S 2017 FISCAL YEAR