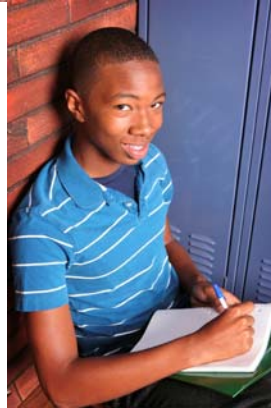


**Fight Crime**

**Invest In Kids**



**Share Your Talent:  
Volunteer!!**

**Office of the District Attorney, 18th Judicial District  
District Attorney Carol Chambers**

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### **VOLUNTEERING CAN MAKE YOU HEALTHIER**

**“Research has shown that adults who volunteer are more likely to experience health benefits when it comes to longevity, mobility and mental health.”**

*Corporation for National & Community Service: The Health Benefits of Volunteering 2007*

**Message from the District Attorney**



I would like to invite you to support the children of our community by becoming a volunteer. Our state budget is big news and currently the state is proposing to cut over \$260 million and possibly more from K-12 education. Government offices are cutting back hours of service and imposing mandatory furlough days. These budget cuts affect programs designed to help and support children, including our local libraries, sport teams and not for profit agencies.

As a prosecutor for over 20 years, I have worked with young people who have been victims of crime and young people who have committed crimes. A common challenge is to overcome obstacles and to succeed in life. Raising children is one of the most difficult tasks we as a community have and it is not a task done in isolation. It takes caring adults and community support to raise children and teens with the tools, skills, and confidence needed to resist life's temptations.

Prevention is not a new idea in crime reduction. Long-term research has established that a child who has a good relationship with a caring adult (in addition to their parent) is more likely to succeed and less likely to become a delinquent, use drugs or join a gang.

The greatest gift we can give a child is our time and our attention. Please join me in helping every child achieve their full potential.

**Carol Chambers  
District Attorney**

## SCHOOLS

### **INSPIRE A CHILD.**

#### **VOLUNTEER AT A LOCAL SCHOOL TODAY!**

Volunteers are an important asset in providing children the best education and the safest environment possible. Opportunities for volunteers include everything from monitoring recess, to helping children open their milk in the lunchroom or providing individual tutoring in reading, math or science. The school library is also a great place to help whether shelving books or reading a story. For information on volunteer opportunities contact your local school or call your school district to find a school in need.

#### **ARAPAHOE COUNTY SCHOOLS**

##### **Aurora Public Schools**

1085 Peoria St. Aurora, CO 80011

**Tel:** 303-344-8060

##### **Byers Schools**

444 E. Front Street, Byers, CO 80103

**Tel:** 303-822-5292

##### **Cherry Creek School District**

4700 S. Yosemite St., Greenwood Village, CO 80111

**Tel:** 720-554-4550

##### **Littleton Public Schools**

5776 South Crocker Street, Littleton, CO 80120

**Tel:** 303-347-3300



**DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**Douglas County Public Schools**

620 Wilcox St., Castle Rock, CO 80104

**Tel:** 303-387-0100

**ELBERT COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**Big Sandy**

PO Box 68, Simla, CO 80101

**Tel:** 719-541-2292

**Elbert 200**

PO Box 38, Elbert, CO 80106

**Tel:** 303-648-3030

**Elizabeth Schools**

PO Box 610, Elizabeth, CO 80107

**Tel:** 303-646-4441

**Kiowa C-2**

525 Comanche St. PO Box 128, Kiowa, CO 80117

**Tel:** 303-621-2220

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**Agate 300**

PO Box 118, Agate, CO 80101

**Tel:** 719-764-2741

**Genoa-Hugo School**

PO Box 247, Hugo, CO 80821

**Tel:** 719-743-2428

**Karval Schools**

PO Box 5, Karval, CO 80823

**Tel:** 719-446-5311

**Limon Public School**

PO Box 249, Limon, CO

**Tel:** 719-775-2350

## LIBRARIES

### EACH ONE REACH ONE: TEACH A CHILD TO READ

**Our local libraries are a wonderful community resource that provide not only books, movies and music, but public space for groups and meetings. Volunteers help in many ways and all of them support children and our community. From shelving books to making reading recommendations to supporting chess clubs and community meetings, library volunteers create a warm welcoming atmosphere for adults, families and kids. What a great and free place to learn to read and learn about the world.**

#### **Aurora Public Library**

14949 E. Alameda Pkwy., Aurora, CO 80012

**Contact:** 303-739-6600

**Website:** [www.library@auroragov.org](http://www.library@auroragov.org)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** The Aurora Public Library provides a wide variety of volunteer opportunities from sorting and shelving books to reading to young children in childcare facilities or delivering books to the homebound.

#### **Arapahoe Library District**

Administrative Offices 12855 E. Adam Aircraft Circle,  
Englewood, CO 80112 (various branch locations)

**Contact:** 303-LIBRARY

**Website:** <http://www.arapahoelibraries.org/>

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers are needed in many areas of the library. On particularly fun activity is a literacy enhanced story time at one or more area home daycare centers each month. In addition to reading, a bag of children's books is left for childcare providers to share with the children until the next volunteer visit. In essence, volunteers bring literacy experiences to children who may not otherwise get a chance to visit the library.

**Douglas County Libraries**

**Contact:** 303-791-READ

**Website:** <http://douglascountylibraries.org>

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Special programs needing volunteers are **Books-by-Mail** - funded by Intermountain Rural Electric Association (IREA), and providing library materials to residents in the Pike National Forest area of Deckers; run solely by volunteers. **Special Events** - Shakespeare performances, Fantasy Festival, special celebrations and reading programs.

**Spellbinders** - in collaboration with County schools, volunteers share their stories in classrooms throughout the County.

**Englewood Public Library**

1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood CO 80110

**Contact:** 303-762-2557

**Website:** [www.Englewoodgov.org](http://www.Englewoodgov.org)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** The library uses volunteers from the community to assist library staff in a variety of activities.

**Littleton - Bemis Public Library**

6014 S. Datura St. Littleton, CO 80120

**Contact:** 303-795-3961

**Website:** <http://www.littletongov.org/bemis/default.asp>



**Volunteer Opportunities:** Littleton has many volunteer opportunities available from shelving books to greeting visitors and making book recommendations.

**Elbert County Library District Office**

239 Main Street, P.O. Box 219, Elizabeth, CO 80107

**Contact:** 303-646-3792

**Website:** [www.elbertcountylibrary.org](http://www.elbertcountylibrary.org)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Support your local community and kids by offering your time to help at the library. Have great ideas? You can support the mission of the library with your enthusiasm and energy.

**Hugo Public Library**

522 2nd Street, P.O. Box 429, Hugo, CO 80821

**Contact:** 719-743-2325

**Limon Library**

205 E Avenue, P.O. Box 236, Limon, CO 80828

**Contact:** 719-775-2163

**Fax:** 719-775-8808

**Email:** [limonlibrary@hotmail.com](mailto:limonlibrary@hotmail.com)

## Personal Learning Styles

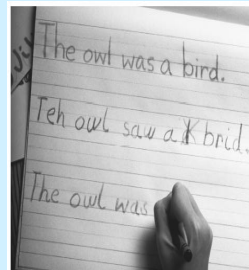
The greatest crime prevention tool a society has is the education of its children. Reading, math, and writing are fundamental to obtaining a good job and succeeding in life. Our schools have a great challenge - to educate all children that come through their door. Research has shown that we all learn in different ways. Harvard professor Howard Gardner identified seven distinct learning preferences.

- o Linguistic (“word smart”)
- o Logical-mathematical (“number/reasoning smart”)
- o Spatial (“picture smart”)
- o Kinesthetic (“body smart”)
- o Musical (“music smart”)
- o Interpersonal (“people smart”)
- o Intrapersonal (“self smart”)
- o Naturalist (“nature smart”)

We are all a mixture of learning styles and preferences, but by offering children a variety of learning opportunities we increase the likelihood of success. By volunteering, whether short term or long term, you can change a child’s life.

### *Did You Know?*

Over 50% of NASA employees are dyslexic. They are deliberately sought after because they have superb problem solving skills and excellent 3D and spatial awareness. You could help a child with dyslexia learn to read and find their full potential.



## READY, SET, CREATE!! INSPIRE A FUTURE PICASSO OR PICASSA' !!

Art activities promote growth in positive social skills, including self-confidence, self-control, conflict resolution, collaboration, empathy and social tolerance. With cuts in school funding more and more children must find an outlet for artistic abilities in from community agencies. The arts can promote child development relationships such as: visual arts instruction and reading readiness; dramatic enactment and conflict resolution skills; traditional dance and nonverbal reasoning; and learning piano and mathematics proficiency.



### **Children's Museum of Denver**

2121 Children's Museum Dr., Denver, CO 80211

**Contact:** Rachel Roberts - volunteer@cmdenver.org

**Tel:** 303-561-0114

**Volunteer Opportunities:** The Children's Museum of Denver offers several fun and exciting ongoing as well as one-time volunteer opportunities. Art Guru and Education Assistant are just some of the many ongoing opportunities available. One-time volunteers lend a hand at special events such as Trick-or-Treat Street and Noon Years Eve.

### **Downtown Aurora Visual Arts (DAVA)**

1403 Florence St, Aurora 80010

**Contact:** Viviane Le Courtois, Program Manager

**Tel:** 303-367-5886

**Website:** www.davarts.org

**Purpose:** Downtown Aurora Visual Arts is a nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to strengthen the community through the arts with you as its program focus.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Assist in program teaching art skills



to youth ages 7 to 17. Some education in art or art education preferred/or artistic skills and interest in working with youth. Must be available during weekday afternoons.

#### **KidzArt**

**Highlands Ranch Location:** 303-596-0759

**Parker Location:** 720-535-1333

**Website:** [www.kidzart.com](http://www.kidzart.com)

*Art classes; after-school programs; summer camps*

#### **The Other Side Arts (TOSA)**

1400 Dallas St. Aurora, CO

**Tel:** 720-262-4264

**Purpose:** The Mission of the Other Side Arts (TOSA) is to educate, inspire and empower emerging artists and underserved populations through visual arts programming and artist development opportunities.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** TOSA relies heavily on volunteer help. Including: help hang, prepare and market gallery shows, assist arts instructors in the classroom.

## MENTORING

### IT'S MORE THAN TUTORING; IT'S RELATIONSHIP BUILDING: BECOME A MENTOR

Mentoring is as simple as teaching a child to ride a bike, taking a child to a movie or being available to impart words of wisdom and encouragement. Mentoring promotes:

- Increased self-esteem
- Healthy social skills
- Staying in school and out of trouble
- Improvement of academic skills



### Boys & Girls Club

1523 Boston St., Aurora, CO 80010

**Contact:** 303-364-0039

**Website:** [www.bgcmd.org](http://www.bgcmd.org)

**Purpose:** In every community, boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or supervision. Young people need to know that someone cares about them. Boys & Girls Clubs offer that and more. Club programs and services promote and enhance the development by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, and belonging.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers make a tremendous difference in the lives of youth at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver and are vital to the success of programs and special events. Both short term and long term opportunities are available.

### Big Brothers/Big Sisters

1391 N Speer Blvd. Ste 450 Denver, CO 80204

**Contact:** 303-433-6002

**Website:** [bbbs@biglittlcolorado.org](mailto:bbbs@biglittlcolorado.org)

**Purpose:** The Big Brothers and Big Sisters is the oldest, largest and most effective youth mentoring organization in the United States. Their vision is successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, contributing to brighter futures, better schools, and stronger communities for all.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Big Brothers Big Sisters relies on volunteers to provide mentors to the children in our community who need it most.

**Colfax Community Network**

1585 Kingston St, Aurora, CO 80010-2504  
(303) 360-9175

**Contact:** Mandy . 303- 360-9175 . mandy\_ccn@hotmail.com

**Website:** [www.colfaxcommunitynetwork.org](http://www.colfaxcommunitynetwork.org)

**Purpose:** Colfax Community Network advocates for and works with children and families residing in low-income transient housing (primarily residential motels)

**Junior Achievement**

**Contact:** Stephanie Clemons

**Tel:** 303-534-5252

**Website:** [www.jacolorado.org](http://www.jacolorado.org)

**Purpose:** JA's purpose is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business and economics to improve the quality of their lives.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Offering prepared classroom presentations at the grade level of your choice. Help with fund raisers and events.

**Whiz Kids Tutoring, Inc.**

5500 E. Yale Ave., Suite 101 • Denver, CO 80222 •

**Contact:** 303-504-9449 • email: [info@whizkidstutoring.com](mailto:info@whizkidstutoring.com)

**Website:** [www.whizkidstutoring.com](http://www.whizkidstutoring.com)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Tutors are needed to work with children in groups or individually.

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## ANIMALS & ENVIRONMENT

### Connections TRC (Therapeutic Riding Center)

2890 Singing Hills Road, Elizabeth, CO 80107

**Contact:** 720-273-3659

**Website:** [www.connectionstrc.org](http://www.connectionstrc.org)

**Purpose:** The goal is to assist riders with disabilities to attain new levels of communication, coping strategies, and life skills that along with core strength, balance and control provide individuals with an opportunity to discern and internalize a new orientation.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers have an opportunity to make a huge difference in the lives of Connections riders. Volunteers can learn about disabilities and horse management, as well as enjoy the benefits of volunteering. Besides working with the horses and riders, there are many other opportunities for volunteers in the program.

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### 4-H Program

5804 S Datura Blvd., Littleton, CO 80120

**Contact:** 303-730-1920

**Purpose:** 4-H is the youth development program of the United States Department of Agriculture and Colorado State University Extension. 4-H is open to any child, ages 5-18. The 4-H year begins on October 1st and ends the following September 30th of each year. The 4 H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

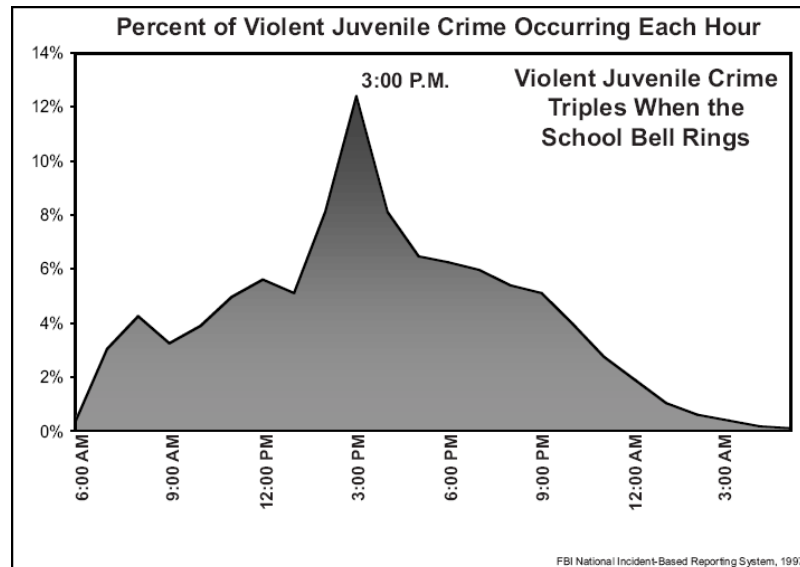
**Volunteer Opportunities:** In order for the 4-H Program to thrive, we have volunteers who help with the program. Volunteers of either parents of the 4-H members, or just people who are interested in helping youth succeed. There are many different types of volunteer leaders, from Organizational Leader, Project Leader, Resource Leader, or Activity Leader.

## PRIME TIME FOR CRIME

We have all heard the FBI statistics, the time between 3 PM and 6 PM sees the highest levels of juvenile victimization and juvenile crime. It coincides with the time that youth are leaving school and parents are still working. After-school programs can:

- boost school success and high school graduation
- Reduce juvenile crime
- Reduce drug use and addiction

Your volunteer hours can protect kids and make our community a safer place for everyone.



## YOUTH SPORTS

### PLAY BALL!!

Are you an arm chair quarterback? Do you watch ESPN wishing you could jump inside the T.V. and coach a game or two? Well here's your chance!! Put your Monday Night Football skills to good use and become a volunteer or coach for youth sports!! Get in on all the action and contact a local school, recreation center, or team and make it possible for more children to learn the important lessons of good sportsmanship! YOU can make a difference.

**Below are just a few of the many sports groups in our area:**

#### South Suburban Parks & Recreation

6631 S University Blvd, Centennial, CO 80121

**Contact:** (303) 798-5131

**Website:** <http://ssprd.org/southsubnew/default.asp>

**Sports:** Basketball, baseball, volleyball and football

#### Aurora Youth League

**Email:** [aurorayouthleague@gmail.com](mailto:aurorayouthleague@gmail.com)

**Website:** <http://www.theaurorayouthleague.org>

**Sports:** Baseball, Basketball, Football



#### Aurora Sports Office

6 Abilene St, Aurora, CO 80011

**Contact:** (303) 326-8700

**Website:** <http://rec.auroragov.net>

**Sports:**

Basketball, Roller Hockey, Soccer, T-Ball, Softball, Baseball and Volleyball

#### Gold Crown Foundation

Contact: 303-773-1442



Email: [feedback@goldcrownfoundation.com](mailto:feedback@goldcrownfoundation.com)

Sports Basketball, golf, volleyball

**Town of Castle Rock, Parks and Recreation Dept.**

2301 N. Woodlands Blvd., Castle Rock, CO 80104

**Contact:** 303-660-1036

**Website:** [www.crgov.com](http://www.crgov.com)

*Child, Youth and Adult arts & crafts; dance; adaptive recreation; fitness*

**Town of Parker, Recreation Dept.**

17301 Lincoln Ave., Parker, CO

**Contact:** 303-841-4500

**Website:** [www.parkerrec.com](http://www.parkerrec.com)

*Child, Youth and Adult arts & crafts; dance; sports*

**YMCA of Metropolitan Denver**

**Aurora YMCA Sports**

27151 E. Lakeview Dr., Aurora CO 80016

720-283-5010

**Schlessman YMCA Sports**

3901 E. Yale Ave., Denver CO 80210

720-524-2750

**Littleton YMCA Sports**

11 W Dry Creek Ct., Littleton CO 80120

303-797-9622

**Southwest YMCA Sports**

5181 W. Kenyon Ave., Denver CO 80236

303-761-7530

**Sports:** Baseball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, lacrosse, flag football



### **America's Promise**

<http://www.americaspromise.org/>

#### **The Five Promises**

The Five Promises are those developmental resources — wrap-around supports— that young people need for success in life:

- Caring Adults
- Safe Places
- A Healthy Start
- Effective Education
- Opportunities to Help Others

#### **The Five Promises Change Lives**

Children who receive at least four of the Five Promises are much more likely than those who experience only one or zero Promises to succeed academically, socially and civically. They are more likely to avoid violence, contribute to their communities and achieve high

### ***Volunteer Background Checks***

**There was a time when all that was needed to volunteer was a willing spirit and a warm heart. Unfortunately, we must now be more careful than ever in protecting our children from the possibility of abuse or exploitation. Because of this most agencies will require not only a formal application but permission to complete a criminal background check. Do not take this personally or let it deter you from volunteering. We must all put the welfare of the children first and this is now just a standard safety precaution.**

## **USEFUL NUMBERS**

If you are endanger or see a crime in progress call	911
Ask A Nurse - healthcare information	303-777-6877 800-327-6877
Crime Stoppers - anonymous tip line	720-913-7867
Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center/Emergency	800-222-1222
Safe2Tell - anonymous tip line	877-542-SAFE

## **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders	800-233-4050
National Child Abuse Hotline	800-4-A-CHILD
National Mental Health Association	800-969-NMHA (6642)
National Runaway Switchboard	800-621-4000
National Suicide Prevention Hotline	800-273-TALK
NetSmartKids - Internet safety tips	<a href="http://www.netsmartz.org">http://www.netsmartz.org</a>
Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network	800-656-4673



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