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Youth Worker

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SUMMARY

Youth worker with 4 years at a drop-in center and an after-school program for ages 11 to 18. Grew weekly evening attendance from about 25 to 60 young people, mentors a caseload of 12, and has made 30 referrals to counseling, housing and job services. Trained in safeguarding, mental health first aid and de-escalation.

EXPERIENCE

Youth Worker — Five Points Youth Commons

Denver, CO · Feb 2023 – Present

- Run 4 evening drop-in sessions a week, growing average attendance from about 25 to 60 young people in 18 months.
- Mentor 12 young people one to one, with 9 of them improving school attendance by at least 10% over a school year.
- Made 30 referrals to counseling, housing and job services in 2025, following up on each within 2 weeks.
- Co-designed a 10-week music production project with 14 participants, ending in a public showcase for 120 family members.

After-School Program Worker — Westwood Kids Collective

Denver, CO · Aug 2021 – Jan 2023

- Supervised homework club and games for about 35 students aged 11 to 14, 4 afternoons a week.
- Logged and reported 6 safeguarding concerns to the designated lead the same day, with 0 delays found in a program review.
- Recruited 5 volunteer tutors from a local college, raising the tutor ratio from 1 for every 12 students to 1 for every 6.

SKILLS

Youth engagement: Drop-in sessions, group work, one-to-one mentoring, outreach, youth voice councils

Safeguarding: Child protection procedures, incident logging, risk assessments, mandated reporting

Support: Referrals, goal plans, mental health first aid, trauma-informed practice, de-escalation

Programs and admin: Session planning, attendance tracking, outcome reports, Microsoft Excel, Apricot case software

CERTIFICATIONS

Youth Mental Health First Aid

CPR and First Aid

EDUCATION

B.A. Sociology, Metropolitan State University of Denver, 2021

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