

**Frequently Asked Questions
About The
Community Asset Project, Inc. (CAP) and the
Cherry Creek School District Prevention Office**

Q: Who is CAP and what does your group, board do?

A: CAP is a twenty-four member community board that works in partnership with the Cherry Creek School District Prevention Office to support a variety of programs that fulfill our mission to help youth reach their full potential and stay drug-free. Our partnership is not a program in itself, but a school / community initiative to promote positive youth development supported by the framework of the 40 developmental assets.

Q: What are assets?

A: Research from the Search Institute in Minnesota, Dr. Peter Benson President, has identified 40 developmental assets / protective factors that are proven to help youth make wise decisions, choose positive paths, and grow up to be competent, caring and responsible adults.

Q: How does the First American State Bank Fitness Festival help CAP?

A: The money raised from the First American State Bank Fitness Festival funds many of the prevention programs for youth in the Cherry Creek School District and community. As important, the Fitness Festival promotes positive youth development by providing an opportunity for youth to build strong, positive relationships with adults while promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Q: How many youth are affected by this school / community partnership?

A: Over 47,000 youth, their parents / families and friends are affected by our school / community partnership.

Q: How many staff members are affected by this initiative?

A: Cherry Creek School District employs over 7,000 full and part-time staff. Each and every employee learns about assets and positive youth development on an on-going basis.

Q: How long has the Community Asset Project existed?

A: CAP has been working in partnership with the Cherry Creek School District Prevention Office for over 19 years.

Q: What are the results of this school / community initiative and how do you measure your work?

A: The results of this partnership are described in the description of some of our work below. We measure our success through the Search Institute's "Profiles of Student Life and Behavior" survey. The survey has been administered to random classrooms of 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students in the spring of 2001 and 2003. We will administer this survey again in the spring of 2006.

Q: What are some of the programs that are funded by your work?

A: We have many programs that support the mission of the Community Asset Project (CAP) and the Prevention Office. Below is a sample of a few of the programs we feel have a tremendous influence on the participants. The impact of these efforts causes a positive change throughout our entire community.

- 1. Our Youth / Adult Summit, held in March each year, has had over 2,500 participants attend. The purpose of this annual event is to build meaningful relationships between youth and adults.**
- 2. The Link Crew and WEB programs build leadership, confidence and positively connects new 6th and 9th grade students as they enter for the first year at our middle schools and high schools. Student leaders from each school are trained as leaders to welcome new students and support them throughout their first year. This exceptional training / program effects thousands of students in our nine middle schools and six high schools.**
- 3. Workshops / Parenting Classes are offered throughout the school year to parents, staff and community. As a result, those attending go out and impact many others who support our school / community initiative.**
- 4. CAP planned and held two Spanish Speaking Parent Meetings in 2002-2003. Over one hundred parents attended and each family, their child's school and the larger community is still feeling the positive influence from these two events. Now, hundreds of our non-English speaking families and their children will be empowered because of the Fitness Festival funding.**
- 5. The staff of our five district I-Teams plan life-skill trainings / workshops and other activities for their students because of the funding from this event. The I-Teams are special education alternative programs for at-risk 11th and 12th grade students from each high school. Students are required to have a job and must stay drug-free.**
- 6. When funding is available, CAP Community Grants are provided to youth-serving organizations in the communities serving the Cherry Creek School District. Grants are given to organizations that provide the most exemplary programs to ensure youth grow healthy, confident and motivated to succeed.**

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