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Denver Kids, Inc. Program Summary

Mission: Denver Kids, Inc. helps students in Denver Public Schools, who face the challenges of higher-risk environments, successfully complete high school, pursue post-secondary options, and become contributing members of the community.

Vision: Every student counts. Every student graduates.

Program Description: Denver Kids, Inc. is a one-to-one preventive educational counseling program in the Denver Public Schools, founded in 1946, that currently serves over 1,000 students in grades K-12 and averages a 90% graduation rate. Ninety-eight percent of students in Denver Kids come from single parent homes and more than 90% qualify for free and/or reduced lunch.

Denver Kids, Inc. is a long-term program that works with youth from the time they enter Denver Kids, Inc. until they graduate, as long as they remain in a DPS school. Denver Kids, Inc. works as a team alongside the teacher, support staff, parent/guardian and community. Denver Kids, Inc. is seeking students who, with additional support, will successfully graduate and go on to become contributing members of the community. The current focus is on students who need Tier II RtI support (Response to Instruction).

Each student is assigned an educational counselor who will meet with a student **twice per month** and provide the following services:

- Educational advocacy
- Liaison between school and family
- Encourage participation in educational, recreational cultural and community activities
- Linking families and students to academic and community resources
- Ongoing parenting classes and support groups as well as parent and family gatherings
- Summer programming opportunities (limited space available): Girls Group, Boys Group, weekend overnight camps, sports camps, etc.
- Leadership opportunities: Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, Americorp, Burt Foundation
- Service learning opportunities
- Social skills, problem-solving, life-skills development, modeling and educating students on healthy relationships, goal setting and conflict resolution
- When appropriate, the student will be matched with a mentor (if available). The mentor engages the student in enrichment activities and provides role-modeling.
- Options for College and other post-secondary choices, including career/future planning and preparation, a designated college counselor, financial aid and scholarship advice

Referral Information: Please visit Denver Kids, Inc.'s website at <http://www.denverkidsinc.org/refer-student-0> to submit a student referral. If you have any questions about the on-line referral process, please call our Program Assistant, Stephanie Jaime at 720-423-8266.