



ADAMS COUNTY
YOUTH INITIATIVE
CRADLE TO CAREER

Adams County / ACYI Cradle to Career Strategy

***City of Commerce City
November 19, 2012***

Presentation Overview

- ACYI Evolution
- Commerce City Results & Investment
- Value Exchange between
Commerce City & ACYI
- Focused efforts

ACYI Evolution



2005 – DA Quick convenes partners who adopt county-wide goals

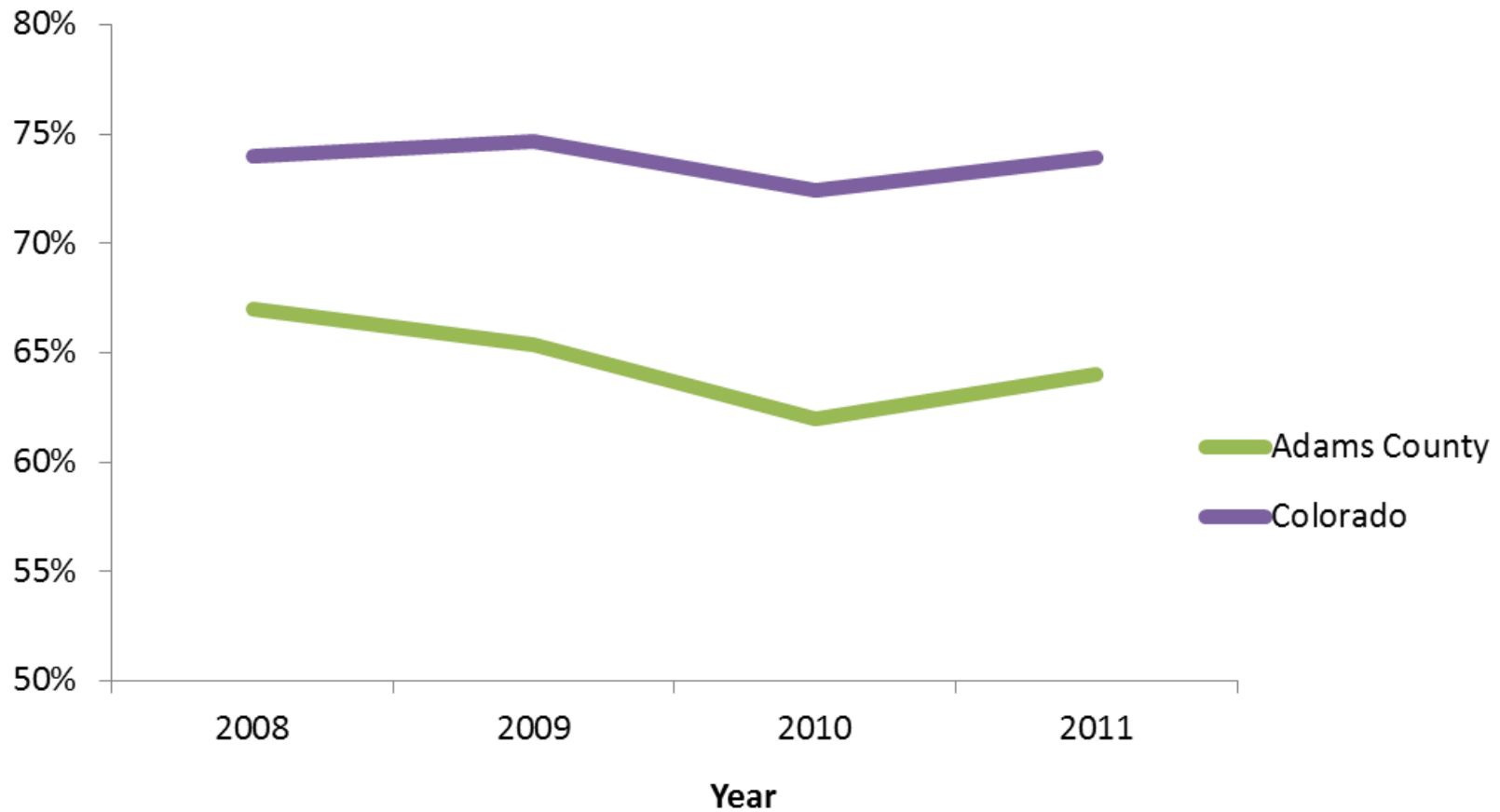
2007 – Awarded \$8.4 million federal grant

2011 – Incorporate as non-profit & adopt National Model, called Strive

2012 – Cradle to Career Strategy implementation

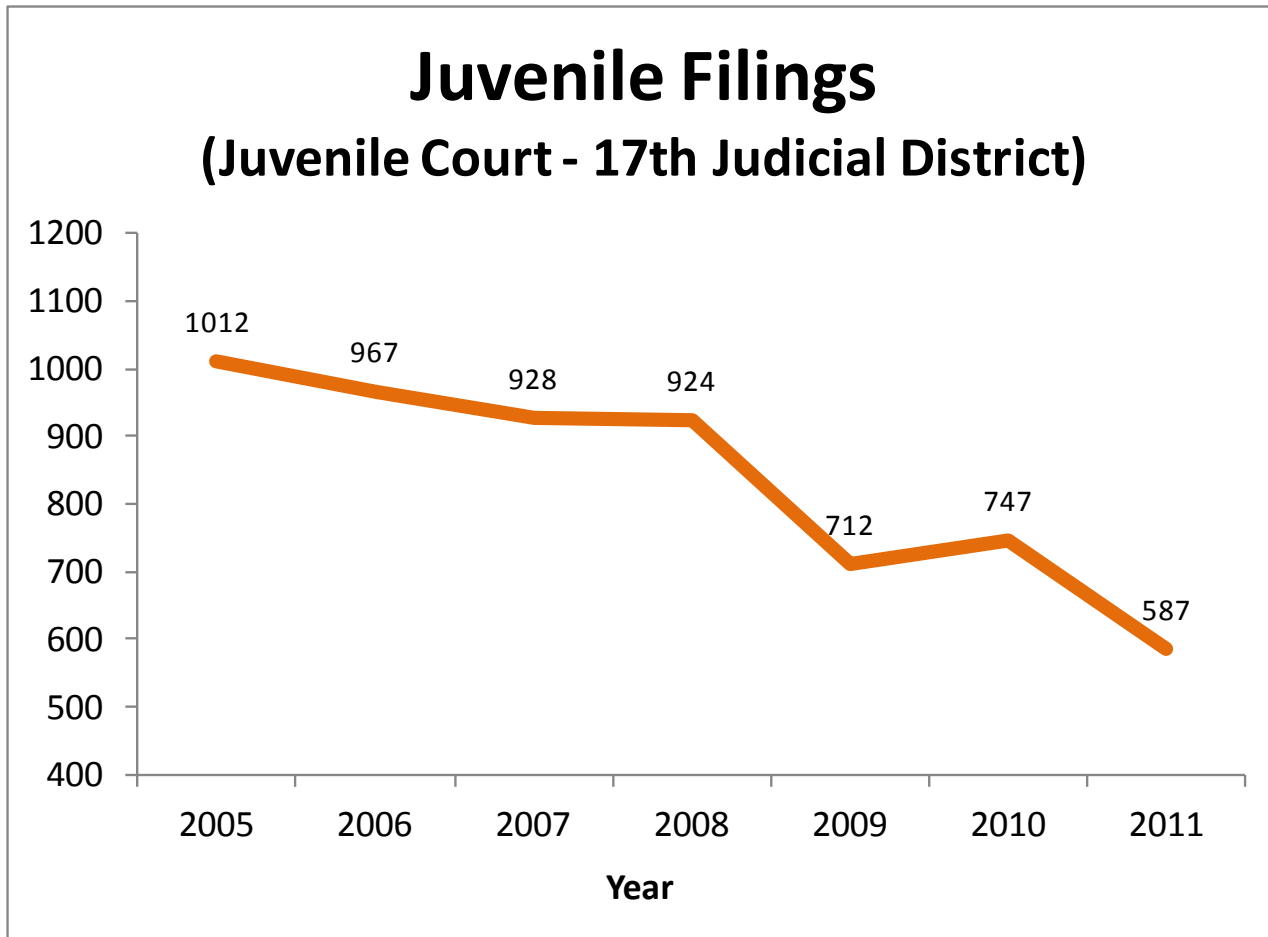
High School Graduation on the Rise

Graduation Rates by Year



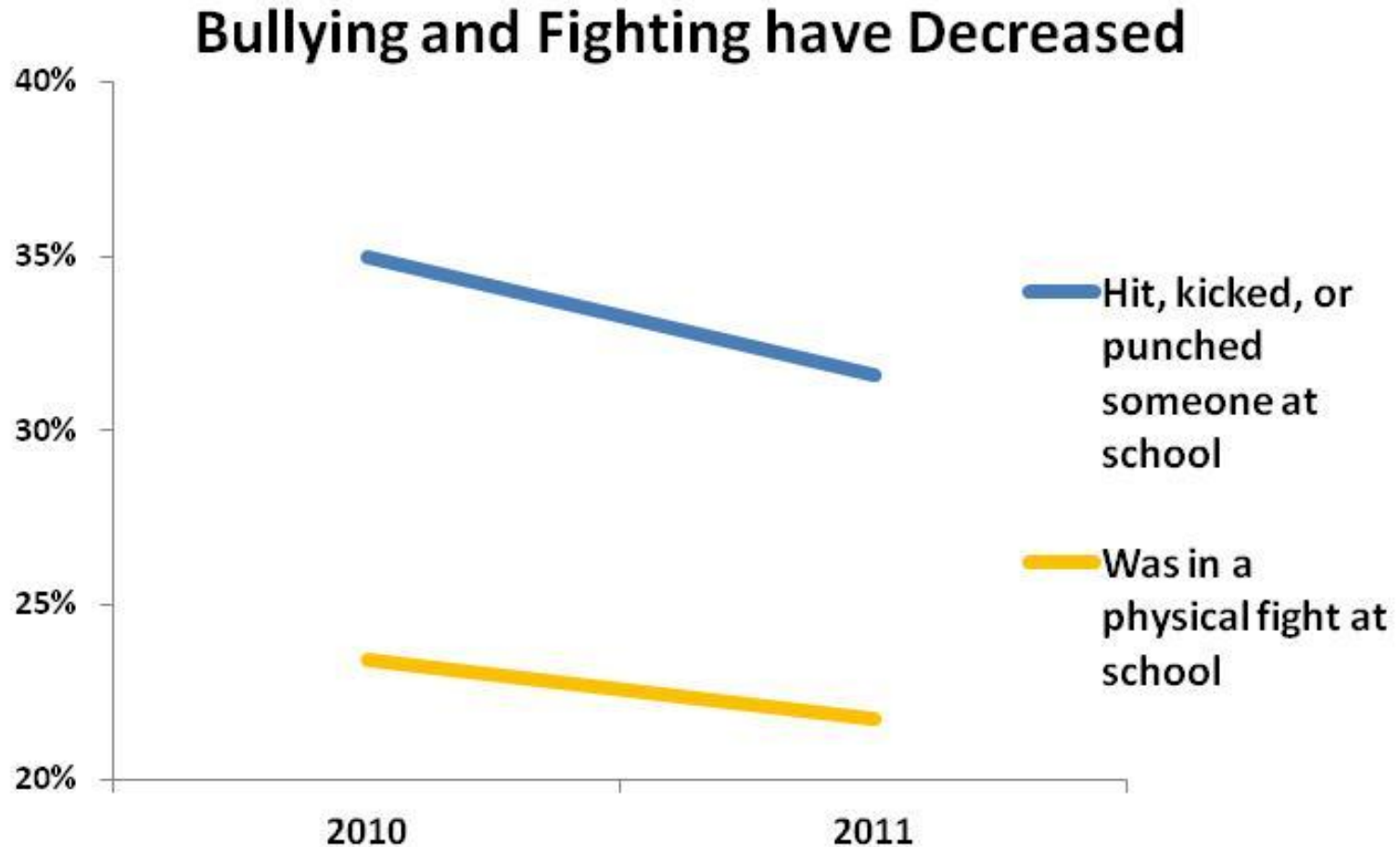
Source: Colorado Department of Education

Juvenile Crime Filings Down



Source: 17th Judicial District - Court Records

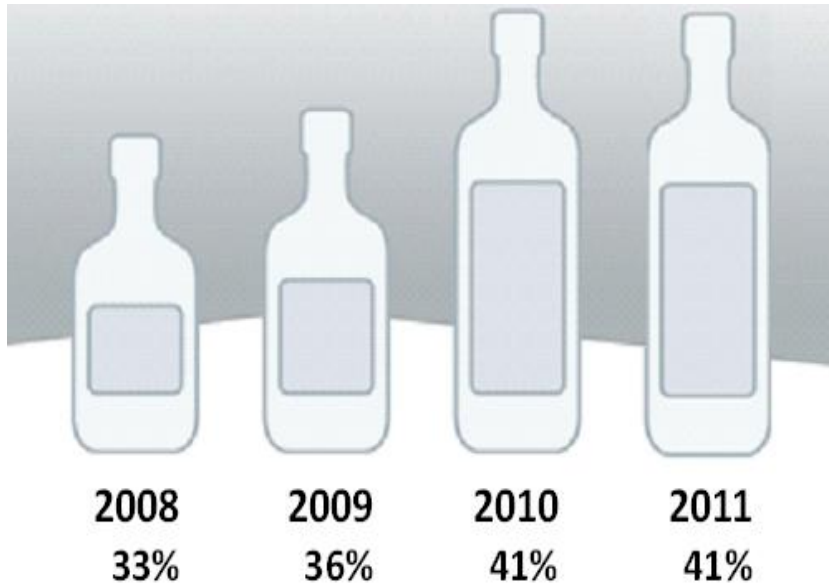
School Violence Decreasing



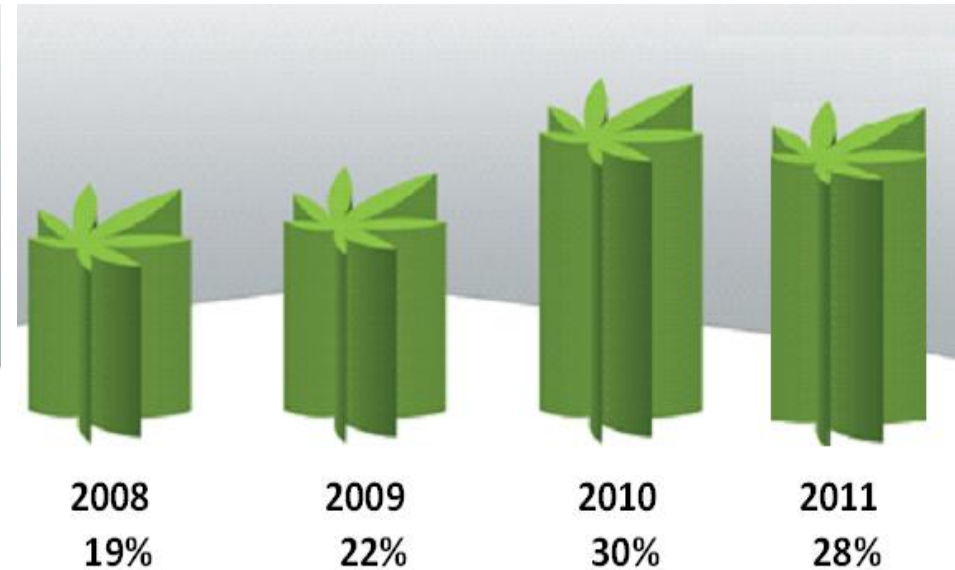
Source: Adams County Student Survey – Adams City H.S., 2010, 2011

Substance Use on the Rise

Alcohol



Marijuana



Source: Adams County Student Survey –
9th-12th graders' self reported use past 30 days
(County-wide average)

Adams City High School Outcomes

Attendance:

Increased for 3 yrs. at Adams City H.S.

Self Reported Substance Use Trends:

Alcohol use among decreased by more than 6% from '09

Marijuana use decreased by 2% from '10-'11

Increased participation in activities & community involvement:

3X more middle school students participating in community service

10% increased participation in activities from 2009-2011

5% increase in use of homework help/ tutoring programs

Prairie View High School Outcomes



High School Graduation Increasing:

Increased by 2% in the last two years

Importance to finish high school reported increase over 2%

School Safety Increasing:

Physical fight on school property 3.7% decrease from '09

Feeling safer on the way and to and from school increase since '09

Participation in activities / community Increasing:

8% more students reporting participating in community service

Why ACYI?

Collective Impact

“The commitment of a group of important actors from different sectors to a **common agenda** for solving a specific social problem.”

-- John Kania & Mark Kramer,
FSG Social Impact Advisors,
Stanford Social Innovation Review
Winter 2010



ACYI Mission



*OUR MISSION IS TO
WORK TOGETHER
TO ENSURE OUR YOUTH EXCEL
FROM CRADLE TO CAREER*

ACYI Cradle to Career Goals

1. healthy and starts school ready to learn
2. succeeds in school
3. thrives and contributes to their home, school and community
4. college and career ready

ACYI's Role

1. **Shared Vision**
plans, manages and supports commitment to goals
2. **Data-Driven Decision Making**
report results and support best-practice strategies
3. **Collaborative Action**
mobilize action teams and communication link
4. **Sustainability**
streamline funding / avoid duplication

ACYI Theory of Change

IF:

- Key Leaders share common vision
- Baseline data on key outcomes is shared
- Action Teams adopt Continuous Improvement
- Resources for core operations are in place
- Align funding to evidence based practices
- Data-driven management is core

ACYI Theory of Change

THEN:

- Effective practices are scaled
- Policy change occurs in support of improved outcomes
- **Students outcomes trend in the right direction**

Value Exchange: for Commerce City

- County-wide strategic planning & problem solving
- Access to Adams County Student Survey results
- Access to research and best practices
- Analysis for program level data
- Technical assistance and facilitation
- County-wide funding alignment
- Access to Cradle to Career – Connect (match.com)

Value Exchange: from Commerce City

- Participate in strategic planning and problem solving
- Promote effective use of data
- Align efforts and resources to Cradle to Career goals
- Report program level data
- Participate in Board / Advisory meetings
- Adopt or adapt best practices
- Financial or in-kind resources to support ACYI - Anchor

What does “help” look like?

What could Commerce City and ACYI
do together
that we could not do alone
to support student success?

Next Steps – THE ASK

Time:

Stay connected – help us connect to needs and resources

Talent:

Move from coordinated action to collective action

Treasure:

Resources for ACYI's Anchor for 2013 - \$20,000



Thank-you

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