



What is a JAC?

JUVENILE ASSESSMENT CENTER

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ASSESSMENTS

24/7 screening and assessments to identify which services are needed for youth ages 10-17

WRAPAROUND SERVICES

Coordinated crisis intervention and/or multi-agency wraparound for an additional 200 families (total = 800)

SHELTER

Temporary shelter for youth prior to placement (begin with 4-5 beds and expand to 12 beds projected in Year 4)

DAYTIME PROGRAMMING

Daytime programming for families with struggling youth—breathing time and coaching

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

After-school programming alternatives for youth in challenging situations

ACTIVE OUTREACH

Outreach to youth + families, faith-based organizations, schools, community agencies, and law enforcement for referrals

PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Starting in 2017, juvenile and truant youth were the first to be supported by a team of professionals assembled specifically for each youth to work with the family and to create a customized plan for the young person. Today, the Pathways program of Joint Initiatives for Youth + Families serves children of all ages with three levels of wraparound supports detailed below. Youth are referred primarily by the **Department of Human Services, school districts, and the 4th Judicial District Juvenile Court.**

WRAPAROUND APPROACH

Jl assesses a young person to determine the services, and thus partners, needed. These partners wraparound a young person and their family to develop a youth-driven customized plan. A JI Coordinated Care Advocate is assigned to the youth, and they establish a relationship with the young person and family members, while seeing the plan through to completion.



JOINT INITIATIVES FOR YOUTH + FAMILIES

Jl is a nonprofit organization that was established in 1989 specifically for the purpose of bringing together agencies and systems that serve children and youth to drive collective impact and ensure higher-impact services for young people 0-21 and their families in the Colorado Springs metro area. Towards this end, Jl hosts the state-mandated REACH Committee made up of youth-serving agencies, which designated opening a JAC as its top priority.



Spaces + Faces

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Jl has forged a partnership with Colorado Springs School District 11 that will incorporate **two approaches** to services:

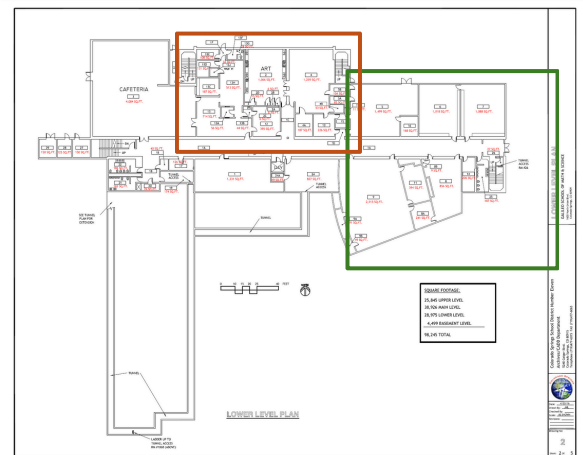
Co-Located Services for Community Youth

Jl and 4th Judicial District partners will provide Jl's Pathways wraparound services at Galileo Middle School. With almost 10,000 square feet provided in the first year, Jl partners will have space to work and meet with youth, ensuring higher-impact in-person support.

Community School Partnership

With Jl partners co-located in a wing of Galileo, the school district saw an opportunity to provide "community school" supports to the junior high students at Galileo, affording earlier interventions for a student body with a high percentage of at-risk youth. Together, Galileo will benefit from Jl's wraparound supports, along with food pantry, health services, and an elevated level of instruction.

Galileo Middle School – Ground Floor



YOUTH SHELTER

Las Animas Complex

Situated in the south part of downtown, shelter space has been secured in a newer-build home along with next-door office space in a home that dates back to the 1800s. The shelter home will feature:

- 8 beds for youth 11-17 in need of emergency shelter
- 3 upstairs bedrooms, full bathroom and staff room (includes ADA-compliant)
- Emergency stairs exit from the second floor
- Recreational area, including a large plot behind house owned by complex's owner
- Support for the cause by homes' owners, the Murphy family

The need for shelter as a limited, short-term, overnight solution for youth:

- Served by DHS who are abused or neglected
- Abandoned at area hospitals—Colorado Children's Hospital reports as many as four children/youth who are living at the hospital for more than 30 days
- That are incest survivors who should not go home
- Who have committed petty crimes and are taking juvenile beds needed for violent offenders
- Who are couch-surfing or are otherwise displaced
- Whose parents have called law enforcement due to domestic conflict