

Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch

1732 South 72nd St. West

Billings, MT 59106

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Award Amount, Year One: \$300,000

Award Year: 2006

Organizational Description:

Founded in 1957, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch provides services to children and adolescents, including clinical psychiatric residential treatment, group homes, and community-based services with a strong emphasis on pastoral care and academics. The Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch also provides training and guidance to public and private agencies to foster strong leadership and better services through its Yellowstone Resource Center.

Name of CEY Initiative Project:

Yellowstone County Empowering Youth Project

Project Description:

Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch will build the capacity of faith and community-based organizations to provide enhanced social services to address child abuse and neglect. This project will: 1) engage in a strategic planning process that defines the goals for the community partnership; 2) develop a community education and communication plan to inform the local community of the project efforts; and 3) assess each community partner to provide the basis for courses as well as for individual technical assistance activities in each of the four critical capacity building areas: community engagement, leadership development, organizational development, and program development. The targeted service areas for this project are Montana's Billings and Yellowstone counties.

Partners: The Child & Family Intervention Center of Montana; Faith Evangelical and "Living Water" Churches; The Family Tree; First Assembly Life Center; The In-Care Network; Inc.; The Montana Children & Family Advocacy Program; Native American Achievement Center; Tumbleweed Runaway Program; Yellowstone County Kids Management Authority; Yellowstone Court Appointed Special Advocates