

Growing Up Boulder

Boulder's child- and youth-friendly city initiative



Growing Up Boulder Mission Statement:

To empower Boulder's young people with opportunities for inclusion, influence and deliberation on local issues that affect their lives.

Engage

GUB engages with young people ages 0 - 18 in school classrooms, preschools, after school programs, and at community events.

Share

GUB shares young people's ideas & recommendations that inform project plans in the Boulder community.

Impact

GUB helps children to become engaged citizens and together, we help create more child- & youth-friendly communities!

Projects in Lafayette

Nature Kids/Jóvenes de la Naturaleza Lafayette (NKJN)- 2016



- » GUB worked with children in Thorne Nature Experience's after school programs at Sanchez, Pioneer and Ryan Elementary Schools to learn how children wished to connect with nature at their schools and in their communities.
- » GUB shared expertise on participatory planning methods for middle and high school students with NKJN leaders.
- » **The results?** Young people's recommendations influenced the design of Sanchez's new nature play space and trail connections near Ryan and Pioneer Elementary Schools.

Communities That Cares (CTC) - 2019



- » Lafayette is engaged in CTC: an evidence-based, prevention science process that reduces levels of youth problems and helps them thrive.
- » GUB trained CTC's board in methodologies for youth participatory planning and helped them apply it to their CTC work.
- » **The results?** The CTC board is co-creating and co-administering its CTC plan with Lafayette's young people.

Home Wanted - 2020 (Ongoing)



- » Home Wanted, a collaboration of nine jurisdictions in Boulder County that are organized by the Boulder County Regional Housing Partnership (BCRHP), aims to adopt strategies and policies and to secure adequate funding for stable, affordable housing for low- and middle- income residents.
- » **The plan?** GUB will work with 5 youth councils, including Lafayette's, to document teens' stories about their community's affordable housing challenges.