



A PATHWAY TO HOPE

— FUND —

**COMMUNITY FUNDED MENTAL HEALTHCARE
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Mental Health is our Priority

Our Mission: Jumping the hurdles of affordability in mental healthcare, empowering those in need, and breaking the barriers of stigma via community involvement.

Who are we?

The Pathway to Hope Fund is a community funded, committee ran, mental health scholarship program. We provide individually granted mental health scholarships to residents of familiar status in Douglas County who have experienced difficulties paying for mental health care and have expressed a desire and need for care. We foster the partnerships of our 501c, our community mental healthcare providers, and our referring community volunteers to educate, to serve, and to inspire.



Mental Health Scholarship Fund

Mental Health is the state of emotional, psychological and social well-being on how we think, feel and react to any situation. It also affects our everyday life, such as work, relationships and study.

For families with youth present in the home, the "domino effect" of a mental health crisis is devastating—impacting parental stability, sibling well-being, and the long-term safety of the household.

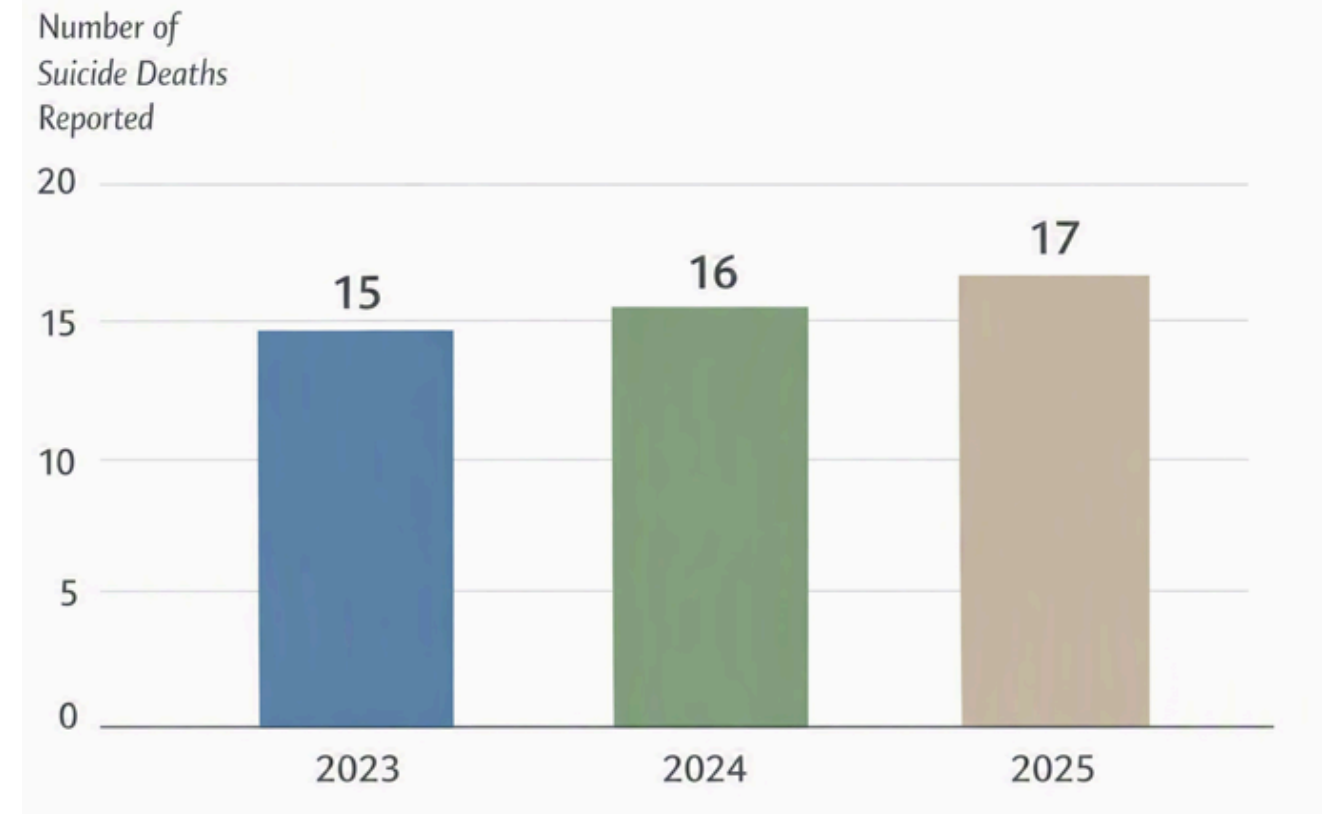


Colorado is facing a critical youth mental health emergency, consistently ranking among the states with the highest suicide rates in our nation.

The Crisis at Our Doorstep

Suicides Year Over Year in Douglas County for Youths and Adults Ages 0–34

Source: Douglas County Colorado Coroner's Office



- According to the CFDC&P, Colorado has the 8th highest suicide rate (overall) in the nation and the 7th highest for youths and young adults ages 10–24.
- According to the AFSP, suicide is currently the second leading cause of death among youth and adults ages 15–34 in the nation.
- According to the CDPH, in Colorado, suicide and firearm-related injuries are the leading causes of death for youth and young adults ages 10 to 24.

Douglas County residents continue to struggle with a significant lack of localized resources to meet this rising demand, with incidents of suicide in our county are increasing rather than decreasing.

1 in 3

DougCo high school students felt so sad or hopeless almost every day, for two or more weeks in a row, that they stopped doing their usual activities in the past year.

40%

DougCo students in grades 6 to 12 said they feel connected to their school community, compared to 61% of families and 70% of staff.

15%

DougCo students reported being bullied on school property in the past 12 months, above the state average.

7,900

DougCo students were surveyed in 2023 alone, meaning this is not a small or hidden problem. It is measured, recurring, and local.

10 y/o

The average delay nationally between when mental health symptoms first appear and when someone gets help. Half of all conditions begin by age 14.

1/2

Less than half of adults, and only about half of youth, with a mental or behavioral health condition receive treatment in a given year.

18.3%

DougCo adults, over 70,000 people, reported poor mental health in 2023. Many of them are the parents raising the kids in these same statistics.

Suicide

Leading cause of death for Coloradans ages 10 to 34, and among the top 3 causes of death nationally for ages 15 to 19.

39

Youth ages 10 to 18 died by suicide in Colorado in 2024. Even at the state's lowest rate since 2007, that is 39 families changed forever in a single year.

35%

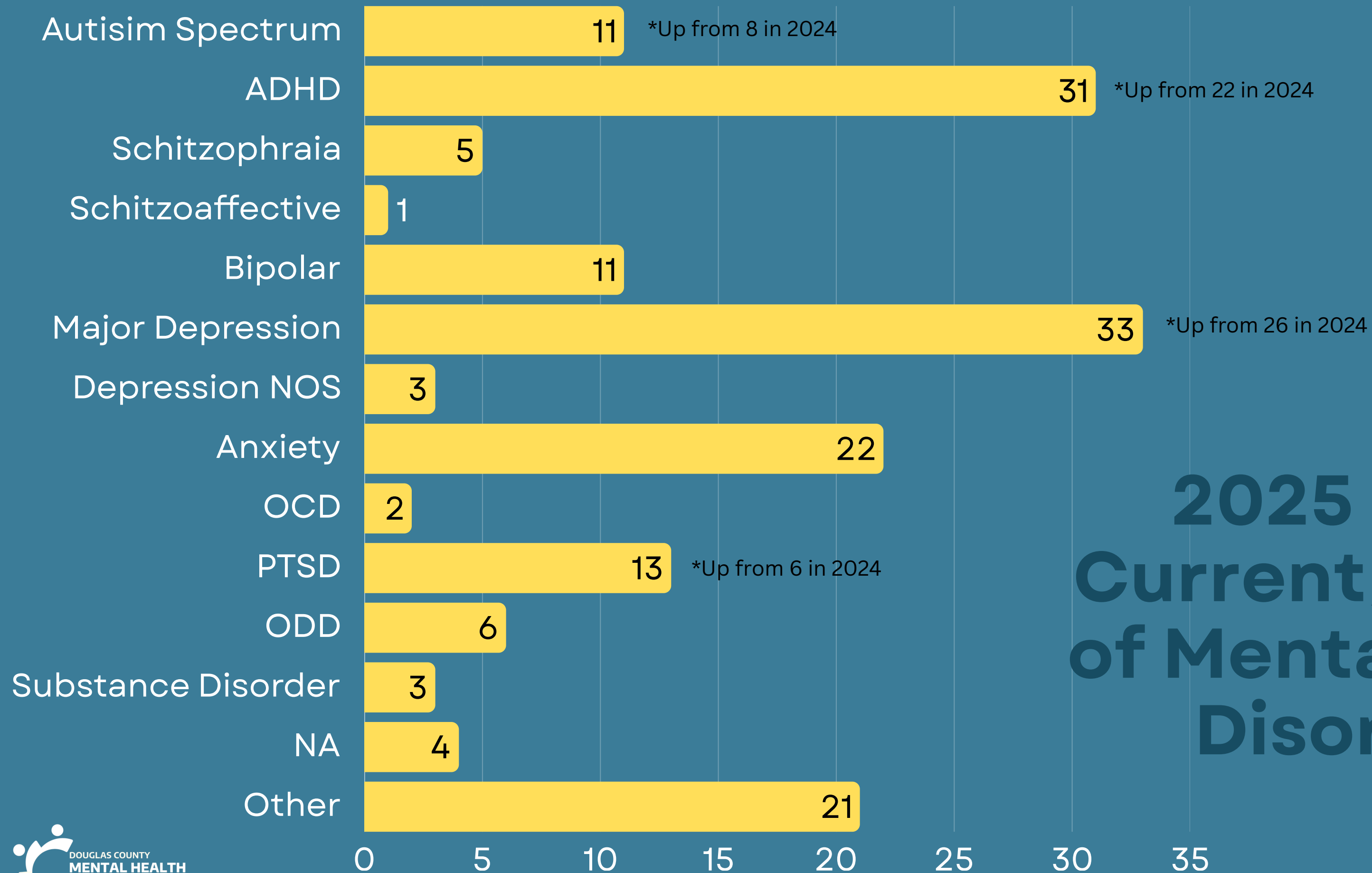
Suicide-related emergency department visits in Colorado involve youth ages 10 to 18, even though this age group is only 19% of the population. Kids are overrepresented in crisis-level care.

2,389.7

Per 100,000 mental health-related issues were the leading cause of hospitalization in Douglas County, more common than alcohol-induced deaths in the county.

12.91 down to 5.85

Per 100,000: Colorado's youth suicide rate has been cut by more than half since its 2020 pandemic peak, proof that prevention and early support work when they are in place.



2025 Cited Current/History of Mental Health Disorders

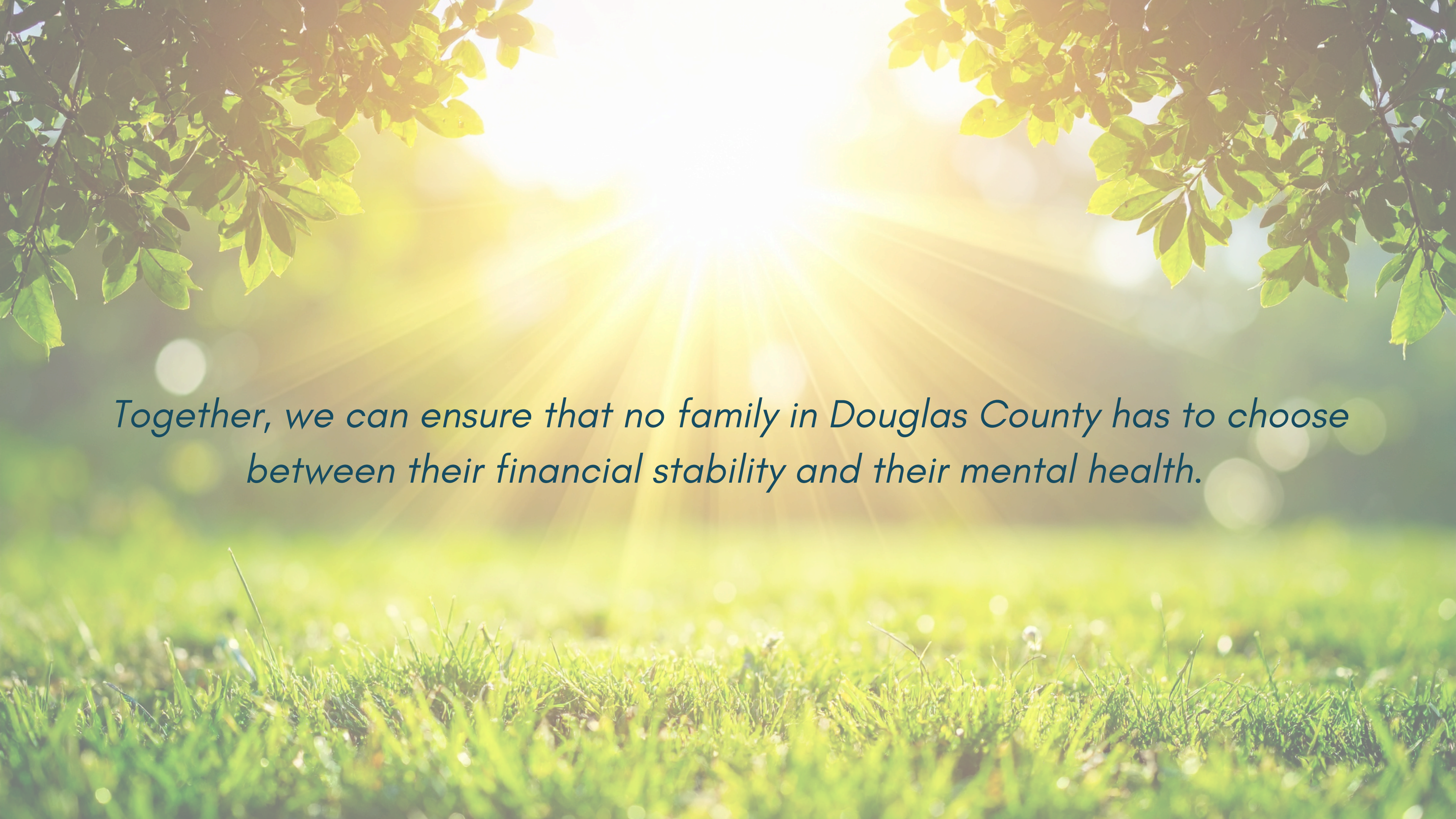


**Client Ages 0-17 and 18-29 make up the majority of this data*



How do We Help?

1. Access to care for those seeking help that would otherwise be turned away
2. A philanthropic fund dedicated to supporting our mission
3. Intentional conversations and collaborations
4. Reliable and continuous support
5. Readily available resources

A bright sun shining through green leaves, creating a lens flare effect over a grassy field.

Together, we can ensure that no family in Douglas County has to choose between their financial stability and their mental health.



Your contribution provides
immediate, life-saving
access to licensed
therapists for our neighbors
and our community

Thank you!