

In 2016, Outdoor Youth Connections donated six backpacks, with an approximate value of \$250, to Auburn Youth Resources, to enable staff therapists to take at-risk youth out hiking and on backpack trips throughout the spring and summer.

Auburn Youth Resources began out of a need to address the growing problem of drug abuse among South King County youth and has become a regional provider of early childhood learning, mental health counseling, homeless and emergency shelter, residential, youth outreach and substance abuse services.

They are dedicated to giving every young person an opportunity to grow and progress to his or her fullest potential. Recognizing the life-changing impact immersion into nature has on youth, backpacks will give therapist the ability to take them on outdoor adventures, to set them on a path of enlightenment and self-sufficiency.