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**Save the Date  
for PASCO's  
27th Annual  
Picnic!  
Tuesday,  
June 18th,  
2019  
11am-2 pm  
Morse Park**

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Reference in this Newsletter to any specific product, service, or company does not constitute a recommendation by Personal Assistance Services of Colorado (although we do our best to support community friendly organizations)

## Need a ramp? Apply for HBF's Blitz Build today!

The Home Builders Foundation is currently seeking out applications for people needing ramps to be completed during its 2019 Blitz Build!

In 2011, the HBF organized the Inaugural Blitz Build, where seven ramps were built for seven families across the Denver metro area in just three days. The Blitz Build was a huge success for the recipients, the HBF and all of the companies involved. Since 2011, close to 130 ramps have been completed during Blitz Build weekends, mobilizing hundreds and volunteers and impacting recipients and their extended networks of care. In 2019, the HBF plans on building on the success of the past eight years by completing at least 20 ramps (possibly more!) on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

If you have a client, colleague or family member who is in need of a ramp OR need one yourself, please fill out the HBF's application for assistance. **Note:** Any ramp applications received from now through June 2019 will be considered for the Blitz Build. Projects need to meet the requisite qualifications and will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis of the completed application.

For more information on the HBF and the services they provide, visit [hbfdenver.org](http://hbfdenver.org) or call us at 303-551-6721.



## Funding for Services and Support Available to Denver Residents with I/DD through RMHS

Denver residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) can receive funding to support their unique needs through the Rocky Mountain Human Services (RMHS) Mill Levy Program.

In 2003, Denver residents approved a mill levy, or property tax, to support individuals with I/DD in Denver. Denver Human Services directs most property tax income from the mill levy to RMHS.

Denver residents with I/DD and their families can request services and support from RMHS to meet their individual needs that are not available through other resources. Examples include:

- Adaptive equipment
- Durable medical equipment
- Dental and medical costs
- Evaluations and assessments
- Transportation
- Caregiver and parent training
- Car seats
- Safety items
- Cribs and beds
- Some Medicaid-limited services and support

Requests can be made in two ways.

If you have an RMHS service coordinator, contact him or her to submit your request.

If you do not have an RMHS service coordinator, visit [www.rmhumanservices.org/individual-requests](http://www.rmhumanservices.org/individual-requests) to complete an online form, or contact RMHS at (303) 636-5865 or [MillLevy@rmhumanservices.org](mailto:MillLevy@rmhumanservices.org).

To learn more about the RMHS Mill Levy Program, visit [www.rmhumanservices.org/ml](http://www.rmhumanservices.org/ml).



MAY 24-26 AURORA FOX ARTS CENTER

JUNE 1-2 ELAINE WOLF THEATRE, MIZEL ARTS AND CULTURE CENTER AT THE JCC

JUNE 6 LEVITT PAVILION

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STEVE WILSON

MUSICAL DIRECTION BY  
DONNA DEBRECENI

CHOREOGRAPHY BY  
DEBBIE STARK  
RONNI STARK

TICKETS \$30 SUGGESTED DONATION

VISIT [PHAMALY.ORG](http://PHAMALY.ORG)  
OR CALL 303-365-0005



Please join us for a presentation by The Colorado Initiative for Inclusive Higher Education (INI!), a non-profit founded in 2014 by educators, disability leaders, students and families who have a vision for better and more fulfilling career opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). We will discuss options for students

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colorado**ABLE**  
Coloradans Achieving a Better Life Experience

### Save money tax-deferred.

The earnings on your investments are federally tax-deferred and tax-free, if used for qualified disability expenses.<sup>1</sup> That can help your savings compound, earning returns on your returns.

### Keep your needs-based benefits.

Colorado ABL accounts are an addition to, not a replacement of, government programs and do not affect eligibility for any federal needs-based programs including Medicaid. There is a limitation for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits explained below:

- **Balances of \$100,000 or less are excluded from your SSI resource limit.**
- **Only the amount OVER \$100,000 is counted against your limit, along with assets held in non-ABLE accounts.**
- **If your account causes you to exceed the SSI resource limit, then your SSI benefits will be suspended until the account balance no longer exceeds your resource limit.**
- **You'll continue to be eligible for Medicaid, regardless of your account balance.**

### Investment options that fit your needs.

Choose from among six different investment options, including four mutual fund based investments and one FDIC-insured investment

### Friends & family can contribute to your account. Anytime.

Anyone can contribute directly to your account. No matter who contributes, you, the account owner or authorized individual, retain control over the account.

### Contribute more with Earned Income.

ABLE account owners who earn income may contribute additional funds beyond the annual \$15,000 contribution limit. The additional annual contribution amount is equal to the federal poverty level for a one-person household (in your state of residence) or the account owner's gross wages, whichever is less. Working account owners are not eligible to contribute the additional funds if they are already contributing to:

- a defined contribution plan
- an annuity contract
- an eligible deferred compensation plan

Account Owners should keep adequate records to ensure the limit is not exceeded. Any increase in contributions could impact tax obligations, so consult a tax advisor before making any such increase. If you are eligible, fill out the [Self Certification form](#).

### Save up to \$15,000/year.

No further contributions may be made until the start of the next calendar year. Account balance limit: \$400,000.

### Your annual contribution limit is: \$15,000

If you work and earn income, you may be eligible for an increased annual contribution limit. [Learn more about self-certifying](#).

### Set up automatic contributions.

These are contributions of a specific amount made automatically into your account on a custom frequency basis. For example, you can set up recurring contributions of \$25 per month. This makes the process of investing very simple.

### Easily create an account in minutes

Just tell us a little bit about yourself and select your investments. That's it. You can easily access your account at any time, from a PC, tablet, or mobile device. Plus, you can get started with as little as \$25.

<sup>1</sup> Earnings on non-qualified withdrawals may be subject to federal income tax and a 10% federal penalty tax, as well as applicable state and local income taxes.

## Contact Information

Existing Account Holders:

Call [1-888-609-3468](tel:1-888-609-3468) (Available Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm MST)  
[co.clientservice@savewithable.com](mailto:co.clientservice@savewithable.com)

Do you have a group or organization that would like to know more about the benefits of this plan? A representative from Colorado ABL is available to speak to groups of 10 more. To get more information, or to schedule a presentation:  
Call [303-376-8833](tel:303-376-8833)  
(Available Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm MST)  
[mkeglovits@collegeinvest.org](mailto:mkeglovits@collegeinvest.org)

<https://www.coloradoable.org/>



*Advocacy, Resources, Caregiving, Hope*

The Arch Foundation (TAF) is a local non-profit organization with a mission of providing support to family caregivers of people with diverse abilities to find balance in their own lives.

Our goal at TAF is to help caregivers maintain their sense of self within our community.

- We are here to listen, share resources, build you up so you feel strong to advocate for yourself and others
- Share a laugh over a cocktail & a shoulder to cry on
- Provide programming moments for you to take a deep breath for yourself & share the challenges of managing a life of someone with diverse abilities

Join us for our free monthly activities or contact for more information. TAF provides respite funds so family caregivers can attend activities.

(970)217-7448 [heather@thearchfoundation.org](mailto:heather@thearchfoundation.org)

<https://www.thearchfoundation.org/>



Teaching the Autism Community Trades | Summer 2019  
(303) 295-0163 | buildwithtact.org | tactinfo@buildwithtact.org

This Summer, how would you like to help your child discover their passion and take their skills in electronics, woodworking or design to the next level? T.A.C.T. is offering unique camps in a variety of trades and kids get to keep all of their creations! Class space is **limited** for each camp, so sign up today. All tools and materials are provided. Contact [becky@buildwithtact.org](mailto:becky@buildwithtact.org) with any questions!



### June 3rd - 7th, 2019

#### Youth Sewing Camp

Geared toward the beginner, this camp will teach sewing machine basics while creating fun projects.

9:00 - 12:00 Ages 5-9 **\$350**



### June 10th - 14th, 2019

#### Woodworking Camp

Campers will develop their carpentry skills and build fun and functional items.

9:00 - 12:00 Ages 5-9 **\$350**



### June 17th - 21st, 2019

#### Electric Guitar Camp

Combining electronics and instrument building, students will get the unique experience of building their own electric guitar.

9:00 - 12:00 Ages 10+ **\$500**



#### Metal & Wood Furniture

Blending Carpentry and Metal Arts, students will spend the week learning tool safety and crafting beautiful furniture.

1:00 - 4:00 Ages 16+ **\$350**



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#### Youth Arduino Camp

This beginner level electronics camp will teach young students the basics of arduino.

9:00 - 12:00 Ages 5-9 **\$400**

#### Drone Builder Camp

Your teen will love this camp -- They will get to build their very own quadcopter kit and learn how to fly it!

1:00 - 4:00 Ages 16+ **\$500**

### June 24th - 28th, 2019

#### TACT Trades Intro/STEAM Camp

This camp is perfect "sampler" for the kid who loves making things and seeing how they work. Over five days, we will explore electronics, carpentry, fiber arts, and auto mechanics.

9:00 - 12:00 Ages 5-9 **\$400**

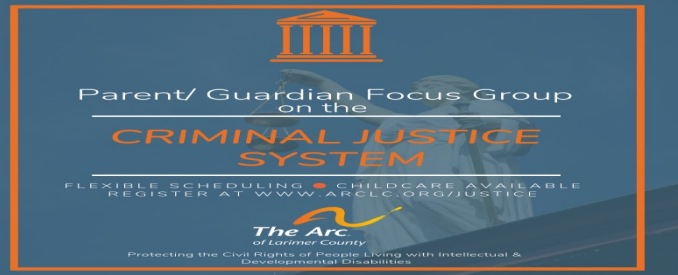


### August 5th - 9th, 2019

#### Costume Design

Students will learn about measuring, patterns, cutting, sewing, fitting, and crafting that goes into make their own costume.

1:00 - 4:00 Ages 10+ **\$350**



In order to better understand the experiences of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have when interacting with the criminal justice system in Larimer County, The Arc of Larimer County is conducting a number of focus groups with parents/guardians/caregivers of people with I/DD.

To be eligible for a focus group, you must:

- Be a Parent/Guardian/Caregiver of an individual with I/DD
- ⇒ If you are not sure if the individual you care for qualifies as having an intellectual or developmental disability, our focus group facilitator will call you and help determine eligibility for the project. You can learn more about the definition of intellectual and/or developmental disability here: <https://www.thearc.org/learn-about/intellectual-disability>
- The individual with I/DD you care for must be 10+ years old
- You and/or the person with I/DD you care for must live in Larimer County
- The individual that you care for has experienced an interaction with the Criminal Justice System OR you're interested in the criminal justice system and how it relates to people with I/DD
- Be able to attend a 90-minute interview

## Human Resource Corner

We hope you all have had a nice winter and are ready for some warm weather, we sure are!

We would like to welcome Kristin Layne to our HR Team. Kristin will be doing all compliance items so if you are due for your annual requirements she will be the one reaching out to you to get those done.

If you have a profit sharing account with PASCO you can now make contributions to it. If you would like more information on this please reach out to our benefits coordinator, Holly Pajaud at [Holly.Pajaud@pascohh.com](mailto:Holly.Pajaud@pascohh.com).

Most of you are aware that annual CEU's are due each year during your anniversary month. Save time and paper by doing them online! Please remember that not completing your annual requirements will lead to your employment being placed on hold until the items are completed.

As always please feel free to contact anyone in Human Resources regarding any issues, etc. you might be having, we will be happy to assist you or point you in the right direction. If you do not know who you need to contact we have a general email box you can use and your message will be directed to the correct person. [HR@pascohh.com](mailto:HR@pascohh.com)

Chris Livesay, Holly Pajaud, Kristin Layne, Zoe Broughton, Erin McDonough, and Melissa Angel

**Your care may be super,  
but you're only human.**

[ColoradoCaregiving.org](http://ColoradoCaregiving.org)  
1-844-265-2372

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Office of Community  
Assistance & Support Services  
Division of Aging & Adult Services

**OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**  
**A LITTLE SOIRÉE**  
NEW NAME! NEW DATE! NEW AUCTION ITEMS!  
Same Great Cause, New Location, and Always A Lot of Fun!

**JOIN US FOR A LITTLE SOIRÉE, AT OUR NEW LOCATION**  
**A LITTLE HELP'S FUNDRAISER AND SILENT AUCTION**  
Friday, April 26th from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
The GRID Collaborative Workspaces, 445 Broadway, Denver

**Get your tickets at [alittlehelp.org/soiree](http://alittlehelp.org/soiree)  
or by calling us at 720-242-9032.**

**LOOK FOR SOME OF THESE GREAT AUCTION ITEMS:**

- Weekday Round of Golf for 3 at the Glenmoor Country Club
- A Golfers Delight Basket with a fantastic bottle of bourbon
- Denver Broncos Game Tickets
- Ikon Season Pass with access to 38 iconic winter destinations across the Americas, Japan, Australia and New Zealand
- Tickets to Puzzle! The Interactive Puzzle Game Experience!
- 2 tickets to "Anastasia" at the Buell Theatre
- African Safari for Two
- 1/2 Day Hunt for 2 Hunters at The Buffs
- A True Cattle Ranch Experience for 4 Cowboy and Girls
- Gift cards for many local restaurants

**IN PARTNERSHIP**





### Transition From Pre-K - Kindergarten: What Parents Should Know

- Tuesday, April 23, 2019
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Adams County Governmental Bldg. (11860 North Pecos Street Westminster, CO, 80234)

#### **You Will Learn the Following:**

- School Choice
- Decision Considerations
- Parent Transition
- School Readiness
- Communication Between Old school and New school
- Open Enrollment
- Types of Schools
- Talking to Your Child About Their New School
- Special Education and Kindergarten
- Activities

**Registration is not required to attend this training.**



### **Volunteers Needed for Spring 2019!**

The Spring season is right around the corner and we are looking for volunteers!

Without you, we wouldn't be able to run our program. Miracle League of Metro Denver depends on each and every volunteer to help our players both on the field and off by creating an atmosphere conducive to baseball.



Some of our players need assistance with all aspects of baseball, some need very little more than cheering. Either way, your presence makes all of the difference in the world!

**Below are the dates that still need volunteers:**

**April 27th: 9am - 12:30pm**

**May 4th: 11am - 2pm**

**June 1st: 11am - 2pm**

In order for Volunteers to participate, you must:

1. Have reached at least 10 years of age or be an athlete's immediate family member
2. Call or Text Jim @ 720-219-2999 to set up a time and date for you and/or your group to volunteer
3. [Complete the Online Volunteer Waiver](#)
4. Show up 30 minutes early on your volunteer day, sign in, make a name tag and be ready for general instructions on the pitcher's mound.
5. Have Fun!!!

**\*\*No baseball or softball experience is required! We have coaches on every team to provide athletic guidance\*\***

**If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering with our program, please contact Jim Morgan by calling or texting: 720-219-2999!**



The King Adult Day Enrichment Program (KADEP) is a day program for adults with acquired neurological conditions. Our goal is to provide therapeutic groups such as fitness, cooking, and crafts to our clients in order to improve their quality of life. We also accomplish these goals through our Adventure Recreation Program. Adventure Recreation gives our clients' opportunities to experience adaptive skiing, rafting, rock climbing, camping, sports games, theater, and so much more!

<https://www.mscenter.org/care/adult-day-program>

*KADEP is open weekdays from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. Breakfast and lunch are served daily, with special diets and snacks, as needed. To schedule a tour of this innovative day enrichment program, call 303-433-6887.*



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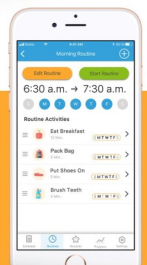


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- ✓ Icons
- ✓ Behaviors
- ✓ Kids stay on task!





## Autism Diagnosis Deserves The Highest Level Of Confidence

We have a diverse team of highly skilled professionals that provide the greatest level of accuracy and insight.



### Our Autism Diagnostic Team Is Your Missing Piece!

Clinical Psychologist | Occupational Therapist  
Physical Therapist | Speech Therapist

VISIT 1

#### Parent Interview

Psychologist  
Administers ADI-R  
Parent Homework  
Developmental History  
Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scale-3  
Child Behavior Checklist  
Sensory Profile-2

2hr

VISIT 2

#### Child Evaluation Team

Adaptive Behaviors  
Articulation  
Cognitive Functioning  
Emotional Regulation  
Fine/Gross Motor  
Play Strategies  
Self Care Skills  
Sensory Processing  
Social Skills  
Language Delays  
Gold Standard Assessments  
ADOS-2, Bayley Developmental Scales,  
Peabody Developmental Motor Scales,  
Developmental Profile-3, Preschool  
Language Scales, 5th ed.

4hr

VISIT 3

#### Follow-Up Team

Review of conclusive results  
and recommendations  
Explanation of Final  
Comprehensive Report

30-60min



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Colorado Springs/Pueblo: 719.215.7874

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Exceptional Therapy For Exceptional Children



- Join PEAK Parent Center for these upcoming of webinars for families and educators!
- Register for all four or just the ones that interest you the most.
- Space is limited! Please register online for each webinar you wish to attend and then you will receive a confirmation email with directions on how to access the webinar(s).

Please visit PEAK Parent Center's website for additional information:  
<https://www.peakparent.org>  
917 E. Moreno Ave., Ste. 140  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
719.531.9400

## Upcoming Webinars

FREE For Families and Educators

#### Preparing for the IEP

Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 12:00-1:00 pm MDT  
Register for this webinar at <https://bit.ly/IEPone>

#### Content of the IEP

Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 12:00-1:00 pm MDT  
Register for this webinar at <https://bit.ly/IEPtwo>

#### Implementation and Follow Up of the IEP

Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 12:00-1:00 pm MDT  
Register for this webinar at <https://bit.ly/IEPthree>

#### Tips for Helping Children Develop Friendships

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 12:00-1:00 pm MDT  
Register for this webinar at [https://bit.ly/Dev\\_Friendships](https://bit.ly/Dev_Friendships)

#### These webinars will explore:

- Basics of IDEA 2004 specifically related to IEPs
- Evaluation/Consent for Services
- Eligibility
- Communication before the IEP
- IEP Team Members
- SMART Goals
- Accommodations and Modifications
- Implementation
- Progress Monitoring
- Resolutions Under IDEA
- Explore creative ways parents and educators can facilitate friendships over the summer and into next school year.

Presented by:



## Denver Metro Specialized Education Support for Parents

Does your child have difficulties in school? On an IEP/504? Twice Exceptional?  
Join us for our monthly meetup!

April 18, 2019

### Family Caregiving: Getting Paid to Take Care of Your Loved One



In 2001, PASCO's founder Barry Rosenberg advocated alongside families and Colorado lawmakers to establish a program that allows family members to be paid to deliver care to their loved ones. There are four ways this program can be beneficial to families.

Come learn more about these Colorado programs, their requirements and how to access them.

**Location:** PASCO, Lakewood

**Meeting time:** 11:30 am to 1:00 pm (Bring your own lunch.) **Too far to drive:** Join us via video conference

For more information and to register

<https://www.meetup.com/Denver-Metro-Special-Education-Support>

May 23, 2019

### Intro to Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) Parenting Techniques



Jill Crewes, MSW  
Accredited TBRI® Educator  
Senior Director of Family  
Support Services  
The Adoption Exchange

Families caring for children from trauma and disabilities often experience challenges addressing resulting fear-based, survival behaviors and understanding the complex needs of their children. This presentation will orient participants to Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®). TBRI® is an evidence-based, trauma-informed and developmentally respectful parenting model aimed at healing and supporting attachment for children with histories of complex developmental trauma.

**Location:** Betty Ford Center, Aurora

## access gallery

Access Gallery's **Respite in the Arts** program gives people with disabilities the opportunity to explore various art mediums and activities while experiencing the Art District on Santa Fe. Each session is led by professional teaching artists and trained Access Gallery staff members. At this time, all participants in this program must be at least 16 years old. **Where:** Access Gallery (909 Santa Fe Drive, Denver 80204) **When:** Second Saturday and Third Friday of each month **Pricing**

\$10-\$20, depending on the activity, to be paid at the front door. We also accept respite service dollars from various community providers and funding sources.

### Registration

To participate in the Respite in the Arts Program, you must first complete the attached registration form and specify which sessions you would like to attend. Each session is limited to 10 participants and admission is on a first-come, first-served basis. All registrants will receive a notice confirming their reserved space in the sessions selected. If space is not available, you will be placed on a waitlist. Upon your first session with us, you or your legal guardian must complete an additional form in person. **Please be advised: we must have this form signed in person in order to provide services to you.**

### Cancellation

If you sign up and are unable to attend, **please cancel at least 24 hours before the session date.** You can do this by calling 303-777-0797 or emailing [cris@accessgallery.org](mailto:cris@accessgallery.org).

### Respite Sessions

We start each respite session with an art activity, which takes place at Access Gallery for about an hour and a half. We then stop to eat together- all participants need to bring their own meal or money to buy something to eat from one of the many restaurant options nearby. After enjoying our meal, we often take a walking field trip around the Art District on Santa Fe, right outside the gallery door. Occasionally, we have various activities lined up such as a show, performance, or new exhibit, depending on what is going on in the District that day.

## Health First Colorado Buy-In Program For Working Adults With Disabilities

The Health First Colorado Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities lets adults with a disability who qualify to "buy-into" Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program). If you work and earn too much to qualify for Health First Colorado you may qualify. If you qualify, you pay a monthly premium. Your monthly premium is based on your gross monthly earned and unearned income after any applicable disregards.

### Who qualifies?

You must be between 16 and 64 years old,  
You must be employed,

Medical release form on the [How To Apply page](#). We will determine if you qualify using the [Social Security Administration \(SSA\) listings](#), without regard to your substantial gainful activity or your ability to work.

### Benefits and Services

You will get regular [Health First Colorado benefits](#). You may also qualify for extra long-term services and supports. These additional services are accessed through the following Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers: [Brain Injury Waiver](#) [Community Mental Health](#)

the Social Security Administration, you must fill out the [Health First Colorado Disability Application](#) and Medical release form on the [How To Apply page](#) and submit it to your eligibility determination site.

### In person

By phone at 1-800-221-3943 / State Relay: 711

### By mail

For more information on how to apply, see our [How to Apply](#) page.

For more details about this program, see our [Health First Colorado Buy-In Program](#) page.

If you have more questions about this program please con-

Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Monthly Income for an Individual	You Pay Each Month
0-40%	\$0 - \$405*	\$0
41-133%	\$406 - \$1,346*	\$25
134-200%	\$1,347 - \$2,024*	\$90
201-300%	\$2,025 - \$3,035*	\$130
301-450%	\$3,036 - \$4,553*	\$200

You must have a qualifying disability. The [Social Security Administration \(SSA\) listings](#) describes what disabilities qualify, and

Your income after disregards must be below 450% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). For example, you can earn about \$9,171 a month and qualify. You may have additional income that is disregarded.

Applicants should always complete the [Health First Colorado Application](#) to find out if their income qualifies.

You are not required to apply for SSA disability. If you do not have a current disability determination from the Social Security Administration, fill out the [Health First Colorado Disability Application](#) and

[Supports Waiver](#)  
[Elderly, Blind and Disabled Waiver](#)  
[Spinal Cord Injury Waiver](#)  
[Supported Living Services Waiver](#)

### What Does It Cost?

You have to pay monthly premiums based on your income to be in the program. The more you make, the more you pay.

Effective Date: April 1, 2018

\*Some people earning more may still qualify.

### How to Apply

Complete Medical application online at [Colorado.gov/PEAK](http://Colorado.gov/PEAK)

If you apply through PEAK and you do not have a current disability determination from

tact the [Member Contact Center](#).

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with intellectual and developmental disabilities to pursue higher education in Colorado. <https://inclusivehighered.org/>

**WHO:** Families, students, and anyone looking for resources

**WHEN:** April 30, 2019

**TIME:** 3:00 pm

**WHERE:** PASCO (9197 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 1000 Lakewood 80215)

### To Register:

[Anne.Bartels@pascohhs.com](mailto:Anne.Bartels@pascohhs.com)





## Special Education Advisory Committee

### LEGAL PANEL

Thursday, April 18, 2019  
6:00—7:00 PM

**Jeffco Public Schools Education Center**  
Board Room, 5th Floor  
1829 Denver West Drive  
Golden, CO 80401

Please join us for the 2018-19 SEAC Legal Panel

We are excited to provide a panel of attorneys whose focus is education/special education law:



**RACHEL JUDD**  
Equal Justice Works Fellow  
Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center

Rachel joined the Children's Law Center in 2015. She is developing a school-to-prison pipeline project to provide individual representation, community education and systemic advocacy to keep at-risk students in school and out of the court system. Meanwhile, she continues the Center's work advocating for the special education needs of children and school stability for youth in foster care.



**ALYSSA C. BURGHARDT**  
Attorney at Law  
Caplan & Earnest

Alyssa Burghardt's practice focuses on education and employment matters, with emphasis in special education counseling and litigation. Alyssa has counseled and defended clients in claims brought under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VII and the Equal Pay Act.



**ALISON L. BUTLER, Esq.**  
Director of Legal Services  
Disability Law Colorado

In her role as Director of Legal Services, Alison oversees all of the legal work at Disability Law Colorado, including investigations of abuse and neglect, individual representation in workplace or housing discrimination issues, assistance to students and parents with disability-related legal issues in schools and working with residents of institutions when they seek a less restrictive placement in the community.



**DR. JACQUE PHILLIPS**  
The Law Office of Dr. Jacque Phillips

The Law Office of Dr. Jacque Phillips works to get students with disabilities educational services. She works in Administrative Court, Municipal Court and Juvenile Court to help students with disabilities stay in school and out of the juvenile "justice" system. With a doctorate in special education, she has worked for several universities including Adams State University, Lehigh University, and the University of Hawaii. Dr. Phillips is currently an adjunct professor at UNC. She is the author of the award-winning "Preventing Litigation in Special Education Workbook."

The Jeffco Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is comprised of parents/guardians, staff, students, administrators and community members from across the district who provide Jeffco Public Schools with input and recommendations on an advisory basis regarding the needs of students with disabilities.

## Adults with Mild Cognitive Disabilities and Their Care Givers:

### "Usability Testing of Mobile Technology Products and Apps"



Tablet Apps



Smartphone Apps

Assistive Technology Partners, University of Colorado Denver is performing a Usability Testing study on mobile technology products and their apps. We need people to try out these products.

#### If You:

1. Have been diagnosed with a mild or moderate cognitive disability due to a developmental condition or a traumatic brain injury
2. Are of working age (18 – 65 years old), and
3. Are fluent in English.

### You may qualify for this study!!!!

There is no cost to participate in the study, and if you qualify, you may receive a \$20 gift card for your participation. If you are interested, please call Assistive Technology Partners at 303-315-1280. Leave a message if necessary and we will reply within 48 hours.

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## Kinship Caregiver Program



### Grandparents: Are you raising a relative's child?

The Kinship Caregiver Program at Catholic Charities supports caregivers from all cultural and faith backgrounds who are raising relatives' children due to circumstances such as the death or illness of the biological parents, incarceration, or drug abuse. We offer monthly support groups, fun family events, and special trainings to families in five counties: Denver, Arapahoe, Jefferson, Adams, and Douglas. Our program is free.

For more information, please contact Carrie Savage  
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Para información en español: Kerry Lutz, 720-799-9253



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## Kinship Caregiver Program Support Group Schedule

### Northeast Denver

1st Thursday of every month from 12pm-2pm, held at Macedonia Baptist Church, 3240 Adams St., Denver, CO 80205.

### Southwest Denver

1st Monday of every month from 5pm-7pm, held at Notre Dame Catholic Church, Ministry Center, 5100 West Evans Ave., Denver, CO 80219.

### Castle Rock

2nd Tuesday of every month from 5:30pm-7:30pm, held at Castle Rock Senior Center, 2323 Woodlands Blvd, Castle Rock, CO 80104.

### Arvada

2nd Wednesday of every month from 10am-12pm, held at Community First Foundation, 5855 Wadsworth Bypass, Arvada, CO 80003.

### Southeast Denver

3rd Monday of every month from 5pm-7pm, held at Risen Christ Catholic Parish, 3060 South Monaco Pkwy, Denver, CO 80222.

### Northern Denver—Spanish

3rd Wednesday or Thursday of every month from 5:30pm-7:30pm, held in Spanish at the Swansea Rec. Center, 2650 East 49th Ave, Denver, CO 80216. Call for specific dates.

### Thornton—two groups

\*2nd Thursday of every month from 10am-12pm, held at Margaret Carpenter Rec. Center, 11151 Colorado Blvd, Thornton, CO 80233.

\*3rd Tuesday of every month, also from 10am-12pm at Margaret Carpenter Rec. Center.

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The Senior Hub in Adams County is doing a yard work project. They are providing a 1-time yard cleaning service for seniors ages 60+ and adults with disabilities who live in Adams County. They plan to complete the yard work in April/May, but are accepting applications for both volunteers and individuals needing their yards cleaned out right now.

Anyone who is interested in the service (or volunteering) please contact Joanna at the Senior Hub at 303.426.4408



<https://seniorhub.org/>

## A BROAD LOOK AT HOUSING TOPICS FOR ADULTS WITH I/DD

\*FOR PROFESSIONALS & PROVIDERS\*

A Presentation by  
Desiree Kameka,  
Director of Housing,  
Madison House Autism Foundation



Wednesday, May 3, 2019  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Developmental Pathways Inverness Office  
325 Inverness Drive South  
Room 100  
Englewood, CO 80112

Friday, May 24, 2019  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
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ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CURRENTLY LIVE WITH A FAMILY CAREGIVER

1/3 PROUD TO BE A CAREGIVER BUT SCARED TO THINK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY DIE

Ms. Kameka's work is focused on researching housing models, is an advocate for adults with autism and developmental disabilities, a recognized disability housing expert and keynote speaker in conferences across the country, but resides in Colorado. Ms. Kameka is cited in media outlets such as The Atlantic, Rolling Stone Magazine, Psychology Today and ABC News. She has spoken on panels at the UBS Global Autism Innovation Roundtable, the United Nations 2017 World Autism Awareness Day, and at the National Institute of Health (NIH) to the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee. Her passion is empowering individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their parents to create a future that is exciting and life affirming.



• Understanding housing & service delivery options.

• Building community to ensure best practices for future needs.

• For Professionals and Providers only, please.

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**P**ASCO (Personal Assistance Services of Colorado) is certified under Medicare, Medicaid, and the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) program to provide personal assistance services to children and adults with severe disabilities. PASCO was incorporated in 1991 and began providing services to persons with disabilities on January 1, 1992. PASCO's mission is to provide personal assistance services, promoting independence and safety to clients and/or their families. PASCO continuously strives for client and employee satisfaction. The foundation of PASCO is CHOICE. To the maximum extent possible, PASCO works to accommodate the needs and wants of each client. PASCO provides services in the following counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, El Paso, Gilpin, Jefferson, Larimer, Morgan, Park & Weld.

Faith Vidrine, the co-host of "Everybody In," experiences Down syndrome. But this podcast isn't really about that, exactly. This podcast is about conversations and connections. It's about how we are the same, and how we're different. For each episode, Faith and her co-host Andrea Moore interview a different guest. Some of their guests experience intellectual and developmental disabilities, also known as I/DD, and some don't. They talk about friendship, family, adulthood, and -- when it comes up -- disability. The podcast is called "Everybody In" because they are so interested in... EVERYBODY.

The format of each episode alternates depending on who leads the interview. Faith interviews guests who identify as neurotypical, meaning that they don't have a diagnosed intellectual or developmental disability. Faith asks her guest the same two questions each time, and then her guest gets to surprise her with two questions of their own. Together they go back-and-forth, getting to know each other better.

Andrea interviews guests with disabilities. Her guests might experience Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, fragile X, or other developmental or genetic differences. Andrea asks them a series of questions about friendship, disability, housing, transportation, love and romance, and their special gifts. At the end of the interview, the guest has an opportunity to ask Andrea or Faith any questions in return.

In every episode, Faith and Andrea work together to bridge any gaps, ask follow-up questions, and keep the party rolling!

Transcriptions available. Email [podcast@thewayfaringband.com](mailto:podcast@thewayfaringband.com).

"Everybody In" is conceived and produced by *The Wayfaring Band*, a Denver-based 501 (c)3 nonprofit. The Wayfaring Band is not a rock-and-roll band, but a band of travelers. They create opportunities for people to increase their leadership and life skills through travel, serving adults with and without disabilities.

Sound engineering: Carin Huebner  
Original music: The Dosage  
Associate Producer: Jake Freedle

## THE BIG PICTURE...

People with disabilities, especially intellectual and developmental disabilities, have almost no representation in the media whatsoever... and even less in the world of podcasting. We want people with I/DD to have the space and support to share their thoughts, opinions, doubts, and dreams with the world. With your help, we can use the podcast to highlight the beautiful diversity of our community. #EverybodyIn!



We provide respite care and therapies for children with identified physical and developmental disabilities ranging in age from 3-16 years old. We also offer care for siblings on occasion (space available basis).

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