

PASCO News

May 2020

Fully Remote without Skipping a Beat

We have weathered everything that has been thrown at us for the last 30 years. Blizzards, economic downturns, and now COVID-19. You can expect that the foundation that PASCO was built upon will be sustained through this pandemic.

New Enrollments

PASCO is completely able to support you with our remote capabilities keeping you and your loved one safe in the comfort and security of your home. We have advocated with Colorado legislators to completely streamline the virtual enrollment process.



Your case manager and our nurse can document functional needs and sign off on skills capabilities during a video conference on your phone or computer. You or your chosen caregiver can attend our remote orientation from home with our team that is trained to walk you through any technology challenges that may arise.

Ongoing Support

All of the support you have come to expect with PASCO is still available, now in a virtual setting. All of our staff is still here to make sure you are safe during this unique time in all our lives.

We are here for you

PASCO
COVID Hotline
(303) 274-3656

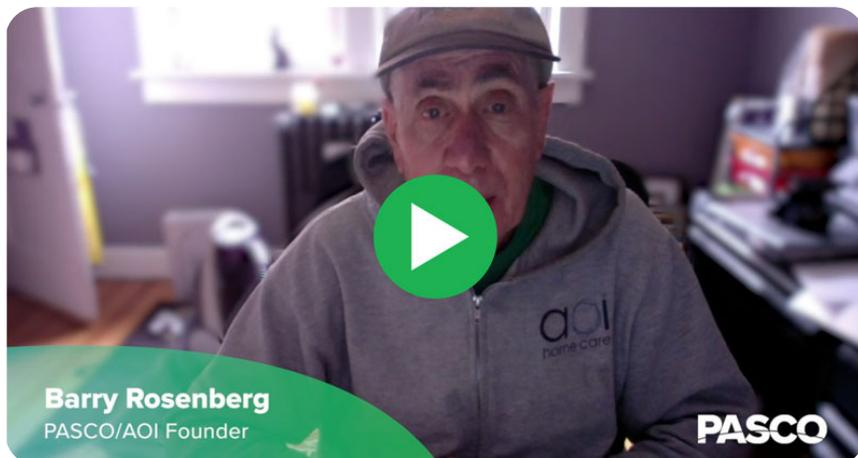


- To support employees and clients when questions arise during the spread of COVID-19 in Colorado we have launched a dedicated hotline. Give us a call to share or report concerns or to find resources.

PASCO
COVID Updates



- To keep up with the latest PASCO updates related to COVID-19 please visit us online at pascohh.com/covid



Barry Rosenberg
PASCO/AOI Founder

A message from PASCO & AOI founder Barry Rosenberg

Hear Barry speak about the historical creation of these two organizations, the resiliency of our community during these times, and his personal experience as a caregiver.

Watch here: go.pascohh.com/barry

Virtual Community Events connection for the community



THURSDAY
MAY 7TH 2020
10 am - 11 am
Online

Virtual Mindfulness for Care Providers
Join us and Natasha Chaoua from Guided by Humanity for a mindfulness workshop

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Virtual Mindfulness for Care Providers

Take a moment for yourself and join us. Natasha Chaoua of Guided by Humanity will lead us in a mindfulness workshop as part of our dedication to care for the caregivers. Learn new breathing techniques and mental visualizations to ease your worries and regain control.

May 7 2020 Online
10:00 am - 11:00 am pascohh.com/events/virtual-mindfulness

Virtual Guardianship Class

Chris Brock, Managing Attorney of CCDC Probate Power, will present on the different options for:

- The guardianship process
- The basic requirements of filing for guardianship
- The responsibilities of a guardian once appointed

May 19 2020 Online
10:00 am - 11:00 am pascohh.com/events/virtual-guardianship/



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Virtual Guardianship Class
For Guardians/Parents of Children 14-21 years old

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COLORADO
CROSS-DISABILITY
COALITION

TUESDAY
MAY 19TH 2020
10 am - 11 am
Online

Featuring
Chris Brock
(CCDC Managing Attorney)

PASCOVID-19 Talk

We all love to chat, connect, laugh, inspire, teach, and learn. COVID-19 isolates us from our community, but the PASCO Family is bigger than the walls that keep us protected. Make a new friend, listen to a book, work on your Spanish, trade recipes, practice mindfulness, and realize we will get through this event....together.

May 1 - May 8 2020 Online
9:00 am - 4:30 pm go.pascohh.com/online talks



PASCOVID-19
talk

Virtual Trivia Game

PASCO wants to add to your entertainment life, while keeping your mind active and agile. Who likes Trivia of the team variety? With fun prizes and ultimate bragging rights come join us as we play, laugh, and learn with fellow family caregivers in a virtual setting. You can play and socialize, play only, or socialize only—it's up to you.

May 21 2020 Online
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm pascohh.com/events/virtual-trivia-1/



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Virtual Trivia
Connect with other families in a fun and engaging game of knowledge

THURSDAY
MAY 21ST 2020
3 pm - 4 pm
Online

Let's Connect! RSVP for your preferred events at: pascohh.com/community-events/

Advocacy Corner by David Bolin



State of Colorado Advocacy Update

The advocacy team has been working closely with several state departments so that there will be waivers on some requirements for homecare agencies that will increase protection for the people we serve. One waiver allows supervisory visits to be conducted via audiovisual and telephonic means. This protects everyone by not introducing additional people into the home environment thus reducing the spread of COVID-19. Another waiver allows our nurses to conduct their 60 day assessments via audiovisual and telephonic means which also helps reduce the spread of COVID-19. You may have noticed many changes to our procedures over the last 2 months and the advocacy team has pushed the state to allow us to make those changes.

The team is working on Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) certification exams now. The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) has provided a national waiver to allow people who have completed their Nurse Aide training to continue

working during the time of this emergency longer than what has been allowed previously (120 days). The team advocated with both the Colorado Dept. of Regulatory Affairs (DORA) and the Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to waive state rules relating to how long a Nurse Aide can work before passing the State Certified Nurse Aide competency exam. Both departments have waived this during the emergency period. DORA is currently working on instituting a “temporary CNA License” until the competency examinations can be held again.

As stated in the national advocacy section below, Colorado is anticipating a significant reduction in tax revenue due to COVID-19. The Joint Budget Committee recently released documents that are staff recommendations on how to deal with the revenue shortfall across all state departments. As you would expect, the Committee has a difficult task in front of them to redevelop the fiscal year 2020-21 state budget. What they will end up doing will depend on the next economic forecast on May 13th. The staff has recommendations for budget cuts across each department and they have recommendations if there is a need to do deeper cuts. The advocacy team will be listening to the hearings over the next few weeks to ensure that as an agency we can do our best to ensure services are not affected.

National Advocacy Update

The advocacy team has been working with Congressional Delegations from Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Missouri, Pennsylvania and Georgia to ensure that the federal funding being sent out does not ignore Home and Community-Based and Home Health Services.

We also have been asking Congress to consider providing stopgap funding for states and local governments due to their dramatic decrease in tax revenue. For example, initial estimates are that the State of Colorado will have a \$3 billion dollar tax revenue shortfall this year.

The work that PASCO/AOI caregivers do every day keeps the people we serve healthy in their own homes instead of in nursing facilities or ICUs. We want Congress to remember that you provide critical healthcare services multiple times every day!

