

PASCO News

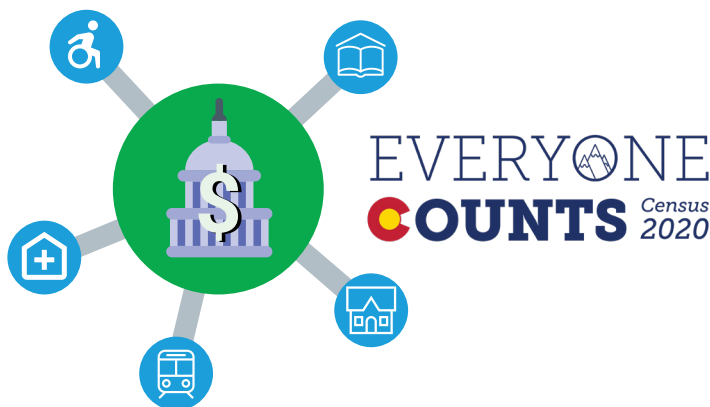
March 2020

The 2020 Census & the Disability Community

Why is the Census so important to the Disability Community?

In the United States, the census is required every 10 years to ensure fair political representation. It is used to determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives, how federal and state legislative districts are redrawn, and the appropriation of federally funded programs.

An accurate census count directly affects our federal funding in Colorado which equates to approximately \$13 billion annually. These funds are vital to support health care, special education, disability services, head start programs, transportation, grants for community partners, housing, and most importantly Medicaid funding. Without an accurate count of individuals experiencing disabilities we may have funding issues for programs and services that so many of us rely on.



Quick Facts about the 2020 Census

Census Day is April 1, 2020

- Data collection will start in March and go through July.
- Households will receive a postcard with instructions for completing the census beginning in March 2020.
- The data will be collected online, over the phone, on paper, or by responding to a census enumerator in person.
- The U.S. Census Bureau will never share a respondent's personal information with other government agencies.



Advocacy Corner by David Bolin


HB 20-1183 Sunset Continue Certification of Nurse Aides. DORA recommends rolling the Nurse Aide Practice Act into the Nurse Practice Act which this legislation does. We have suggested a small change that allows a CNA who has been deemed competent by an RN to place presorted medications into a clients mouth for ingestion. Currently medications have to be presorted by a nurse or pharmacist.


We are also keeping an eye on rate increases that have been proposed in the Governor's budget and are working with members of the Joint Budget Committee regarding rate increases for all of the services that PASCO provides in the community.

Community Events connection, education, community

Coffee & Tea Connection - Care for the Caregiver

Spend a relaxing morning enjoying some hot beverages at Dirt Coffee. Bring friends, family, and meet other PASCO caregivers. Dirt Coffee employs individuals on the Autism Spectrum.

 Mar 06 2020  Dirt Coffee & Bar
5767 S. Rapp St.
Littleton, CO 80120

 10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Free Wheelchair Tune-up & Inspection Clinic
by National Seating & Mobility


Stop by PASCO for **FREE** Wheelchair repairs



FREE Wheelchair Tune-up & Inspection Clinic by National Seating & Mobility

We believe your chairs should operate at 100% function at all times. This open house will provide free tune-ups and inspections of your current chairs.

 Mar 11 2020  PASCO
9197 W. 6th Ave., Suite 1000
Lakewood, CO 80215


 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Private Movie Screening

Accessible & Sensory Friendly

In honor of siblings, we would like to invite families to come to see this lovely movie about the power and support of brothers and sisters. - **Limited Space - Please RSVP.**

 Mar 26 2020  Harkins Northfield
8300 E. Northfield Blvd
Denver, CO 80238

 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

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Don't miss out – RSVP for your preferred events at: pascohh.com/community-events/

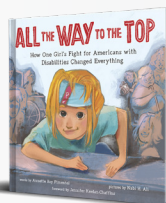
Featuring the families of PASCO and their missions to provide to this community



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