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PASCO News

May 2021

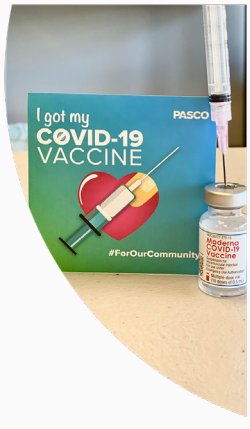
Vaccination Station

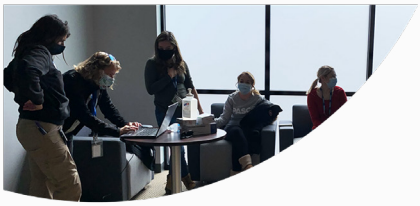
We continue to celebrate the ongoing success in providing the disability community with COVID-19 vaccinations. What started as a mission to help our families navigate the complexities of scheduling a vaccine appointment is now supporting our Colorado community at large.

We've continued to provide PASCO-hosted vaccine clinics since our first approval from CDPHE and the Office of the Governor, and we are thrilled to announce that we have now administered over 2,000 doses for individuals in our community! These efforts have contributed greatly to the nationwide initiative to return to a sense of normalcy and to transition to a post-COVID world. With all of our first-dose clinics complete, we have now moved into hosting the second dose clinics. We hope to help provide a sense of relief and safety for our community as more and more individuals become fully vaccinated.

We would like to thank our PASCO volunteer staff and our vaccine clinic partners at Bloom Healthcare, Good Day Pharmacy, and CDPHE for the tireless efforts that go into planning and hosting these events. With your hard work, we have been able to help provide vaccines to a community where it is so critically needed and often not accessible.

Keeping Our Community Safe





We would also like to thank our wonderful community members for doing what is necessary to keep our at-risk friends and family safe by getting their COVID-19 vaccinations. We could not do this without you all!

Episode 2 of Disability Deep Dives is out now featuring Christy Kopp of Kids Mobility Network.

Listen & Subcribe to the podcast *(see page 2)*

Did you Know?

Did you know PASCO will assist families in advocating for monetary support under the SLS waiver for food preparation items, critical home renovations and transportation modifications?

PASCO PODCAST

disability deep dives episode 2

A topical podcast that dives into issues, resources, ideas, culture, and personal stories pertaining to Colorado's dynamic disability community. Hosted by longtime ally and advocate Damian Rosenberg.

In this second episode of Disability Deep Dives, we are joined by Christy Kopp to discuss how she learned to navigate the complexities of raising a child with special needs and how her daughter inspired her to start the non-profit Kids Mobility Network which provides children with disabilities complex rehab technology and durable medical equipment.

Listen Now: pascohh.com/podcasts

Limerick Contest **WINNERS**

Last month the call went out to share your COVID-19 experience in the form of rhyme, and we are happy to showcase the winners of this hilarious contest.

After lockdown my tenth driving test
Was the one that I thought went the best.
'til the sheriff I hit
Said, "To drive you're unfit."
And then hauled me off under arrest.

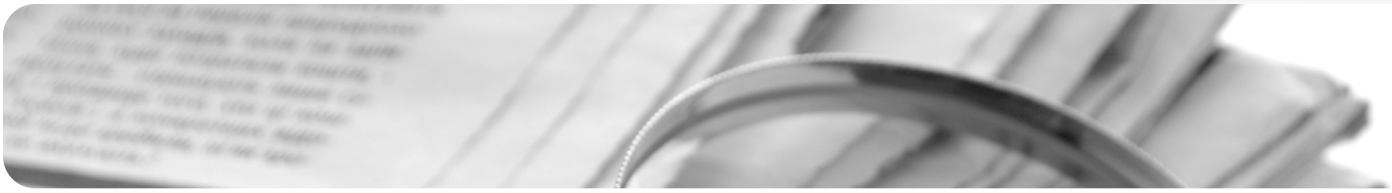
- Bob T.

We've been hibernating like bears for a year
Supporting the gig economy through beer
The stimulus checks
Help keep us rek'd
Oh man, I can't do this another year

- Andy G.

After a year in pandemic
There's no need to be academic
First do no harm
Get two shots in your arm
Or people will think you pathetic

- Myrna S.



PASCO CAREGIVER CLASSIFIEDS

A few months ago we piloted Caregiver Classifieds. It was a way to get our caregivers involved in some projects on the administrative side of PASCO. We couldn't be more impressed with the amazing talents that we have in our caregiver team.

Jennifer's Experience - Contact Organizer Role

It is easy to feel like you are on an island when you are a parent CNA. However, through Jennifer's experience working with PASCO on one of our administrative projects, she has enjoyed peeling back the curtain to peek at some of the initiatives PASCO is working on. Jennifer joined PASCO as one of the first mini-role hires due to her previous work experience, perfectly aligning with the needs of this database cleanup initiative. The assistance that was needed was to build up the integrity of PASCO's contact management database which is utilized by the Outreach team.

"Jennifer has been an amazing asset to the team. Her ability to use deductive reasoning and problem solving to make sense of this database has been amazing!" exclaims Jason Schlosky, Project Lead & PASCO's Director of Marketing.

Jennifer states *"everyone at PASCO has been absolutely wonderful to work with"* and she feels like she is contributing to efforts of an organization that she not only believes in but is grateful for. The flexibility Jennifer has received to work around her caregiving schedule has been beneficial for her and her daughter and she looks forward to the problem-solving efforts of this project. She has also used this experience to reinvigorate her passion for work on top of the amazing care she already provides to her daughter and loves being part of the PASCO team.

How can YOU get involved?

- Fill out a brief form to express your interest at: go.pascohh.com/classifieds
- All applicants will be added to a dedicated email list where we will promote new opportunities for PASCO Caregivers.
- Roles are intended to support PASCO remotely to avoid travel requirements

HUMAN RESOURCES

ORIENTATION GUIDE

As a member of the Human Resources team, you will be responsible for leading the welcome committee to PASCO, helping new caregivers understand PASCO's history and what to expect about joining the PASCO family. We're looking for an enthusiastic & engaging personality, & we'll train on the rest!

To share your interest, please visit: go.pascohh.com/classifieds

We're Hiring! Join the team

This pandemic has provided unique challenges throughout all of healthcare and we are doing our best to hire compassionate team members for our community. If you or someone you know is looking to provide care please have them contact us.

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join our team

UP TO $1,000 NEW HIRE BONUS

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) *Opportunities available in your area*

PASCO is growing rapidly and is looking for compassionate CNAs to join our team of in-home healthcare professionals. As a home health CNA, you will perform an array of duties to assist our clients in their daily lives. Work one-on-one with children and adults and build meaningful relationships.

INTERESTED? CONTACT US TODAY!

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See all of PASCO's open support positions at: pascohh.com/careers

Community Events connection for the community

PASCO COVID-19 Drive-Thru Vaccine Clinic
2nd Dose Days

Continuing our commitment to the community we are offering 2nd dose clinics to all of those that attended one of our previous vaccine clinics.

May 6 2021 w/ CDPHE (Moderna)
May 12 2021 w/ Good Day RX (Moderna)
May 20 2021 w/ CDPHE (Pfizer)

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Suite 1000
Lakewood, CO 80215

CSNA
(Children's Services Networking Alliance)

Collaborating to better serve the children's special needs community. Join a group of like-minded professionals looking to learn about amazing resources and connections while having fun in the process. Meet individuals who share your passions regarding the children with special needs space.

May 6 2021
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

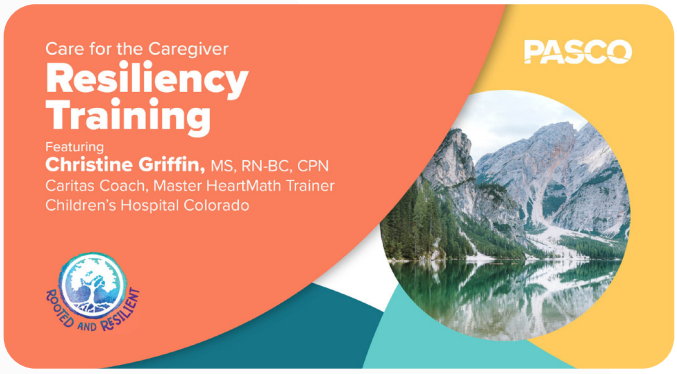
Brewability Lab
3445 South Broadway
Englewood, CO 80113

Resiliency Training

Join our community of like-minded caregivers as we discuss specific tools to make us more resilient people. This is a recurring class that will benefit newcomers as much as it will benefit those who have been before.

May 20 2021
TBD

Online



No estás Sola/Solo
(Spanish Support Group)

PASCO is creating a community for individuals like you with the intention of sharing and supporting one another. Join us every third Thursday of the month.

May 20 2021
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

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

PASCO Support - for all of your employment needs

If you have questions, we have answers. Contact our helpful Support Team for any assistance with:

- Caregiver and Client contact information changes
- Live-In Caregiver form support
- PASS support (unlocking timesheets, password resets, questions, etc)
- Therap Support
- Savii Support
- Checking status of compliance items
- Scheduling compliance items (e.g. CPR, Skills Den)
- Remote Learning support (PASCO Connect)
- Changing language preferences
- Employment verification requests
- Help accessing paystubs
- Questions about a paycheck
- Employee vacation requests
- Direct deposit enrollment/updates
- Financial Assistance program
- Something else? Send it to PASCO Support and we'll get you an answer.

CONTACT US
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Ask for the Support Team

Caregiver Training Center resources to become the best caregiver

Are you looking for previous event recordings, educational videos, or topics that impact you? Please visit the PASCO Caregiver Training Center for a robust collection of information, resources, and more.

Learn more at: pascohh.com/caregiver-training-center/

Advocacy Corner by David Bolin

American Rescue Plan Act: The advocacy team has provided Colorado Medicaid with suggestions of how to utilize the one-year addition federal matching funds for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). We also provided the same list to the Joint Budget Committee. The list suggests ways they can supplement HCBS services. Supplementing may mean taking more people off the HCBS wait list and many other ways they can improve the HCBS program for participants and caregivers. We expect the Legislature to take this up after receiving guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Nationally, the advocacy team is working with a national association to advocate for better funding for Home and Community Based Services and for greater access to these programs. At the end of March, President Biden announced his proposal to solidify our infrastructure and increase wages and benefits for essential home care workers. There is an HCBS bill that is being considered, if passed, it will open a lot of opportunity for people with disabilities across the country to receive the services they need to remain independent in the community. Also, we have been advocating with Congress to ensure that if a new national minimum wage is to pass that the federal government will ensure states have adequate funding to cover the cost of compensation for direct care worker! The Legislature has been hard at work on many bills. They are considering a Public Option for health insurance (again); many education bills; fees to increase revenue for roads and transit; and hundreds more bills.

Colorado Legislature: The legislature has passed the budget for fiscal year 2021-22 and is still working on numerous bills affecting RTD, voting, and much, much more. They passed another bill regarding Adult Protective Services. It seems that the state wants more ability to investigate alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation and mistreatment. You can find the final test of this bill at: https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021A/bills/2021a_1123_enr.pdf. The bill adds in doing Colorado Adult Protection checks for guardianship and conservatorships plus it requires agencies and licensed personnel to provide their license numbers to the investigators (typically from your local county Human Services office).

The next newsletter will have a more comprehensive list of legislation that affects our clients and the services we provide.

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