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Community RESOURCE DIRECTORY

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WHO IS JI?

JI's work centers on empowering individuals to advance a safe, healthy, and flourishing community by preventing, reducing, intervening, and solving the social problems when families have limited (or fragmented) access to thrive. JI leads the charge to bring over 60 different community organizations, local leaders, and government agencies to the table, working collaboratively to solve data-driven community issues embraced with an equity lens and collective impact focus.

Joint Initiatives for Youth + Families (JI) is an integrated network of community-based services and supports collectively serving the needs of children, youth, and their families from prenatal to 21 years of age. The three programs are Foundations, Pathways, and Voices.
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Pathways commenced in 2017 with a focus on providing delinquent, truant, or municipal court-involved youth with a team of professionals assembled and designed to support the unique needs of the identified youth and their family. This multi-agency team approach creates customized plans to ensure each young person's success.

Foundations is the early childhood program of JI, bringing together agencies and individuals to work collaboratively on a seamless system of care for young children and their families in El Paso County. Alliance for Kids, El Paso County's Early Childhood Council, is housed under the Foundations program.

Voices commenced in 2021 with a focus on providing children, youth, and families with a network of supports to address their unique needs and ensure that their "voice" is heard when a family-drive plan is created. This program links children, youth, and families with these and other parenting/community resources. This program is also tasked with developing and implementing Restorative Justice (RJ) practices across the Pikes Peak region and implementing JI's Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP).

ABOUT THIS SECTION

Joint Initiatives for Youth + Families offers a range of supports, including Universal Pre-K (UPK) navigation; business consultation and quality improvement coaching for early childhood education programs; supports for opening a child care business, financial assistance for families, and Individualized Service and Support Teams (ISST) for children, youth, and families.

FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM

Visit our **Foundations** web page **HERE** or scan code!

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CAREER NAVIGATION

Joining the field of early childhood education is more than an investment in yourself—it's an investment in your community and the little ones that shape its future. As an Early Childhood Educator (ECE), you help develop children's social, emotional, cognitive and physical skills—building a strong foundation for a lifetime of learning. Our Career Navigator can help you chart the best path forward, no matter where you are beginning your journey, and help you understand all your options, including scholarships. To learn more and connect with a Career Navigator, visit: **BuildMyECEcareer.com**

For early childhood career opportunities, visit: **Jointinitiatives.org/careers**

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OPENING A CHILD CARE BUSINESS

Providing child care is an exciting career move and benefits our community. The two types of child care below each have different requirements, and both provide you with the opportunity to have a positive impact on the health and development of children and help them to become caring, responsible, and successful adults.

- Opening a **licensed child care center** is a process that takes time, and planning is the key to success as you consider everything from policies and procedures to ordering supplies and setting up your child care environment.
- Becoming a **licensed Family Child Care Provider** is a home-based business of providing appropriate care and guidance for children in your community, including your own children if you are a parent. This process takes time and planning, and Foundations staff are ready to help you get started!

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FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM | MORE

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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM BUSINESS CONSULTATION

Free business consultation support is available to licensed early childhood programs considering becoming a Universal Pre-K provider. If you help integrating UPK into your business or need other one-on-one support, contact Noreen Landis-Tyson at nglt@mac.com for free assistance in developing your program and support in maximizing revenue as a provider. Hours are flexible, and the consultation is free!

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QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COACHING

Quality Improvement (QI) coaching can be a key part of achieving your professional development goals as an early childhood educator. It is a safe space to reflect on your work and grow as a professional; focused on strengths you have and how to build on those; a place to talk about challenges you face in your workplace and brainstorm positive solutions; and can be personalized to your work environment, style of teaching, and areas of interest. Coaching is a way to earn points toward your professional credential in the Colorado Shines Professional Development Information System (PDIS) and earn point for your center.

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UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN (UPK) NAVIGATION

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PATHWAYS PROGRAM

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In general, youth services through JI are focused youth (ages 10-17) in the Pikes Peak Region that have court involvement or are considered high risk for court involvement. Services vary and are individualized for each person engaged in our initiative. Examples include therapy, mentorship, prosocial activities, and crisis intervention.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial Assistance Forms are for professionals working with families that have youth between the ages of birth and 21 that have financial needs. The request should be filled out and emailed to the **assistance@jointinitiatives.org** email address with as much information as possible. Filling out the form is not a guarantee of approval, all requests go through a process to determine eligibility, sustainability, and the current budget available. Please include additional information in the body of the email to further explain the need and all the contact information for the professional making the request. Service providers may not fill out this form to request payment. Individuals seeking funding should be system engaged (youth in school, DHS involvement, juvenile municipal or district are all examples). This is not an emergency funding source; turnaround time can be as short as a few days or take as long as a few weeks. Approved financial support can only be paid to business/vendors and not directly to families/individuals.

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INDIVIDUALIZED SERVICE AND SUPPORT TEAM (ISST)

ISST, Individual Service and Support Team is a process of bringing a youth and their team together along with community support and services to problem solve and create a goal-based plan for better outcomes lead by youth and family voice and choice. We offer two types of ISSTs, one for youth that are in detention or have juvenile charges and youth in truancy court. Professionals working with youth in need of a multidisciplinary team can complete the ISST Referral Form. The submission of this form is not a guarantee of services, all referrals will be reviewed for eligibility and facilitator availability.

2 IMMEDIATE + BASIC NEEDS

ABOUT THIS SECTION

Below are resources for immediate needs in times of crisis. The following pages list additional assistance and support service providers for basic needs.

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SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE | 988

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We can all help prevent suicide. The 988 Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones. **988**

COLORADO CRISIS SERVICES

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Colorado Crisis Services is the statewide behavioral health crisis response system offering residents mental health, substance use or emotional crisis help, information and referrals.

844.493.8255 | **TEXT "TALK" TO 38255**

CO4KIDS

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Colorado Child Abuse and Neglect is an anonymous hotline to report suspected child abuse and neglect. **844.264.5437** or **childabusereport@elpasoco.com**

TESSA

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TESSA is the only provider of confidential services specifically for victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (DVSA) in El Paso and Teller Counties. They provide immediate safety at their confidential Safehouse for women, children, and other victims escaping abuse, while empowering survivors through Advocacy and Counseling.

SAFE LINE FOR ADVOCACY & CRISIS ONLY | 719.633.3819 **OTHER INQUIRIES | 719.633.1462**

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE | 888.373.7888

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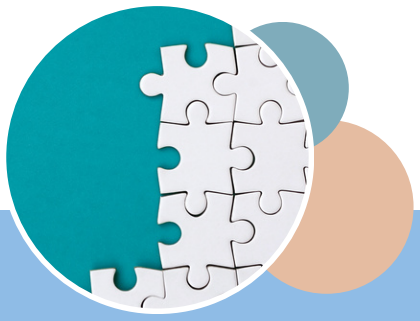
Human trafficking occurs when a trafficker uses force, fraud or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his/her will. **888.373.7888**



NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING + EXPLOITED CHILDREN

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NCMEC assists victims, families, law enforcement, social service agencies, and mental health agencies when they need help with a missing, exploited, or recovered child. **800.843.5678**

BASIC NEEDS

Assistance and support service providers in our community are available to meet needs related to food, utilities, rent, clothing, shelter, child care, and transportation assistance.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities of Central Colorado offers emergency and temporary shelter/housing referrals, transitional housing, and long-terms housing referrals are made to a number of local partner agencies.

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CHARITY'S HOPE

- Charity's Hope offers a supplemental rent and utility assistance program for persons unable to qualify for existing aid. This outreach endeavor is 100% funded through community donations and federal grants. Eligible members' utility provider, landlord, or mortgage company will receive direct payments from Charity's Hope. Processing times may vary and are dependent upon financial availability. Rent and utility assistance is provided on a first come first serve basis. **719.332.2360**
- Our food pantry is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. All food items are free and distributed per family size to feed for four (4) days. You are welcome to come every day that we are in operation, and we accept food donations on those same days. **719.332.2360**
- The Clothing Pantry is open Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Clothing for men, women, children, and infants is free. Clothing selection is seasonal and varies based on the donations. If you require professional attire for a job interview that is not available, a gift card to a retail affiliates may be requested. Gift card availability is not guaranteed and is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

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ENERGY OUTREACH COLORADO

Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC) provides assistance for heating and electric providers other than Colorado Springs Utilities. Up to $1000 toward heating and fuel costs, for up to two providers for a total of $2000 per household per grant year (Oct. 1–Sept. 30th).

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ENERGY RESOURCE CENTER

A nonprofit, Energy Resource Center's mission is to help income-qualified Colorado residents live their best life through energy-efficient home upgrades for healthier and happier homes. Qualifying homes include single-family, mobile, or multi-family. This includes rental properties with a qualified tenant and owner approval. **719.591.0772**

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EL PASO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

El Paso County Department of Human Services administers the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (**SNAP**) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program). Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (**LEAP**) provides heating assistance. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (**TANF**) provides cash assistance to low-income families with a dependent child in the home. Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (**CCCAP**) provides subsidies to low-income families for child care. View their handbook or visit their website for details, eligibility, phone numbers and descriptions of these and other public assistance programs available to eligible low-income individuals and families. Additional resources on their website include family medical (Health First Colorado/Medicaid), pregnant women's assistance, adult financial/medical information, long-term care programs, burial assistance, and non-emergent medical transportation.

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MERCY'S GATE

- Through partnership with Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU Project COPE) and Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC), Mercy's Gate can help you catchup on utility bills or pay for alternative fuels to avoid disconnects and seasonal hardship. **719.277.7470**
- Mercy's Gate offers vouchers to get needed clothing and household items. Household size 1-2, up to $20 total/ Household size 3-4, up to $30 total/ Household size 5+, up to $40 total. **719.277.7470**
- Mercy's Gate offers transportation assistance in the form of bus tokens and a $15 gas voucher. **719.277.7470**
- Mercy's Gate offers up to $200 in gift cards per household (amount available depends on household size), per calendar year. The cards may be used for Co-pays/medical bills, Prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, and supplies. Cards can be applied to vision care expenses and dental care expenses. **719.277.7470**

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PIKES PEAK LIBRARY DISTRICT | RESOURCE NAVIGATORS

Pikes Peak Library District offers community resources across the District. Our Community Resources Specialists are here to help you navigate and connect with services by providing referrals and information to get the help you need for your specific situation. Reach out and meet with a Community Resource Specialist at the Library most convenient to you, or contact them by phone or email. We are happy to support you in finding the best resources for you and your needs. **719.531.6333 x2506**

PIKES PEAK UNITED WAY | 2-1-1

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2-1-1 Information & Referral: Dial 2-1-1 and speak to a specialist 8 am—8 pm, Monday through Friday, to find the right resource or login online and search their database for food pantries, meal programs, employment, utility assistance, rental assistance, and more. **2-1-1**

SPRINGS RESCUE MISSION

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The Vision of the Springs Rescue Mission is to see lives transformed and filled with hope as our community works together to fight homelessness, poverty and addiction. Services include Samaritan's Kitchen (meals), low-barrier shelter, supportive family services, resource center, residential addiction recovery program, and Mission Inn (sober living home for graduates of our addiction recovery program). **719.632.1822**

THE SALVATION ARMY | COLORADO SPRINGS

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- The Salvation Army offers help for struggling families and individuals avoid falling into the cycle of crisis by supplementing their income with emergency utility assistance. **719.636.3892**
- Individuals and families can receive assistance with food from the pantry as well as other essential hygiene and infant items (as available). Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. **719.636.3891**
- The Colorado Café serves $2 Meals Monday–Friday: Lunch 11:30 am - 1:00 pm and Dinner 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Free Community Luncheon the 2nd Thursday of each month. **719.636.3891**

THE SALVATION ARMY | FOUNTAIN VALLEY

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The Fountain Valley location offers a food pantry and other services. **719.382.1182**

WESTSIDE CARES

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Westside CARES is a nonprofit collaboration of 24 interfaith communities in El Paso County, united in care and compassion for those in need by providing crisis human services. The only criteria for accessing services is an individual's or family's genuine need and their established residence within the agency's service area. Services include food assistance, clothing and hygiene items, health consultations, rent and utility assistance, seasonal programs and referrals. **719.389.0759**

FOOD + CLOTHING + HOUSING

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With many organizations offering resources for food, clothing, and housing, and having detailed requirements, dates, times, and locations, please see this **Food + Clothing + Housing document** for more options.

FINDING EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

Finding quality child care is important for giving your child the best foundation. In our state and local community, there are tools for assisting families with their search to find a program that meets the needs of their child. Below are details about Colorado Shines, Pikes Peak Early Childhood, and Universal Pre-Kindergarten.

COLORADO SHINES

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ColoradoShines.com is the state's free search tool to help families find and research licensed child care programs in your community. It shows each program's quality rating, licensing history, and monitoring reports to help you make the best decision for your family. It offers information including location, hours, licensing status and, most importantly, the Colorado Shines quality rating of eligible programs.

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See additional resources in our Education + Child Development section. >>

TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

GOODWHEELS

Goodwill of Colorado's GoodWheels transportation service helps you get to places that are important to you, like dialysis and other medical appointments, to the pharmacy, to run errands, even to the airport. We transport anyone, anywhere, and we specialize in transporting clients who use bariatric wheelchairs. **719.442.2077**

MEEK TRANSPORTATION

Meek Transportation provides transportation to appointments, clinics, treatments, lab and radiation appointments, mental & behavioral health visits, surgeries, hospital discharges, etc. **719.602.5103**

MERCY'S GATE | TRANSPORTATION

Mercy's Gate offers transportation assistance in the form of bus tokens and a $15 gas voucher. **719.277.7470**

HEALTH FIRST COLORADO | INTELLIRIDE

IntelliRide is the transportation broker for non-emergency medical and non-medical transportation services for the State of Colorado. Also manages credentialing for urgent transportation providers throughout the state of Colorado. **719.766.4660**

COLORADO HEALTH NETWORK | TRANSPORTATION

Colorado Health Network offers transportation assistance for those living with HIV. They can provide transportation to appointments such as medical, dental, mental health, and case management meetings. **719.578.9092**

ENVIDA | TRANSPORTATION

If you are unable to access or use public transit, you may qualify for Envida services. They regularly transport older adults under the Older Americans Act (including in the Monument area), Health First Colorado members (Medicaid) seeking non-emergency medical transportation, and those with disabilities. Other riders may have specific circumstances that qualify as well. Transportation may be scheduled 5 am–6 pm, Monday through Friday, and 7 am–4 pm on Saturday. Ride donations of $3.50 accepted. **719.633.4677**

STRANDED MOTORIST FUND

In 2020, Adam & Son founded the Stranded Motorist Fund, a 501(c)3 non-profit that is a program of Onward! A Legacy Foundation. The Stranded Motorist Fund (SMF) helps the people in our community who can't afford to fix their cars.

ABOUT THIS SECTION

This section provides resources to support the learning and development of children and help families and caregivers build strong foundations for children's success in school and life.

TITLES ARE CLICKABLE!

CHARTER SCHOOLS

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The Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI) is a statewide charter school authorizer. Our mission is to foster high-quality charter public school options for all students. CSI oversees schools across Colorado, from Fruita to Aurora, Durango to Steamboat Springs. Their website includes a list of local CSI charter schools. **719.866.3299**

COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

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Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind (CSDB) is a state-funded school within the Colorado Department of Education. The school was established for the purpose of providing comprehensive educational services for children, birth to age 21, who are blind/visually impaired and/or deaf/hard of hearing. Services are provided directly to students enrolled at the school, and outreach programs serve students, staff, and families in communities throughout Colorado. **719.578.2100**

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

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The website for El Paso County offers a link to all school districts in the Pikes Peak Region. For links to the registration pages for each school district, including various charter schools, visit the JI website (jointinitiatives.org/kindergarten) or see the Kindergarten Readiness section on the next page.

EARLY LEARNING + DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

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The Colorado **Early Learning and Development Guidelines (ELDG)** describe the path of children's learning and development from birth to eight years old. They're designed so that everyone who cares for young children can play an important part in giving Colorado's kids a healthy start. The Guidelines describe kids' abilities at certain ages and offer tips for how adults can help develop and support those abilities.

- To view their website in Spanish, visit earlylearningco.org/casa.
- For an ELDG video library, visit **Jointinitiatives.org/video-library**.

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ADDITIONAL EDUCATION RESOURCES

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HEAD START

CPCD giving children a head start prepares children for success in school and in life by providing excellent comprehensive early childhood services in partnership with diverse families and the community. **719.635.1536**

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KINDERGARTEN READINESS

The Foundations program of JI offers a hub of kindergarten resources for families and early childhood programs. Families will find information to help determine kindergarten readiness, resources to prepare for this milestone, and information about local options.
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BRIGHT BY THREE | BRIGHT BY TEXT

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Bright by Three is a parent-friendly website and curriculum giving parents guidance on development from birth to three. Bright by Text is a free text messaging service that helps give your child a bright beginning. For English, text BRIGHT to **444999**; para Español, textea BRILLANTE a **444999**.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The CDE has put together general and specific resources to assist with information about issues regarding children and youth in the state and are available from various Colorado government agencies. Print publications may also be borrowed.

COLORADO PARKS AND RECREATION

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Colorado Parks & Recreation offers *"Things to Do"* in our community. Check out the center event information and summer/after school programming for school aged children. Additionally, you'll find listings for sports, public pools, spray park, ice rinks, hiking trails, The Therapeutic Recreation Program (TRP) and more.

COLORADO SPRINGS SPEECH THERAPY

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Colorado Springs Speech Therapy offers speech, physical and occupational pediatric therapy. Doctor referrals are required and Medicaid is accepted. **719.332.4689**

LOVE TALK PLAY

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Love Talk Play helps parents make the most of their role as their child's first teacher and how love, talk, and play are important to development.

KIDPOWER OF COLORADO

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Kidpower of Colorado offers comprehensive safety education programs in several formats for children 4-18 and parents. Kidpower programs are developmentally and culturally appropriate; local classes are delivered in English, Spanish, and Sign Language. **719.520.1311**

PARENTS CHALLENGE

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Parents Challenge is a program dedicated to helping parents learn about their education options for their children Kindergarten through Senior year in high school. Qualifying participants can receive reimbursement for educational costs. **719.306.8557**

READING SUCCESS MOVEMENT

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Reading Success Movement can help your child become a successful reader. Learn how fun and engaging Read-Talk-Play activities can give your child the magic of reading.

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READ ALOUD

Read Aloud is a national campaign to encourage 15 minutes of reading daily. Reading is the "single most important activity" parents can do to prepare their child for learning.

SHANDY CLINIC

Shandy Clinic offers speech, physical, and occupational pediatric therapy. Doctor referrals are required and Medicaid is accepted. **719.597.0822**

THE RESOURCE EXCHANGE

Advocating for independence and inclusion, The Resource Exchange partners with children and adults who have a variety of disabilities, delays, mental health or long-term care needs. We do this using a person-centered approach in coordinating care, promoting choices, and collaborating with community partners. TRE provides early intervention services at no cost to families who have a child under three with a developmental delay. **719.577.9190**

CHILD FIND

Services, including preschool, are provided at no cost to families for children age three and up with developmental delays. First, you will need to know the school district where you live. Visit GreatSchools.org, search by zip code to determine your school district.

Child Find phone numbers per school district:

D2 Harrison: 719.538.1395
D3 Security-Widefield: 719.391.3378
D8 Fountain-Ft. Carson: 719.304.3550
D11 Colorado Springs: 719.520.2542
D12 Cheyenne Mountain: 719.475.6140, Ext. 17
D20 Academy: 719.234.1755
D38 Lewis Palmer: 719.757.1435
D49 Falcon: 719.494.8751
Pikes Peak BOCES: 719.570.7474 x1713 and 719.380.6203 (El Paso County: Calhan RJ1, Edison 54JT, Ellicott 22, Hanover 28, Miami-Yoder 60-JT, Peyton 23)
Ute Pass BOCES: 719.685.2166 (Manitou Springs, Cripple Creek-Victor, Woodland Park)

VROOM

Vroom turns shared moments into brain building moments. Whether its mealtime, bath time, or anytime in between, there are always ways to nurture our children' growing minds. Download this free app for daily tips to help build your child's brain.

ZERO TO THREE

Zero To Three's approach to parent education is based on the belief that parents are the true experts on their children, and that there is no "one-size-fits-all" approach to raising children. The information and tools they offer are designed to support parents in developing their own ways to promote their children's growth and development.

ABOUT THIS SECTION

This section provides resources for families seeking information to strengthen their knowledge and skills as a parent or caregiver. Also included are resources for parenting classes, both general opportunities and those that meet court-ordered requirements.

TITLES ARE CLICKABLE!

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THE ARC PIKES PEAK REGION

The Arc Pikes Peak Region promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the communities of the Pikes Peak region, through education, a guardianship program, advocacy, and social events. In 2020, The Arc Pikes Peak Region will open an inclusive personal development center called Building for Change, featuring a teaching kitchen, library, computer lab, multi-purpose room, and more, for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. They also ensure that students with disabilities receive the services and accommodations they need, and that parents know their rights in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process. Educational advocates work to de-mystify the Special Education process and assist your family in 504 and IEP meetings; help you understand your rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Laws; help you navigate education programs for your child with disabilities, from early intervention to transition; provide free, monthly parent workshops to explain the best methods and procedures to help your child; and create inclusive school environments through comprehensive IEPs.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL COLORADO

Catholic Charities offers a premier Family Resource Campus where families can access numerous essential services to build resiliency on their path to stability. This includes parenting education, counseling, immigration services, pregnancy support, adoption services, Family Life Coaches, and more.

Colorado Springs Office: 719.636.2345
Helen Hunt Campus: 719.578.1222

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CENTER ON THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL FOUNDATIONS OF EARLY LEARNING

Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) is focused on promoting the social emotional development and school readiness of young children birth to age 5. Family tools and training modules are available.

THE CENTER ON FATHERING

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The Center on Fathering provides a 15-session program which teaches dads to be more actively and positively involved in their child's development and life. We also offer a 17-session program for dads who have a domestic violence or child abuse charge or allegation. The Fathers in Training is a two-hour "baby bootcamp" course for new dads. A father support group meets every Tuesday from 5:30–6:30 pm, both virtually and in person. All services are free.
719.634.7797

CIRCLE OF PARENTS

SCAN ME

Circle of Parents® provides a friendly, supportive community led by parents and other caregivers where parents are the experts. Join other parents and caregivers in your community to share support, tips and advice or just talk. This is a safe space to vent, cry, laugh, joke and find out how other parents are navigating this new world. Circles include Circle of Moms, Circle of Fathers, and Fathers of Freedom. If you can't find a Circle in your area or if you have questions, contact **info@circleofparentsco.org**.

COLORADO PARKS AND RECREATION

SCAN ME

Colorado Parks & Recreation offers *"Things to Do"* in our community. Check out the center event information and summer/after school programming for school aged children. Additionally, you'll find listings for sports, public pools, spray park, ice rinks, hiking trails, The Therapeutic Recreation Program (TRP) and more.

MARIJUANA EDUCATION + RESOURCES

SCAN ME

The State of Colorado provides a Resource Guide, fact sheets from the Colorado Department of Public Health, data, and additional resources.

MILITARY | ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES

SCAN ME

Army Community Services offers free services for military and dependents:
Boot Camp for New Dads: This three-session program offers tips to fathers on subjects including becoming a dad, caring for baby, and caring for mom.
Baby Nurturing: Newborn to 18 months: Age-appropriate topics each week with gross motor enhancement through songs and dance. Sensory enrichment through arts and crafts. Nurturing the child as well as the parent.
Toddler Time: Gross motor enhancement through songs and dance. Sensory enrichment through arts and crafts. Nurturing the child as well as the parent.
Nurturing Programs: The birth-5 and 5-12 Programs teach parents to be nurturing to their children as well as themselves. Topics include communication with your child, how to build your child's self-esteem, behavioral management, and more.
Cooperative Parenting & Divorce: Create a positive parenting partnership on behalf of your child (or children), negotiate child-friendly agreements, remain child-focused, and much more. This program may meet or exceed court requirements.
Single Parent Support Group: This group offers an opportunity to come together and provides single parents with a much needed break.

SCAN ME

HOME FRONT MILITARY NETWORK

HFMN helps service members, veterans, and their families navigate support systems through web-based and call-in information and assistance to find the services that are the best fit, and follows alongside these individuals every step of the way.
719.577.7417

SCAN ME

PIKES PEAK LIBRARY DISTRICT

Pikes Peak Public Library District provides residents with access to 16 facilities, three mobile library services, and a large online hub of resources and services that are inclusive and welcoming to all. They strive to make our physical and digital spaces safe and respectful for diverse voices, perspectives, and pursuits; to foster community dialogue and connections; and to help people achieve their goals and dreams in life. **719.531.6333**

COURT-ORDERED AND APPROVED SERVICES

SCAN ME

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)

- **CASA of the Pikes Peak Region** is a nonprofit organization that trains and supervises volunteers to represent the best interests of victims of child abuse, neglect, and severe domestic conflict. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to be a voice for these children in court and in the community. The desired result is that children be placed in safe, loving homes where they can thrive. Volunteers in CASA's **Dependency & Neglect (D&N) Program** advocate for children who are involved with the Department of Human Services and Family Court System because of abuse or neglect they have experienced at home. This is the program that most people think of when they hear "CASA" because the volunteers in this program are referred to as CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates). These CASAs gather information and make recommendations that help judges decide what is in the best interest of each individual child. At any given time, there are hundreds of children in the Pikes Peak Region who are waiting for a CASA of their own.

- **Court-Ordered Supervised Exchanges and Supervised Parenting Time (SEPT):** CASA's SEPT Program provides an environment where kids can develop and maintain relationships with non-custodial parents. By monitoring and documenting observations during court-ordered child-parent visits, SEPT volunteer supports individual safety, accountability, and healthy relationships between children and parents who are involved in conflictive custody or domestic violence cases. The program offers two services which take place at either our downtown Colorado Springs location or our Woodland Park location. Medicaid accepted and prices are based on income.

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COURT-ORDERED AND APPROVED SERVICES

CASA | CONTINUED

- **The Children and Families in Transition (CFIT)** class is held once per month at the El Paso County Courthouse in Colorado Springs, or may be taken online. The class educates parents about the effects of divorce on children and how to reduce conflict to help their kids through the process in a proactive and positive manner. An attorney and mental health professional facilitate the class and offer guidance, insights and resources. The CFIT class is required for all divorcing parents and allocation of parental responsibility cases in El Paso and Teller counties in Colorado, with children under the age of 18, within 45 days of filing and before final orders can be set. Medicaid accepted and prices are based on income.
- The **Milton Foster Children's Fund (MFCF)** helps foster children where there are gaps in available funding, and also oversees The Hanger, a store where foster teens can shop for donated clothes and accessories, free of charge.

CENTRO DE LA FAMILIA

Centro de la Familia: Strengthening Families Counseling/Advocacy provides free individual, family, couples, adolescent, and child-play therapy for adults and children with significant mental health, emotional, behavioral, or crisis-oriented challenges needing resolution beyond basic advocacy. For Spanish Speakers. **719.227.9170**

- **Raising Children** is a culturally relevant program to strengthen families while maintaining the family unit and ensuring the safety of children in the home; keeping families out of the legal/social services systems.
- **Yes I can!** Provides an array of social services to Hispanic women and their children who are victims of domestic violence: support group, crisis intervention, personal/legal advocacy, a 24-hour emergency hotline, and individual counseling. There is also a parallel program which provides a children's therapeutic playgroup and child-play therapy for the children who have witnessed domestic violence or abuse to further enhance the healing process and increase family stability.

COURT APPROVED CO-PARENTING CLASSES

FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK AND KALEIDOSCOPE COUNSELING

SCAN ME

- Supervised Parenting Time
- Separation & Divorce Classes
- Mediation/CFI
- Family Preservation
- Parent/Child Interactions (Nurturing Parenting Classes)
- Costs vary, 6285 Lehman Drive, Suite 101, COS, CO 80918

FRONT RANGE COLLABORATIVE CO-PARENTING

SCAN ME

- Joyce Miller, LPC | **719.337.1795**
- Susan Swank, PsyD, LP | **719.439.5683**
- High Conflict Co-Parenting (Levels 3 & 4), Children's Therapy, Reintegration Therapy, Parent- Child Interactions
- Please visit website for a detailed description of services. Both parents must attend co-parenting class which is eight weeks.
- Call for pricing (approximately $85 per person)

JANET JONES, LPC

- Court-Ordered Level 2 Parenting Classes
- Monthly classes: *For the Kids: Co-Parenting Workshop*
- 5555 Erindale Drive, Suite 203, Colorado Springs, CO 80918
- Call **719.533.1088** or email Janetjoneslpc@comcast.net for pricing.

PARENTING CENTER, LLC | JANICE BLACK, LCSW

SCAN ME

- Co-Parenting Classes
- Child & Family Investigator
- Parental Responsibilities Evaluator
- Family Arbitrator Parent-Child Interactionals
- Supervised and Therapeutic Visitations Provider
- Psychological Testing
- Also teaches Active Parenting Now and Birth to Three Years parenting
- Call **719.201.0887** or email contact@JaniceBlack.com for pricing.

5 YOUTH SERVICES

ABOUT THIS SECTION

This section provides resources for youth that have court involvement or are considered high risk for court involvement; housing for youth experiencing homelessness, services/training and career navigation to promote independence; and programs and services for LGBTQIA2+ youth.

TITLES ARE CLICKABLE!

EL PASO COUNTY COMBINED COURT/SELF-HELP CENTER

SCAN ME

The Self-Help Center has forms, clerks available to answer questions, with hours of 7:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. On certain days of the month, there are volunteer attorneys in the Self-Help Center available to answer legal questions on specific areas of law. This is the office where customers may open court cases or file documents into existing court cases. Forms can also be obtained in this office; however, there may be a fee for some forms. In addition to filing paperwork in this office, customers can obtain copies of previously filed documents from court cases (subject to redaction and restrictions per CJD 05-01). **719.452.5000**

THE JUSTICE CENTER

SCAN ME

Since 2011, The Justice Center has been working in the Pikes Peak region to increase and promote equal access to justice. We do this by providing free legal clinics, connecting applicants to free and reduced cost attorneys, and participating in community access-to-justice events. **719.473.6212**

COLORADO LEGAL SERVICES

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PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE

SCAN ME

The Public Defenders Office provides representation for indigent individuals who are charged with the commission of a crime in Colorado and referrals for those seeking assistance with criminal warrants and traffic matters. **719.475.1235**

COLORADO JUDICIAL BRANCH

SCAN ME

This site offers legal forms, instruction, helpful links, and legal information.

DALE HOUSE PROJECT

The Dale House Project is a Christian community where young people build relationships of support, accountability, and encouragement for what comes next. At-risk youth ages 16-20 join their community to develop skills and habits to overcome obstacles and live independently as adults. Services include supportive housing, community transition, life skills and advocacy, mentoring, education, outreach, and aftercare. **719.471.0642**

INSIDE OUT YOUTH SERVICES

IOYS builds access, equity, and power with LGBTQIA2+ young people, through leadership, advocacy, community-building, education, and peer support. At Inside Out Youth Services, we are dedicated to providing quality programs and services to LGBTQIA2+ youth in Colorado Springs and the surrounding counties. Our wide range of offerings includes support groups, mentoring opportunities, educational workshops, and social activities, designed to meet the unique needs of LGBTQIA2+ youth and young adults at all stages of their journey. **719.328.1056**

PROJECT DIAKONIA

Project Diakonia offers services for youth transitioning into adulthood, with services including, but not limited to: training/certificate programs, career navigation/placement, and support for employment barriers. **888.757.WORK**

THE PLACE (FORMERLY URBAN PEAK)

The Place ignites the potential in youth to exit homelessness and create self-determined, fulfilled lives. The Place provides a full convergence of services solely focused on one of the most vulnerable populations in our community: youth ages 15 through 24 who are experiencing homelessness. This includes food, shelter, housing, outreach, and programs, with case management, behavioral health, and trusting relationships. To mover from homelessness to safety and stability, youth require intensive, strengths-based case management; access to physical, mental, and behavioral health care; education and employment opportunities; 24/7 crisis support; and a place to call home. **719.630.3223 (9 am–5 pm) | After Hours: 719.205.7129**

WORKING FUSION AT MILL STREET

Working Fusion at Mill Street is a "tiny home" neighborhood community that fortifies motivated young adults (ages 18-29) to create lives of purpose and sustainable independence. By providing dignified housing, accessible support services, and an inspiring peer community, Working Fusion becomes a partner in creating a clear path forward for young adults who have experienced economic challenges.
With a deep respect for each person's inherent worth, potential, and desire for self-sufficiency, Working Fusion offers compassionate guidance, tenacious encouragement, and caring accountability.

6 DIVERSITY + EQUITY + INCLUSION

ABOUT THIS SECTION

This section provides information to youth and families in support of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

TITLES ARE CLICKABLE!

SCAN ME

COLORADO SPRINGS CHINESE CULTURAL INSTITUTE

The Colorado Springs Chinese Cultural Institute (CSCCI) was founded in 2001 to foster within our community the understanding and appreciation of China and its customs. This Colorado 501(c)(3) non-profit organization is dedicated to promoting awareness and understanding of Chinese culture and traditions. Their mission is to provide a forum for greater appreciation of Chinese culture through education and social interaction and offer resources and networking support systems to more fully assimilate Chinese into the local community, as well as providing services and programs to benefit Chinese descendants. **719.343.6003**

SCAN ME

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SCAN ME

LATINA EQUITY FOUNDATION

The Latina Equity Foundation was created to provide a critical network and support for Latino Business Owners to reach their highest potential. They provide mentorship and networking opportunities, and honor Latino Trailblazers, Unsung Heroes and Leaders. The Latinas First Foundation celebrates and elevates the Latina community by focusing on the cultural and historical contributions of Latinos in Colorado Springs while providing opportunities and resources for the next generation of Latinos in Colorado Springs. **719.380.0451**

SCAN ME

MOSAIC

Mosaic recognizes that people with intellectual disabilities desire and deserve greater independence and closer ties to the community. By developing and expanding community connections, they create new social, volunteer, and employment opportunities. Their services include support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, along with mental health, behavioral health, and autism services. **719.380.0451**

SCAN ME

NAACP

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is a civil rights organization in the United States, formed in 1909 as an interracial endeavor to advance justice for African Americans. They are the home of grassroots activism for civil rights and social justice, which advocates, agitates, and litigates for the civil rights due to Black America. For more information about the NAACP State Conference, visit rmnaacp.org. **719.301.0726**

SCAN ME

ONE NATION WALKING TOGETHER

One Nation Walking Together strives to make a positive impact in the lives of Native Americans. A people that are greatly underserved and misrepresented, ONWT is an organization about People helping People—not a cause. We deliver the necessities of life to our Native brothers and sisters. Their programs include outreach, food assistance, medical equipment, family aid, and emergency services. **719.329.0251**

SCAN ME

PFLAG

PFLAG is the nation's largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them. For information about the Colorado Springs chapter, visit clubqonline.com/cspflag. **719.425.9567**

SCAN ME

PIKES PEAK DIVERSITY COUNCIL

Pikes Peak Diversity Council creates a community in which everyone feels welcome and sees themselves as a valued part of the big picture. Please note the link/QR code is for their Facebook page. **719.233.1465**

SCAN ME

SPECIAL KIDS SPECIAL FAMILIES/ZACH'S PLACE

Special Kids Special Families (SKSF) is a Colorado non-profit 501(c)3 organization which provides respite and care for children and adults with disabilities and special needs. Programs offer community support services to families that are designed to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities throughout their life span. SKSF offers children and family programs, adult day programs, residential living services, and foster care and foster to adopt services. **719.233.1465**

- **Zach's Place (operated by SKSF):** At Zach's Place program, they seek to strengthen families by providing quality respite care in a nurturing environment, whether for a day, overnight, or weekend. Zach's Place is one of only two licensed child care facilities in the state of Colorado that offers specialized child and respite care for youth with disabilities ages 2.5 – 18. They help children achieve their greatest level of independence through life skills training.

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SCAN ME

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SCAN ME

THE RESOURCE EXCHANGE

Advocating for independence and inclusion, The Resource Exchange partners with children and adults who have a variety of disabilities, delays, mental health or long-term care needs. We do this using a person-centered approach in coordinating care, promoting choices, and collaborating with community partners. TRE provides early intervention services at no cost to families who have a child under three with a developmental delay. **719.380.1100**

ABOUT THIS SECTION

This section provides resources related to medical, dental, and behavioral health; food and nutrition assistance; early intervention and developmental delays; respite care; personal safety; domestic abuse; and substance abuse and education programs.

TITLES ARE CLICKABLE!

SCAN ME

CHILD HEALTH PLAN PLUS (CHP+)

Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) is low-cost health and dental insurance for eligible children and pregnant women. It's for people who earn too much to qualify for Colorado's Medicaid Program, but not enough to pay for private health insurance.

SCAN ME

COLORADO COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE

Promoting coordinated physical and behavioral health care that includes integrated programs and care coordination plans. Identifying signs of substance use and mental health concerns, and improving access to behavioral health services. Connecting Medicaid members with resources for non-medical needs that impact their health, and providing education so members are empowered to take an active role in managing their health. **719.598.1540**

SCAN ME

COLORADO HEALTH NETWORK

The mission of Colorado Health Network (CHN) is to equitably meet the evolving needs of people affected by HIV and other health conditions through prevention, care, and advocacy. Medical case managers help with things like finding a doctor, advocating individual specific health care concerns, and any needed community referrals designed to keep healthy and stay involved in the health care process. **719.578.9092**

SCAN ME

COLORADO SPRINGS SPEECH THERAPY

Colorado Springs Speech Therapy offers speech, physical and occupational pediatric therapy. Doctor referrals are required and Medicaid is accepted. **719.332.4689**

SCAN ME

DIVERSUS HEALTH

Diversus Health provides behavioral health care for individuals and families. Accepts Medicaid. Open 24/7.

Costs for health and wellness services may vary depending upon your insurance coverage and eligibility requirements of each provider.

EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

El Paso County Public Health is organized in three major divisions: Disease Prevention & Health Promotion, Health Services, and Environmental Health. Additional services offered include immunizations, the Family Planning Clinic, and screenings for your child's development and special health care needs.**719.578.3199**

EPCPH | WOMEN, INFANT AND CHILDREN (WIC)

(EPCPH) Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC) provides qualifying women and children with supplemental food, education on nutrition topics, and referrals to community programs. **719.578.3199**

EPCPH | NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Public Health nurses provide home visits that improve the health, well-being and self-sufficiency of low-income, first-time parents and their children in El Paso and Teller counties. Home visits begin with women during pregnancy and continue until their child is 2 years old. NFP is free to all women who are eligible for Medicaid and WIC and meet other income requirements. Scan code for referral form. **719.578.3199**

FRESH START CENTER

Nurses provide medical assistance and resources to underinsured and uninsured clients from the Pikes Peak and Eastern Plains regions of Colorado. They connect people with dental, vision, and general health services. For clients needing assistance navigating insurance, Medicare Insurance Specialist helps eligible families apply for coverage or receive the most out of their existing coverage. Nurses available Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am–1:00 pm. **719.495.3123**

HEALTH FIRST COLORADO

Medicaid in Colorado is known as Health First Colorado. Health First Colorado is public medical and dental insurance for Coloradans who qualify. Every member of Health First Colorado has a primary care provider and belongs to a regional organization that helps connect you with the care you need. Your primary care provider is your first contact for your health and wellness services.

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES, SAFECARE COLORADO

Lutheran Family Services, The SafeCare Colorado Program offers in-home, voluntary services that support families in gaining skills to provide a safe home, address child health needs, and engage in positive interactions with their children ages five and under. Families can choose to start with one SafeCare® topic, which takes about six sessions to complete, before deciding if they want to continue with the other topics. Completing the entire program typically takes four to six months. **719.368.7005**

MERCY'S GATE

Mercy's Gate offers up to $200 in gift cards per household (amount available depends on household size), per calendar year. The cards may be used for Co-pays/medical bills, Prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, and supplies. Cards can be applied to vision care expenses and dental care expenses. **719.277.7470**

PEAK VIEW BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Peak View Behavioral Health provides behavioral health care to patients and families through both inpatient and outpatient care. For a free 24/7 confidential assessment, call **719.444.8484**.

PEAK VISTA FIRST VISITOR PROGRAM

First Visitor provides free, one-on-one support for moms and dads with children ages birth to three, in the comfort of their own home. **719.632.5700**

PEAK VISTA

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a leading advocate for individuals and families with limited access to quality care in the Pikes Peak and East Central regions of Colorado. Our medical team provides patient-centered medical, dental and behavioral health services in a collaborative team setting for people of all ages. Peak Vista accepts all patients regardless of insurance status! Schedule your appointment or call their nurse line for non-urgent medical needs. **719.632.5700**

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Colorado keeps families and their critically ill children close to each other and provides them the care and resources they need, when they need it most. The fully accessible Ronald McDonald House® provides a warm, safe, clean and friendly environment for up to twenty families per night. **719.471.1814**

SAFE KIDS COLORADO SPRINGS

Safe Kids Colorado Springs and Children's Hospital Colorado offer car seat clinics, safety checks, and free or reduced cost car seats. State law requires children to ride in a federally approved car seat or booster appropriate for the child's age, height, and weight. Visit Colorado Department of Transportation for guidelines and FAQs. **719.305.7233**

SAFE2TELL

Safe2Tell provides a way to anonymously report anything that concerns or threatens you, your friends, your family or your community. You may call **877.542.7233** or submit a report online.

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SCAN ME

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SHANDY CLINIC

SCAN ME

Shandy Clinic offers speech, physical, and occupational pediatric therapy. Doctor referrals are required and Medicaid is accepted. **719.597.0822**

ABOUT THIS SECTION

This section includes service providers available to assist with resources and skills related to finding employment in our community. For career navigation and other supports specific to early childhood education offered by JI, please see Section 1 or click **HERE**.

TITLES ARE CLICKABLE!

SCAN ME

CHARITY'S HOPE

- Charity's Hope has partnered with Stuckey Business Consulting, LLC to provide our members with free and discounted professional resume preparation services. Please visit StuckeyBusinessConsulting.com, or contact them via phone at **719.625.2393**. Please be advised that free resume services are limited and provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Minimum payment may be required.
- Professional volunteers are available to help with job interviewing. Mock interview training is available by appointment only. We will ask you questions about the type of job you'll be interviewing for and provide feedback regarding your answers, posture, and overall impression. **719.332.2360**

SCAN ME

COLORADO SPRINGS WORKS

Colorado Springs Works welcomes all individuals experiencing barriers to sustainable employment. Programming is centered and tailored to the individual experience and demand. CSW offers personalized coaching (resume preparation, interview prep, referrals for additional services) for job placement with an employer who will collaborate with CSW for participants stability and success. Additional services include phones, career preparation, soft skills training, transitional work, and wraparound services. **719.203.4758**

SCAN ME

DISCOVER GOODWILL

Discover Goodwill is a full-service employment agency and job skills training assistance program. **719.635.4483**

SCAN ME

PIKES PEAK WORKFORCE CENTER

Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWC) can help match your skills and background with job openings in your area. They provide resources for career transitions, career guidance, and provide education and training. **719.667.3700**

PIKES PEAK LIBRARY DISTRICT | JOB SEARCH CENTER

SCAN ME

The Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD) offers a Job Search & Career Tools Guide and a dashboard of resources on its website to help job seekers. The link provides access to their Career Navigator for support.

PPLD | CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

SCAN ME

Career Online High School (COHS) is an online high school diploma and career certification program funded by Pikes Peak Library District. Residents living within the Library District's service area who have completed eighth grade and are 17-years-old or older are eligible to apply.

PPLD | CAREER NAVIGATOR SERVICES

SCAN ME

Searching for a career includes identifying your skills and interests, considering what you value and enjoy doing, and exploring different paths to learn what type of training and education they might require. PPLD offers career navigation services to help you remove barriers and connect to resources, tools, and training to prepare you to be successful in the workplace.

PPLD | ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE

SCAN ME

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are for adults aged 17 and older. Classes focus on reading, writing, listening, and speaking in English. ESL classes are for beginning, intermediate, and high-intermediate levels. ESL classes are free. Classes are online and in-person. They are 10-12 weeks long. Learners must study 8-10 hours each week. You can sign up for classes during enrollment. Enrollment is open in July and December. You will see a link on page when enrollment is open.

PPLD | PRACTICE ENGLISH

SCAN ME

Speak English groups are informal English language conversation groups for adults who speak some English. Each group meets once a week for two hours at various libraries. Classes are free and no registration is necessary. Write English groups are informal English language writing groups for adults who speak some English or have some English writing skills. Each group meets once a week for two hours at various libraries. Classes are free and no registration is necessary

PPLD | FOOD INDUSTRY TRAINING

SCAN ME

Food Industry Training, a five-week training program that gives you the entry-level skills you need to find or advance in employment as a qualified prep cook or line cook.

PROJECT DIAKONIA

SCAN ME

Project Diakonia is a solutions-oriented project working with professionals in the foster care system and the juvenile justice system to address gaps in services for youth transitioning into adulthood, with services including, but not limited to: training/certificate programs, career navigation/placement, and support for employment barriers. **888.757.WORK**

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