

# REACH

Juvenile Service Planning  
Committee (JSPC) +  
Interagency Oversight  
Group (IOG)



Pathways program of Joint Initiatives for Youth + Families



# Agenda

**REACH Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 8th, 2025**  
**11:45 am – 1:15 pm**

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Introductions/Ice Breaker
- Ascend Center Updates
- Basic Needs
- Line Item Vote
- Damascus Landing Recovery Vote
- Juvenile Detention Screening and Risk Assessment
- Member Spotlight- Meet Al Estrada

**Welcome**  
**5-10 minutes**

Please put your  
name/organization  
in the chat!

**Virtual Sign-In**



**SCAN ME**

**4<sup>th</sup> Judicial  
District  
(CYDC/JSPC)**

**&**

**El Paso County  
(CMP/IOG)**

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**REACH**

# REACH Executive Team

Chair	Jennifer Hernandez – Juvenile Probation
Vice-Chair	Tina Horton – 4th Judicial District
Past IOG Chair	Catania Jones – Director CY&FS
Past JSPC Chair	Andrew Prehm – Bureau Chief Sheriff's Office
Judge/Magistrate	Magistrate Candea-Ramsey
At-Large Member	Angela Rose – CASA Executive Director
At-Large Member	Maria Black – Special Education D-11
Joint Initiatives Member	SherryLynn Boyles – President/CEO JI
DYS Representative	Kelly Crittenden, Program Manager/Clients Manager Supervisor
Private Citizen	FY24-25 Open, one candidate potential

Interested in joining the team for FY24-25?  
Contact: Jennifer Hernandez or Tina Horton.



# Ascend Center Update





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 THE OUTPOST

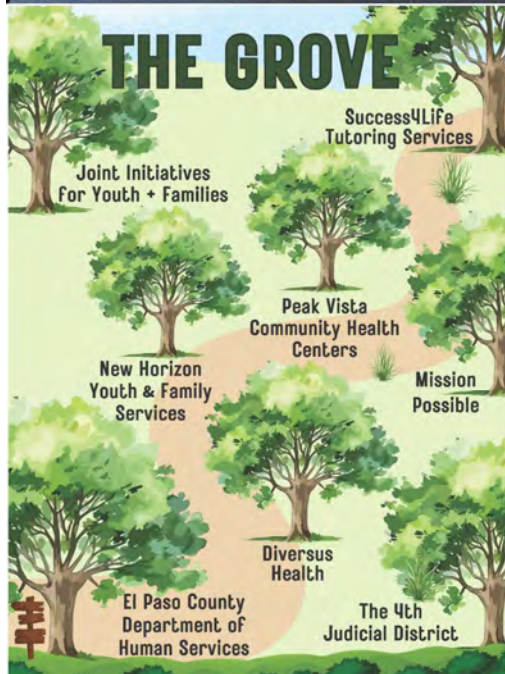


 PATHWAYS ROOM






# Ascend Center Update



 **THE GROVE**

**THANK YOU,  
EVERYONE!!**



 **THE OUTPOST**



# Basic Needs Funding

The REACH Executive Committee has recommended that CMP and CYDC basic needs funds should not be allocated toward rent expenses, as doing so depletes the funding line too rapidly. Instead, they propose adding a housing specialist to the REACH Committee to more effectively connect individuals and families with available community housing resources.

**Vote needed**

**Have connected with CoC person to join**

## El Paso County CMP

### FY24-25 MOU Partners

- EPC DHS
- 4<sup>th</sup> JD Probation
- 4<sup>th</sup> JD District Court
- El Paso County Public Health
- Colorado Springs School District 11
- Diversus Health Mental Health
- Diversus Health Alcohol & Drug Treatment
- Colorado Community Health Alliance
- Division of Youth Services
- TESSA
- CASA
- Joint Initiatives
- Family Member – Sandra Kwesell



# Damascus Landing Recovery



## FFT LLC

### Evidence-Based Interventions for Youth and Families

**Functional Family Therapy (FFT)** is an evidence-based intervention for youth and families. This high-quality, strength-focused family counseling model is designed primarily for at-risk youth who have been referred by the juvenile justice, mental health, school, or child welfare systems. Services are short-term and conducted in both clinic and home settings, and can also be provided in schools, child welfare facilities, probation and parole systems, and mental health facilities.

#### Who We Serve



At-risk Youth & Families



Youth in the Child Welfare System



Gang-Involved Youth



Youth Under Probation & Parole



#### Proven Results

Studies show that of youth who participated in FFT treatment,



Have no new offenses 18 months post-referral



Have no drug charges 18 months post-referral



Attend school/work at treatment close

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### FY24-25 JSPC Members

Betty Smith/Joanie Lewis  
Lori Stalcar  
Tonya Ingram  
Rebeka Whitney  
Andy Prehm  
Oliver Robinson  
SherryLynn Boyles  
Judge Diana May  
Kelly Hurtado  
Magistrate-Candea-Ramsey  
Marcy Palmer  
Tina Horton  
Nicole Schurbon  
Kelly Crittenden  
Ralph Parsons  
Palmer Johnson  
Ivett Ruiza  
Eugene Moore  
Cathy Cimino  
Kevin Miyakusu  
Jennifer Mussaw  
Jennifer Hernandez  
Seth Fischer  
Maria Black  
Catania Jones  
Steffani Baker  
Kristel Sharp-Limary



# Juvenile Detention Screening + Risk Assessment

The team has agreed to address the policy collaboratively in the executive group.

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# Member Spotlight | Meet Al



- Moved to Colorado after college graduation in 1984 to work at the Dale House, where I spent 5 years.
- Have worked in a variety of human services positions from residential to in-home family services in inner-city Philadelphia and as an El Paso County DHS caseworker.
- Started with Senate Bill 94 in 1992 in one of the pilot programs.
- Became the SB 94 4<sup>th</sup> JD Coordinator in 1995.
- Began with the Division of Youth Services in 1998 as a Client Manager.
- Later monitored residential programs and supervised client managers. Regional Director in 2004.
- Moved to the Associate Director position in 2007 and commuted to Denver until COVID.



Can you  
find me?



# Member Spotlight | Meet AI



- Grew up in Galveston, Texas.
- From a big family – 11 aunts and uncles. Grandparents emigrated from Spain in 1918. I have 2 sisters, one older, and one younger.
- Married with two daughters, Emma -29 and Adan – 24.
- Wife Mary is a retired therapist.
- Emma works for an NGO that contracts with the National Park Service – Point Reyes National Park.
- Adan graduated from college in 2023 and is still “figuring it all out.”
- The girls love to travel. They spent a month together in Mexico. Emma traveled throughout South and Central America with a friend, and Adan just spent six months in New Zealand, Australia, France, England, the Netherlands, Ireland, Scotland, and Spain.



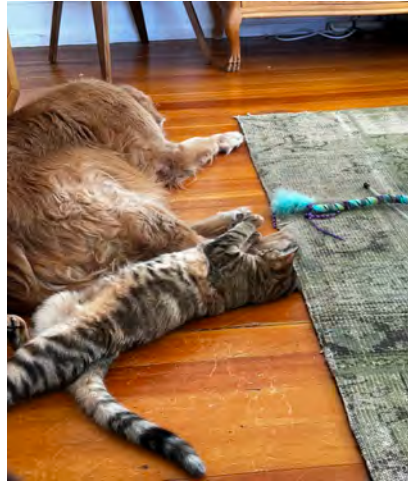
# Member Spotlight | Meet AI



- Hiking family. Everywhere we go it seems we find a place to hike - Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, Utah, California, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Maine.
- My hobbies also include studying the classical guitar, cooking, and gardening. I love to read, and I spend way too much time exercising in one form or another.
- When there's water around, I love to kayak and SUP.
- I'm working on a world record for the greatest number of knee surgeries. Hopefully, that phase of my life is over.



# Member Spotlight | Meet Al



- We've recently had (and sadly, lost) two insane Golden Retrievers – Gibby and his sister Sage.
- We have lots of great memories of hiking with the dogs, watching them swim and chase each other through the mountains.
- We have also had lots of cats, (Jonas, Linus, Phoebe, Audrey, Greta, Delilah, Samson (he was really a girl), Sugar Plum, Pig Widgeon, Sophie, Cricket, Poppy and Primrose. All of which is interesting, since three of the four of us are allergic to them.



# Retirement



- Right outside of a tiny Nova Scotian village – Bear River.
- Farmhouse built in 1830.
- Large barn, a pond and 5 acres.
- Lots of water around and lots of time to paddle board and kayak.
- Lots of time to grow some veg, raise some chickens and goats.





# Questions?



Collaborative Management Program (CMP) and Colorado Youth Detention Continuum (CYDC) are part of the Pathways program of Joint Initiatives for Youth + Families

