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Welcome:

Thank you for choosing Pikes Peak Respite Services for your care provider needs. We look forward to getting to know your family and working together to meet your goals and providing quality services.

Parents/guardians schedule care for a variety of reasons from appointments to time off for friends and family, whatever the reason you schedule care your loved one, they will receive professional care-giving services. Our welcome packet includes information on : services provided, rights, and our mission. Thanks again for choosing PPRS!

History of PPRS:

PPRS was founded by Beverly Seemann who started with one individual with severe special needs in 2005 and has since served hundreds with special needs and their typical siblings. Beverly has extensive experience as a professional caregiver having cared for elderly, foster children, hospice patients, daycare recipients, individuals with special needs and their typical siblings. Beverly's education in psychology and her personal experience of raising four children, one with Asperger's syndrome, XYY syndrome and all three with genetic sensory-neural hearing loss has given her an unique perspective of meeting the needs of the entire family. She is renowned for her work with children who exhibit behavior difficulties and she attends seminars and educational opportunities for professionals regularly.

Joshua Shipman joined PPRS as the Chief Financial Officer in 2016. Joshua is a father of three children. He is a 21 year veteran of the US. Army where he served as an Equal Opportunity Employment Advocate, and a Communications Engineer specializing in contract procurement and financial planning for the Department of Defense. He also served as an Educator and Contracting Financial Liaison for the Army School of Telecommunications for 4 years.

Jessica Gervasi joined our administrative team in 2017. Jessica is a single mother of two teenage sons. She is a certified brain injury specialist and has managed two residential group homes and supervised brain injury technicians. Jessica has been a hands on caregiver here at Pikes Peak Respite Services and is now is conducting client/staff monitorings and client intakes.

Aimee Mathias has over 20 years of experience working with individuals with special needs. She has extensive training and knowledge, working with both children and adults with autism. Aimee has held positions in direct care and case management and has strong working knowledge of IEP, Transition, Guardianship, and SSI processes. She is the mother of a 22-year-old son with multiple diagnoses; including severe autism, seizures and mood disorder. Through the journey of raising her son, she gained valuable skills and became a tenacious advocate. Aimee is very dedicated and passionate about advocating for others and increasing community awareness and integration. Additionally, Aimee has a background in the health field. She has worked as a home health and rehabilitation CNA and is certified in medical billing. Aimee has her associates in Health Sciences and is studying to receive her BS in Health and Wellness.

Tiffany Hutson has been with PPRS in some form or another since inception. Her roles have and are constantly changing. Tiffany has a son diagnosed with Landau Kleffner Syndrome and Autism. She is knowledgeable and constantly keeps up with new medical advances for Autism and seizure disorder treatments and behaviors. She also advocates for children in the public school setting. She also has adopted a child with drug related issues act was addicted in utero.

If you are having problems with the staff portal, Tiffany is the staff member to contact.

Our Mission:

Pikes Peak Respite Services is a human service agency providing services, family advocacy and community accessibility for individuals with special needs. We are an experienced, service driven team dedicated to providing safe, quality, worry-free care for your loved ones.

Services Offered:

- 1) Respite care is providing in the home of the individual receiving supports. Respite is a temporary break for the primary caregiver.
- 2) Personal Care services through PPRS can help your loved one get ready for the day. Services include assistance with bathing, hygiene, dressing, hair care, bowel and bladder care, transferring and eating.
- 3) Basic Homemaker and Homemaker Enhanced services are now available through PPRS! We provide homemaker services for the individuals receiving services from medical waiver's living areas. These include light house cleaning such as dusting, mopping, vacuuming, cleaning the bathroom and kitchen areas, meal preparation, bed making, dish washing, laundry and shopping. Enhanced Homemaker services are utilized to help individuals become independent with homemaking skills by developing goals and guidance. This can also include more extraordinary cleaning than basic homemaker services provide. **All cleaning supplies and equipment are supplied by the individual receiving services.**
- 4) Mentorship services are available through PPRS to promote self-advocacy and encourage community living among members. Service includes instructing and advisement on issues and topics related to community living, describing real-world experiences and modeling successful community living and problem solving.
- 5) Supported Community Connections services through PPRS support the abilities and skills necessary to enables persons to access typical activities and functions of community life such as those chosen by the general population. Community connections provides a wide variety of opportunities to facilitate and build relationships and natural supports in the community while utilizing the community as a learning environment.
- 6) Community Connector services provided by PPRS allow individuals to explore the services available to them in the community, natural supports available, match and monitor the community connections to enhance the socialization and community access capability. These may include leisure and recreational activities that will allow for an increase their ability to participate in these activities and develop physical and psychological social skills.

At PPRS we take a family approach to respite care, typical siblings are welcome to attend and activities are made accessible and fun for everyone. Sports, arts and crafts, playtime, meals etc. are adapted to include everyone with all abilities. Therapists, counselors, medical professionals are welcome to visit your child and perform therapies while your child is receiving care. We also take every opportunity to promote life skills and increase independence.

PPRS provides services for individuals through the lifespan. We have broadened our services to include after-surgery care, vacation care provided in-community or hotel locations, companionship services for individuals coping with depression and elderly care.

Staff:

Our staff at PPRS meet state standards for providing care to individuals with developmental disabilities. Our staff are state and federal finger print background checked, first aid and CPR certified, TB tested and many have additional certifications and trainings including certified nursing assistants, and Crisis Intervention Prevention and basic American Sign Language. At PPRS we are proud of our high standards and on-going staff training programs. Our caregivers love their jobs and they take advantage of self made schedules and an awesome clientele!

Scheduling: Scheduling happens primarily with your provider- we provide

Preparing for In-Home Respite:

Upon caregiver arrival, please be prepared to pass along any vital information: medication changes, sleep changes, behavior changes, eating routine and updated goals. In addition, any house rules that you have, information on pets, information on first aid kit, fire extinguishers, diapering/ toileting supplies, medications and how to gain access. Many of our families have found it useful to have their family routine and particulars posted on the refrigerator. Our caregivers are not required to release their personal phone numbers to clients, if you need contact with a caregiver in your home please call or text PPRS at (719)659-6344.

Illness Policy:

Caregiving services are offered in-home depending on each individual circumstance. We recognize the importance of respite during extended illness. If a client is showing signs of illness and respite is scheduled please call Beverly immediately for caregiving options, we have several caregivers available if your loved one is ill.

Privacy Policy:

Pikes Peak Respite Services policy on privacy available upon request.

Client has the right to file a complaint and has been provided that information via a service plan for Medicaid clients.

Welcome to Pikes Peak Respite Services! We are excited you have chosen us for your respite care needs.

