



**Pikes Peak Respite Service  
February 2021 Newsletter**

**NOW HIRING:**

\*Please email resume to Cmbev@hotmail.com\*

**Providers for Child and Youth Mentorship  
(Full-time and part-time)**

- Child and Youth Mentorship include wraparound services to align strategies, interventions, and supports for the child/youth and family to prevent the need for out of home placement.
- Services may be utilized in maintaining stabilization, preventing crisis situations, and/or de-escalation of crisis situations.
- Crisis is an event, series of events, and/ or state of being greater than normal severity that becomes outside the manageable range for the child/youth and/or their caregivers and poses a danger to self, family, and/or community.
- Crisis may be self-identified, family identified, and/or identified by an outside party.
- Identification of unique strengths, abilities, preferences, desires, needs, expectations, and goals of the child/youth and family.
- The wraparound plan incorporates all relevant supports, services, strategies, and goals from other service/treatment plans in place and serves as a single plan for all supports a child/youth and family needs to maintain stabilization, prevent crisis, and/or for de-escalation of crisis situations. This plan will include:  
Must be have the ability to work with children and youth with very complex needs. Additional training will be required.  
\*\$20 per Hour

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**High Fidelity Wraparound Facilitator**

- Responsibilities:
- Maintains the system and professional involvement of the teams so that the goal of integrated planning is met.
  - Ensures engagement with the youth and family occurs successfully.
  - Crisis Stabilization
  - Develops a partnership relationship with the family that helps them address and work through challenges to make changes in their lives.
  - Develops the families Strengths, Needs, and Culture Discovery that defines the priority needs for the youth and their family
  - Creates a safe, effective, and supportive team and plans that effectively meet priority needs.
  - Connects the family to the proper resources and makes sure all parts of the plan are implemented in a timely fashion.
  - Continuously facilitates meetings to encourage youth and family members to take a more active role in meeting facilitation.
  - Helps the family to continue team support after formal facilitation ends.
- Requirements
- Experience working directly with youth and their families in a variety of settings or lived with youth who have complex emotional needs.
  - Must have an outgoing personality that supports engaging people from different cultures, ages, and backgrounds.
  - Must be willing to take ongoing state required HFW Facilitator Training
  - Preferred that the individual has an understanding of and experience with different systems, including schools, mental health, child welfare, juvenile justice, health, and others.
  - Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience may be substituted.
- \*\*\$38,000-\$60,000 annually, depending on experience\*\*

## February Birthdays

Jeffrey P. * 2/1	Madison P. * 2/1
Amber H. * 2/3	Carla M. * 2/3
Amber A. * 2/5	Geraldine P. * 2/6
Meosha H. * 2/9	Jerald A. * 2/10
Anastasja K. * 2/11	Adedmaria T. * 2/13
Margaret F. * 2/14	Tiffany M. * 2/14
Larry R. * 2/16	Taylor A. * 2/17
Jawanza W. * 2/18	Cynthia C. * 2/20
Pon S. * 2/22	Diana D. * 2/23
Angela M. * 2/23	David N. * 2/23
Amanda R. * 2/25	Anna J. * 2/27

## February Anniversaries

Robyn S. * 3 years on 2/1
Heather S. * 1 year on 2/2
Jacqueline M. * 1 year on 2/4
Doris S. * 1 year on 2/4
Kelly H. * 1 year on 2/5
John C. * 1 year on 2/6
Telesfore B. * 2 years on 2/7
Karen T. * 1 year on 2/11
Drake B. * 1 year on 2/12
Kayla T. * 3 years on 2/12
Angela M. * 2 years on 2/12
Tonya C. * 2 years 2/13
Sasha V. * 1 year on 2/17
Mariah R. * 2 years on 2/20
Lenora S. * 1 year on 2/21



Meet our newest administration team member, Claire Williams! Claire joined the PPRS team as an executive and host home assistant. Claire is currently attending Arizona State University for Community Advocacy and Social Policy and will graduate Summer 2021, she is planning on pursuing her master's degree in social work thereafter.

### February's Highlighted Diagnosis: PANDAS

PANDAS is short for Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infection. In certain cases, children can develop Obsessive Compulsive Disorder or tic symptoms following a streptococcal infection. The symptoms are usually dramatic, happen "overnight and out of the blue," and can include motor or vocal tics or both and obsessions, compulsions, or both. In addition to these symptoms, children may become moody or irritable, experience anxiety attacks, or show concerns about separating from parents or loved ones (NIMH, 2021). PANDAS is a pediatric disorder and is rare after the age of 12, however, PANDAS in adults has not been fully studied. The diagnosis criteria for PANDAS are presence of OCD, a tic disorder, or both; pediatric onset of symptoms; association with neurological abnormalities, such as physical hyperactivity or usual, jerky movements that are not in the child's control; very abrupt onset or worsening of symptoms (NIMH, 2021). Children with OCD or tics are not guaranteed to have PANDAS after a strep throat infection, and if a child does have PANDAS, the symptoms tend to gradually improve over time.

NIMH. (2021). Pandas-questions and answers. Retrieved February 05, 2021, from <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/pandas/index.shtml>

***"Pikes Peak Respite Services' culturally aware team specializes in complex behaviors, reactive attachment disorder, substance abuse, mental health, military, early childhood development and education."***



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