

February 2022 Newsletter

February Birthdays

Kayla A: 02/21	Jerald A: 02/10
Taylor D: 02/21	Kevin D: 02/08
David G: 02/18	Meosha H: 02/09
Denzel H: 02/23	Carla M: 02/03
Angela M: 02/23	Tiffany M: 02/14
Jeffrey P: 02/01	Madison P: 02/01
Larry R: 02/16	Julia R: 02/28
Keera R: 02/28	Ariel R: 02/28
Robyn R: 02/02	Amanda R: 02/25
Fikile R: 02/01	Evelyn S: 02/09
Skyler S: 02/02	Angel S: 02/17

February Anniversaries

Telesforo B: 02/07/2019	Shelia H: 02/01/2021
Kelly H: 02/05/2020	Jacqueline M: 02/04/2020
Angela M: 02/12/2019	Mariah R: 02/20/2019
Doris S: 02/04/2020	Robyn S: 02/01/2020
Karen T: 02/11/2020	<3



C.F.O. Announcements

DAY RESPITE

Employees **will need authorization** from Josh Shipman before working a Day Respite shift (10-24 hours). Decisions will be made on a case to case basis.

Independent Contractors will not need authorization before working a Day Respite Shift.

FEBRUARY PAY DAYS

02/01/2022

02/15/2022

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For scheduling 😊

Jess's Corgi Corner

- Beginning February 1st, CPR classes will go up to \$60 per person. This is still a lower cost than most other agencies.
- You will still have the option to have the cost taken from your paycheck.
- Parent/Guardian feedback has been positive!
- Have a great month!



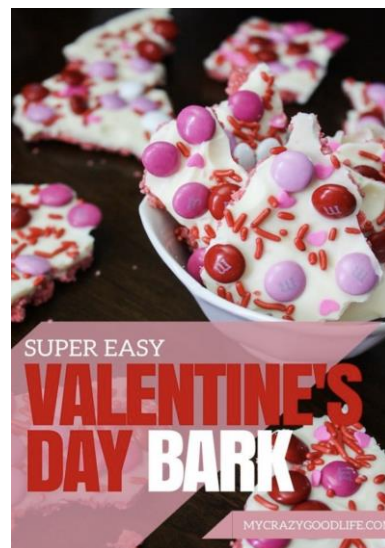
IntelliRide

Did you know that if your child has Medicaid, you might qualify for personal vehicle mileage reimbursement for medical appointments?

Call 1-855-489-4999

FYI, this number will inform you that it only serves the Denver areas, but dial through to customer service and they will let you know if your child qualifies and will get you set you up. Even if you are out of the counties listed, it is a Colorado organization that can assist. You will need your child's Medicaid ID. We have had several clients this week find out they are eligible. 😊

IntelliRide
By  transdev



Ingredients

- 1 pkg Candy Melts Cheesecake (I used the ones made by chocomaker, but if you can't find them go ahead and use vanilla candy melts and maybe add some of this Cheesecake flavoring into it!)
- 1 pkg Strawberry Wafers
- 4 oz Cream Cheese
- 1 bag M&M's Holiday
- 1 oz Sprinkles Holiday

Directions for Easy Valentine's Day Bark:

1. Using a blender, blend the strawberry wafers and cream cheese until it is similar to a dough consistency.
2. Line a baking sheet with wax or parchment paper.
3. Coat the bottom of the baking sheet with the blended mixture. Spread it out evenly and press it down flat.
4. Using a glass bowl, microwave your candy melts for 1 minute, then stir. If they're not melted, microwave them in 30 second intervals, stirring in between.
5. Pour the melted candy over the crust.
6. Sprinkle the top with M&M's and sprinkles.
7. Let set for 30 minutes. Enjoy!

El Paso County Events

Kids Indoor Scavenger Hunt	<p>Where: 1805 N 30th St, COS – Garden of the Gods Visitor and Nature Center</p> <p>When: February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd – 10:00am-11:00am</p> <p>What: Young explorers are invited to join Jamie Nicholas, programs director, at the Garden of the Gods Visitor and Nature Center, for this exciting, guided scavenger hunt. Our program begins with a short movie in the Geo-Trekker theater followed by exploring the exhibit rooms using our Scavenger Hunt cards and finishing up with a fun read-aloud and snack in the Sprouts Cafe.</p> <p>We meet inside the Garden of the Gods Visitor and Nature Center on the lower level next to the buffalo statues. <u>Please arrive five minutes early</u> as the movie begins right @ 10 a.m.</p> <p>Ages: 3-9 *All children must be accompanied by at least one adult for the duration of the class.</p> <p>Cost: \$3 pre-registration required ONLY for children.</p>
'For the Love Of'	<p>Where: 324 N. Nevada Ave, COS – Creations @ The Edge</p> <p>When: Friday, February 4th – 5:00pm-7:00pm</p> <p>What: Youth, ages 7-18, are showcasing their art and sharing what they love. Guests can enjoy live music, a Haute Chocolate bar, and 10% off your purchase at Creations @ The Edge.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Singo Music Bingo	<p>Where: 2727 N Cascade Ave, COS – Goat Patch Brewing Company</p> <p>When: Thursday, February 10th (Party Starter) and February 14th (Love is a Battlefield), 6:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>What: -<i>Party Starter</i>: Join us Thursday, February 10, from 6-8 p.m. for SINGO Music Bingo! The category will be Party Starter Volume 4!</p> <p>Come dressed up as one of your favorites and get two cards to play.</p> <p>-<i>Love is a Battlefield</i>: Singo is a new and exciting musical spin on the traditional game of Bingo. Instead of listening for a number, players are listening to their favorite music.</p> <p>Because we love music, beer, bingo, fun, and free events!</p> <p>Dancing not required. Singing encouraged</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Paint By Candlelight	<p>Where: 3347 Cinema Pt, COS – Color Me Mine</p> <p>When: February 14th, 5:00pm-6:30pm</p> <p>What: Color Me Mine is a Paint your own Pottery studio located in the First and Main Town Center. Our contemporary studio offers a creative atmosphere for a relaxing, romantic evening. You decorate your selected pottery item and leave it with us for glazing and firing. This event is reservation only, and likely we will not have room for walk-ins.</p> <p>Cost: \$18 reserves a table for 2. This fee covers your reservation and studio fees, it does not include the pottery you select to paint. Pottery prices vary depending on your selection. Minimum pottery purchase of \$15 per person.</p>
Pikes Peak Writers' Night	<p>Where: 2910 E Platte Ave, COS – Fargo's Pizza</p> <p>When: February 28th, 6:30pm-8:30pm</p> <p>Where: We are meeting in person where aspiring writers can come to have their questions answered, and experienced authors can rub shoulders with their peers and lend their expertise.</p> <p>It's two hours of fun, camaraderie, and laughter, the one event where the attendees set the agenda, and the host is there simply to keep it organized.</p> <p>Want to talk about query letters? Let's do it! How to get an agent? An excellent topic, let's discuss it.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Souper Bowl Saturday	<p>Where: 245 Bear Creek Rd, COS – Bear Creek Nature Center</p> <p>When: February 12th, 12:00pm-2:00pm</p> <p>What: It's a Souper Fundraiser! Come on by Bear Creek Nature Center and sample soups from local restaurants. Participants will also get to take home a ceramic bowl of their choice!</p> <p>All proceeds will go to our non-profit towards the building of a Northern Nature Center.</p> <p>Cost: \$20</p>
3rd Annual Black History Month Story Time	<p>Where: 1620 W Bijou St, COS – African American Historical & Genealogical Society of Colorado Springs</p> <p>When: February 26th, 1:00pm-3:00pm</p> <p>What: On February 26, 2022, Lil' Miss Story Hour will host their opening community story time event of the 2022 season. We will celebrate Black History Month by honoring and elevating Black history, culture, and heritage through stories, art forms, crafts, special guest artists, and picture books! Explorations include but are not limited to writing, illustrations, mathematics, music, and social experiences.</p> <p>Cost: Reservations are required and donations are strongly encouraged! Donations can be made when you RSVP online, as well as on-site, the day of the event. Attendees may also donate via any of the following platforms: Venmo: @lil-miss-story-hour PayPal: paypal.me/bettiethebookworm Cashapp: \$nesscapades</p>

Denver and Surrounding Events

FREE DAY – Denver Museum of Nature and Science	Where: 2001 Colorado Blvd, Denver 80205 – Denver Museum of Nature of Science When: 02/07/2022 & 02/27/2022 Cost: Free
FREE DAY – Denver Art Museum	Where: 100 W 14 th Ave Pkwy, Denver 80204 – Denver Art Museum When: 02/08/2022 Cost: Free *Registration Required*
The Culture Museum	Where: 1439 26 th St, Denver When: February 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 11 th , 12 th , 13 th , 18 th , 19 th , 20 th , 25 th , 26 th , & 27 th , 2022 What: A new immersive pop-up art museum celebrating moments in Black culture is coming to Five Points. A vibrant selfie exhibition celebrating Black girl magic. The new experience is also curated by Museum for Black Girls founder Charlie Billingsley. Cost: \$22
Valentine's BAZAAR	Where: 439 S Upham St, Lakewood 80226 When: February 12 th & 13 th 2022, 12:00pm-6:00pm What: A vibrant indoor pop-up market filled with all of your Valentine's needs. Shop local for a loved one, or treat yourself with 50+ curated vendors offering a wide range of giftable goods. Cost: FREE General Admission! We highly recommend RSVP'ing to receive event announcements such as vendor lineups, music schedules and Shop & Sip Drink tickets!
Opening Reception: Syncopation	Where: 931 Sante Fe Dr, Denver 80204 – SYNC Gallery When: February 18 th 2022, 6:00pm-9:00pm What: Sync Gallery presents Syncopation, a Contributing Artists exhibition. The twenty artists in this group work in a wide variety of mediums and styles. Like syncopated musical rhythms, their unique voices blend to enhance the richness and complexity of the cadre of artists that comprise Sync Gallery. Cost: Free
DGMG Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show	Where: 15200 W 6 th Avenue, Golden 80401 When: February 25 th -27 th 2022, 10:00am-5:00pm What: Fun for the whole family, with geode cracking, beautiful minerals from around the world, (and meteorites from around the solar system) ancient fossils, fluorescent room with rocks that glow in the dark, gems, opals, custom made stone tables, magnificent hand-crafted custom jewelry and more. Watch skilled lapidary artists cut gems and create beautiful, polished stones. Talk with area rockhounds to learn about local field trips and collecting opportunities. Over 20 educational displays from; The Sherman-Dugan Geological Museum, the Phoenix Gold Mine, Dinosaur Ridge, and more. Vote for your favorite display and enter to win prizes. Show Special - \$1.00 Grab Bags – kids, jump start your collection with 10 minerals plus a chance to win special prizes. Cost: Free
Design for the Common Good International Exhibition	Where: 965 Sante Fe Dr, Denver 80204 – Metropolitan State University of Denver – Center for Visual Arts When: February 1 st -5 th , 8 th -12 th , 15 th -19 th , 22 nd -26 th , Tuesday-Friday 11:00am-6:00pm & Saturday 12:00pm-5:00pm What: Visionary architecture, culturally responsive design, and activated community participation have converged in each of the thirty design projects showcased in Design for the Common Good International Exhibition. Extending across six continents and twenty-two countries, these projects bring the extraordinary value of public interest design to the forefront, unified by a profound connection to the social, economic, and environmental fabric of life. Cost: Free
Arvada WinterFest	Where: 5750 Upham St, Arvada 80002 When: February 26 th 2022, 11:00am-3:00pm What: Come experience WinterFest, an outdoor multi-cultural celebration. WinterFest continues to highlight the variety of cultures in the community, allowing attendees to learn, sample and enjoy diverse arts, culture and entertainment. See live cultural performances, ice-sculpting demonstrations, craft vendors, and winter-themed attractions at this free family-friendly event. Festival Activities - Sleigh Rides, Live Ice Sculpting, Mariachi Band, Community Vendors, Polka Band, Irish Step Dancers, Asian Cultural Dancers, Beer Garden, Food Trucks Cost: Free

Pueblo and Surrounding Events

Celebrating Black History Month; Pueblo Community Leaders	<p>Where: 100 E Abriendo Avenue, Pueblo 81004 – Rawlings (Main Branch)</p> <p>When: February 1st-28th</p> <p>What: This exhibit will spotlight Ruth Steele and her work in Pueblo for over 30 years. Located on the 3rd floor in the Special Collections department. Discover one of Pueblo's own citizens, Ruth Steele, who rallied for the state to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and who was the champion of saving the Lincoln Home.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Teen Hangout	<p>Where: 2525 S Pueblo Blvd, Pueblo 81005 – Lamb (Lamb Meeting Room – Lower Level)</p> <p>When: February 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd, 2022, 4:00pm-5:45pm</p> <p>What: Teens ages 13-18 join us downstairs @ Lamb for fun and a snack! Masks and Social distancing required.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Valentine Cards Making	<p>Where: 4801 Cibola Dr, Colorado City 81019 – Greenhorn Valley (GHV Charles Burns Community Room)</p> <p>When: Saturday, February 5th 2022, 1:00pm-3:00pm</p> <p>What: Join Ashley in making fun, flirty or cute cards for friends and family. All supplies provided, but you are welcome to come with your own ideas and crafty stuff.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Food and Family Fun	<p>Where: 1300 Jerry Murphy Rd, Pueblo 81001 – Barkman</p> <p>When: February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, 2022, 3:00pm-3:30pm</p> <p>What: Fridays 3-4pm Ages 18 and Younger Enjoy a bagged lunch from our D60 partners while working on fun activities and more. Crafts also available as a grab and go. Enrollment at D60 school not required.</p> <p>Program participation is required to receive bagged supper. All children under 18 are eligible; enrollment in a D60 school not required. Programs include coloring pages, crafts, board games, fun activities, and more!</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Toddler Storytime	<p>Where: 2525 S Pueblo Blvd, Pueblo 81005 – Lamb (Lamb Meeting Room – Lower Level)</p> <p>When: February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 2022, 10:30am-11:30am</p> <p>What: Geared for children from 15 months to 3 years and their parent or caregiver, but other ages welcome. *We will be meeting outside for the foreseeable future. Bring your own blanket or chairs.*</p> <p>Toddler Storytime focuses on simple books, action rhymes, and songs that help develop early literacy, language skills, and social skills.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Pokemon Terrarium	<p>Where: 4801 Cibola Dr, Colorado City 81019 – Greenhorn Valley (GHV Charles Burns Community Room)</p> <p>When: Thursday, February 17th, 5:00pm-7:00pm</p> <p>What: Come make your own Pokeball terrarium, complete with your own little Pokemon to live in it. Ages 13+</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Raptor Identification (Arkansas Valley Audubon Society)	<p>Where: 100 E Abriendo Avenue, Pueblo 81004 – Rawlings (Main Branch)</p> <p>When: February 19th, 2022, 11:00am-12:00pm</p> <p>What: Colorado has 18 non-rare species of diurnal raptors. Debbie Barnes will be presenting an information-packed program explaining how to identify Colorado's eagles, hawks, falcons and kites.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
After School Movie Night: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse	<p>Where: 24655 US-50 BUS, Pueblo 81006 – Giodone Library (Large Community Room)</p> <p>When: Thursday, February 24th, 2022, 4:30pm-6:30pm</p> <p>What: Come enjoy a movie after school. Snacks provided.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
All Pueblo Grows Seed Exchange	<p>Where: 1300 Jerry Murphy Rd, Pueblo 81001 – Barkman</p> <p>When: Saturday, February 26th, 9:30am-11:00am</p> <p>What: Learn about a timely gardening topic and help prepare seeds to go into the library. Free and open to the public.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>

Host Homes at Pikes Peak Respite Services

What is it?

- Host Homes begins with a highly personalized matching process and focuses on personal choice
- We look at the interests, skills, and personalities of individuals and providers in order to create that perfect match – one that leads to a meaningful, long-term relationships.
- Individuals in our Host Home Program receive personalized support from nurturing Host Home Providers.
- Host Home Providers are very special people who open their homes to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Responsibilities

- 24-hour home-based support
- Whole life planning
- Life skills development
- Activities of daily living management
- Family support
- Transportation
- Medication management oversight
- Individual service planning
- Structured activities
- Community integration
- Advocacy services
- 24-hour on-call support
- Respite

IRSS Host Home Level	Contractor Pay	Employee Pay
One	\$50.00/day	\$44.00/day
Two	\$80.00/day	\$68.00/day
Three	\$100.00/day	\$81.00/day
Four	\$115.00/day	\$98.00/day
Five	\$135.00/day	\$113.00/day
Six	\$170.00/day	\$144.00/day

Requirements

A passed home inspection that meets or exceeds the state requirements that is completed by a member of the PPRS Admin Team.

Host Homes are available
through the Supported Living
Services Waiver (SLS) and
Developmental Disabilities
Waiver (DD)

