



Partnership Network - Notes from April, 2021

Shawna Hendricks, NOCO Health Alliance

- Continuing to enroll community members in health coverage and SNAP, Medicaid. Helped 14 people so far. Will be at Crossroads May 6, 10-3pm and Community Center again 4-7pm.
- Familia Adelente, program for Latinx families in Estes: had an orientation in Spanish for 35-40 people, great turnout. Programming geared towards families and kids 10-16years, the entire family is involved. Often serving first-generation families, providing them a space to talk about struggles and challenges with language spoken at home, assimilating different traditions and cultures, etc. <http://www.familiaadelante.com/>
- Popup equity COVID Vaccine clinics will be available - need 5-15 people to get the vaccine delivered to any one site/organization. Any business or agency in town that might be interested, and any specific area is fine. Contact Shawna at shendricks.alliance@noco.org

Morgan Riedesel, CO-SLAW

In Estes every Tuesday at Crossroads. I can take referrals via phone or email if anyone has an individual in need that would like help with treatment and/or resources for substance use. Email mriedesel.alliance@noco.org

Courtney Carroll, School District Social Worker

- Social, emotional learning survey given to students. Data coming to help us form plans in the fall for how to better support students.
- Estes Pak program continues with Crossroads.
- Trying to push the weekend vaccine at the Event Center on Sunday.
- Continuing yoga classes for staff.

Erin Berryhill, EVICS

EVICS is working on promoting the EPES Preschool Enrolment, Kindergarten Roundup, and the Duck Race. We are also accepting Scholarships for May from

families in need. And we are also hard at work on the Be Ready Fair. If you have any questions please email me at eberryhill@evics.org

Kurtis Kelly, Estes Valley Library

- Cliffhanger Used Book Store is celebrating two years of operation - Cliffhanger is a great place for volunteering.
- April is Month of the Young Child. Our school readiness school scores have room for improvement. Only 39% of the kids arriving for school are ready to go. That means 61% of little kids might not have books at home or someone to read to them. Library will promote early reading at these two events:
 1. Kindergarten Round Up, May 3
 2. Be Ready Fair, May 6
- Getting ready to open library meeting rooms back up to public use: May 1 the signup platform will be open, rooms available starting June 1, in accordance with any state/county restrictions at that time. In-person library plans will also resume. May 20 will be first in-person preschool story time.

Denise Lord, Estes Valley Restorative Justice Partnership

- 9 Volunteers came together for facilitator training.
- Community Conversations the month of April:

Living With Uncertainty: Wed April 14, Living with Uncertainty. Bringing together anyone that wants to have a conversation about uncertainty in our community after pandemics and wildfires. *Posters to share.*

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Intergenerational Dialogue: April 20 in collaboration with EP Schools. Focus on inter-generational dialogue between youth and age 59+. Bringing together the next-door stranger.

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All signups accessible through library event calendar.

Rosemary Truman, Crisis Advocates

- Silent auction fundraiser. Good through Saturday, including experiences, art and gift cards. Even if unable to bid, please share on social media. www.32auctions.com/evcaspring21
- Gazebo kit and materials have arrived for Eagle Scout to start building.
- April is sexual assault awareness month. Many resources online.
- Currently rooms available at the safehouse.

Kathy Whitacre, Partners

April is volunteer month, looking for volunteer mentors, activity volunteers and advisory council members. We are also accepting youth referrals for both our Community-based and School-based Mentoring Programs.

Partners has posted a new position for another School-based Coordinator in Ft. Collins office.

We have 2 continuing education opportunities this month:

1) Substance Abuse Prevention Education (*CEO - Continuing Education Opportunity*) When: Wednesday, April 14th 12:00-1:30pm

2) QPR Suicide Prevention Training (*CEO - Continuing Education Opportunity*) When: Wednesday, April 21st 5:30-7:00pm

Upcoming Activities:

1) Community Clean Up Day, April 24, 2021 9 am - 12 pm (Community. Service)

2) Jackson Stables Horseback Ride, Saturday, 6/12/2021 from 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (est.)

3) Additional activities in the planning stages!

Upcoming Partners Fundraisers:

1) April 30th: **NoCo Grocery Grab** on: To learn more about Partners, visit: <https://poweredbypartners.org/events/noco-grocery-grab/>

2) May 14 Party For Partners in FOCO fundraiser. Theme is PJs for Partners (Virtual)! For More

information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/904513950360860>

3) Duck Race Adoptions at www.epduckrace.org

Brian Schaffer, Crossroads Ministry

- Decline in the number of people coming for food. Continue to hear from people who are having trouble paying rent.
- Easter blessing food distribution last week. Executed at Sheppard of the Mountains Luthern church, over 80 families participated.
- Working on Cinco de Mayo party with Olga Rojas of Mountain Home Cafe.
- Currently soliciting individual donations to take advantage of a \$50k matching grant in April and May.
- Planning our next event: Pancake Breakfast 7-10:30am at Community Center on July 4.
- We do partner with other food pantries in the area. We help with Allenspark and Lyons, they come up once a week to get food. We also partner with Community Corner Café for Friday meals, ending end of April. They give out over 100 meals each week.

Donna Carlson, Estes Chamber

- Just wrapped up the Coolest Dog Contest, closing at nearly \$25k, 10% goes to Youth in Action for Shark Tank grants and another 10% for Pet Association.

- Chamber's May meeting will focus on lodging. If anyone wants to showcase their services, let me know. Will do this every month for Business After Hours. Contact donna@esteschamber.org
- Chamber and Nonprofit Partnership Focus Group on May 4. <https://business.esteschamber.org/events/details/focus-group-building-partnerships-with-businesses-and-nonprofits-4241>

Kayla Evans, Volunteers of America Caregiver Program Actively looking for clients and families that could April Partnership Network News

Wilynn Formeller, Estes Valley Watershed Coalition

- Updating the Estes Valley Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Identify and prioritize areas for fuel reduction. This brings a lot of groups together. Volunteer opportunity coming up end of May to help plant native plants along the Upper Big Thompson. Just got fully funded for a project at Cheley Camps to continue flood restoration, wildlife habitat and wildfire resilience.
- April 14, 6:30pm. Wildlife talks coming up about Coyotes: The Least Understood Animal.
- April 22, noon. Earth Day conversation at noon. Northern Water and the CO Rural Water Association will talk about how water moves through Estes and down to down-stream communities.
- April EVWC is celebrating Earth Month- our theme this year is water. There will be something for everyone-- keep an eye out for water-saving tips, challenges, crafts, and projects--and even some special give-a-ways! <https://www.evwatershed.org/events>
- Volunteer opportunity with our Elk Education and Outreach group during the upcoming calving season in late April/May.

Laurie Dale Marshall, EPNRC

This year's Shark Tank community grants process will open up their RFP later in April. The YIA group chooses all the criteria for awarding grants, so be looking for the criteria to apply!

Sue Yowell, Estes Park Learning Place

- The Estes Park Learning Place is now doing GED in person exams. Also we have set Thursday, May 13th at 6:00pm for our Annual fundraiser. We changed the name from the Community Wine Dinner to Community Happy Hour for Learning....watch for information.

- Nick Molle is filming the brewing process for Rock Cut's Le Deux Oreilles (the two ears) and I am going to throw the hops in! The brew is the name French Trappers called Mt Meeker and Longs Peak! The event will be virtual, but we plan to live stream (anyone who knows about doing that, please let me know). We will show the film of the brewing process and a film about the Learning Place as part of the event. We also hope to have people in break-out rooms mimicking tables for conversation....maybe a trivia game for part of the event.
- Tutoring is now happening in person in addition to online, with almost all of us now fully vaccinated. We joined Unite Colorado, a nonprofit effort to help organizations send and receive referrals, that launched last week.