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RE: Inclusivity Learning Opportunity

To support an increased awareness, skills building, and confidence around the area of inclusivity (gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation), EPNRC will offer a Learning Opportunity at each Partnership Network meeting. This could be a resource, a video, or a moment to share an experience. We all want to do our best and often don't know how to begin. In a recent inclusivity training, it was suggested to just be honest, ask for help, and don't allow fear of faltering keep you from trying. Addressing inclusivity within your organization could start with something as simple as a poster expressing inclusivity, intentionally adapting intake paperwork to reflect inclusivity (gender spectrum, for example, not just Mr., Mrs., Ms.), and/or adopting and posting online an inclusivity statement you and your board agree reflects your organization's values.

Today, we are sharing this video that takes a humorous look at learning about and leading the conversation around inclusivity as it relates to the birds and the bees.

<https://www.facebook.com/ComedyCentral/videos/401844330392149>

RE: Estes Volunteers

EPNRC is adapting its volunteer program, EstesVolunteers. We strive to connect volunteers with opportunities to serve with our partner Nonprofits.

- EPNRC received a grant from Village Thrift Shop that allowed us to pilot an online platform to make volunteer connections. Although robust in function and ability, it didn't really fit the needs of our community. We continue to see volunteers prefer to call or ask us directly for leads on volunteer opportunities. We saw during COVID that our community wants an efficient and comfortable, easy-to-access space to communicate and share online, primarily via Facebook. So, we have created a Facebook Page: [@estesvolunteers](#). This FB page allows YOU to self-post needs and volunteer opportunities and respond directly to volunteers that show interest. Please like this page! In addition to managing this page, EPNRC's Estes Volunteers program will also include:
 - monthly newsletter to volunteers in the community highlighting current opportunities
 - monthly newspaper articles to share current volunteer opportunities
 - designation as an organization that accepts volunteers on the EPNRC website list of nonprofits
 - education, opportunities, and support in volunteer training, recognition, and retention

“If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever.” — Kofi Annan

Erin Berryhill, EVICS Assistant Director

Chris Douglas has resigned as Executive Director of EVICS, Erin will be joining us. Nancy Almond is acting as interim Director until a new director is hired. Regular

programming will continue as usual. Childcare cohort went on hold with COVID, back on track. Goal is to recruit and train childcare providers in the area. Mountain Top preschool at Bennett at the YMCA will add an infant toddler room beginning in April.

EPNRC note: Childcare needs assessment will be presented next week to Town Trustees, will share next month with this group.

Tim Van Ryn, Crossroads Ministry

Starting a collaborative project called Snack Packs (an adaptation of a former school program that supported kids in families that have food insecurity, giving them food on Friday to get through the weekend). This will kick off March 12. Crossroads will acquire the food, deliver to EPNRC where volunteers will put together 20 packs of food.

In terms of services out of Crossroads, our biggest need continues to be rental assistance, first two months of Jan/Feb 2020 we gave out \$8k, Jan/Feb 2021 \$41k. Food is up about 7% YOY.

Wilynn Formeller, Estes Valley Watershed Coalition

EVWC is still working on projects with Estes community members to promote flood and wildfire resiliency. We are also working with the EV Fire District and the Town to update our Community Wildfire Protection Plan to make sure our community is prepared for any future wildfires.

Rosemary Jean, Estes Valley Crisis Advocates

All staff has both vaccines. Safe house continues to be open and advocates out on call.

Training new volunteers, some volunteer positions require training.

Collaborating with Library book clubs. Currently one room available at Safe House. A volunteer Eagle Scout is currently building a gazebo and basketball hoop outside the safehouse, currently fundraising through Go Fund Me.

Shawna Hendricks – NOCO Health Alliance

Continue to host open calls to register people for health insurance. Next event is Community Center, March 13, 10-3pm. Familia Adelente program is starting in April in conjunction with 30-40 families in the EP School District. Shawna is still at Crossroads on Mondays to survey and see what other needs might be met. Results of that survey will be shared with this group.

Kurtis Kelly, Estes Valley Library

One new item for checkout is wifi hot spots. It is a one week checkout, a device they can use to connect to wifi, it does need cell service. Take on the trail, on an adventure with a group. Chrome book laptops also available for checkout.

We are in tax season, AARP tax aid focus on serving low income and seniors with basic tax filing needs. Kudos to all for getting the ReFUND CO tax information out-opportunity for folks to give their tax refund back to local nonprofits.

Q: Is tax assistance available in Spanish?

A: Any clients that are Spanish speaking, a bilingual person is made available.

Denise Lord, Estes Valley Restorative Justice

Living Room Conversation with Estes Park Police Department tonight via the Library. Concurrent English and Spanish sessions.

Open to other conversations, currently talking to EP Schools about Inter-generational conversations.

Restorative Justice will offer new facilitator training, roughly 8 weeks, 2 hours a week. This training will prepare volunteers to engage in systems of repair for those who have been involved in crime or violence.

Restorative justice new facilitator

training: <https://forms.gle/7P69BYj5cGYHWNPOA>

EPNRC recently did a [*Nonprofits in the Neighborhood*](#) interview with Denise about Restorative Justice in the Trail Gazette.

Kevin Mullin, Estes Park Health

Currently people 65 and older are being vaccinated, teachers, day care, and first responders. If we can continue to get product, we will get that out that quickly as possible. We do not get the number of vaccines we request, but with new vaccines being approved, perhaps that situation will improve.

Estes Park Living facility is closing, there are currently 7 residents for whom the staff is helping to find new homes. Sometime this spring, that program will be completely wound down.

Q: What is the best source for can I get a vaccine and where?

A: EstesParkHealth.org is the best place to get most up-to-date information. Many links out depending on what the person's needs are.

Q: Is EP health still covering the cost of vaccines?

A: Yes, for people who are uninsured, the Foundation is underwriting the cost.

Q: Do we need to wait until our "stage" has been announced to get our name on the list?

A: You should sign up on the list, you can do that through our website, but what it will do is forward you to the county's site. That is where the information is housed. Once you fill that in, you will be contacted based on the availability. You can sign up any and everywhere you can.

Q: Is there a waitlist separate from the county list if there are cancellations?

A: No.

Q: What are you doing to reach out to Latino population?

A: EP Health is using website, newspapers and FB page to get word out. Also, partners such as school district and Town of Estes Park.

Q: Do you have to "have papers" to get the shot?

A: This question is not asked at EP Health?

Comment: Many of the Latinx elders are not that technology savvy, recommend going to the Catholic mass, fliers in laundromats, etc. If you truly want to reach Latinos, you have to go to where they are.

Kathy Whitacre Partners

The 18th Red Envelope Dinner at Mama Roses would have been this Thursday, 3/4/2021. We mailed out letters to our funders this year in lieu of an in person event. Here are the ways to make a donation: 1) Send a check payable to Partners to PO Box 484, Estes Park, CO 80517, and write RED 2021 in the memo line, 2) online at: PoweredbyPartners.org/Donate (Under what type of donation click on

Event Donation and under notes type in RED 2021) or 3) Call us at 970-825-7480 to make a donation over the phone using a credit card.

New employee will start next Monday in our Ft. Collins office to assist with administrative tasks for both our Operations Manager and for RAR Manger (Responsible Association Retailers). RAR chapters are formed by member businesses, including liquor stores, bars, restaurants, and dispensaries. RAR members are partners in a community-wide effort to reduce youth access to alcohol and cannabis to ensure a safe environment for those who are of the legal age to consume alcohol and cannabis. Nathan Dewey provides trainings and support to businesses.

Working on racial equity and education, here are some resources:

1) Hispanic Community Voices: The Impact of Covid-19

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVKUo7vHtRw&feature=youtu.be>

2) Celebrate Black History Month (free on website) by March 23rd

<https://www.pbs.org/articles/2021/02>

3) Uncle Tom: <https://www.uncletom.com>

4) Book we are all reading, *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo.

Donna Carlson, Chamber of Commerce

Current fundraiser for Chamber, Youth in Action, and a benefit to the Pet Association in memory of Carolyn Fairbanks, Pet Association founder: <https://www.gogophotocontest.com/epcoolestdog>

We are often acting as a clearinghouse for complaints about businesses. If you or anyone you know has an issue, do please let us know or speak to a business directly. The Chamber will follow up on complaints and it is an opportunity for us to be in touch with a specific business and see if there are needs with which we can assist. Anastacia Galloway at Inkwell and Brew invites our community to practice up on Spanish and get to know each other better, please join us the first Thursday of each month:

<https://business.esteschamber.org/events/details/spanish-conversation-at-inkwell-brew-03-04-2021-3243>

The Chamber has been growing. We are 20 members away from our goal of 270 member by March 30. Who do you know who wants to be part of building business and non-resiliency in our community. Have them contact Donna Carlson for information

Sue Yowell, EP Learning Place

First day back in the office. Been going through cancer, surgery and will soon start chemo treatment.

Partnering with EP Special Education for testing and hosting classroom space. As educators, we are getting vaccinated and hope that after spring break, we will have more in-person tutoring.

Partnering with HS to reach students who need to complete their GED.

John Loveall, St. Vrain Habitat for Humanity

16th house dedication: Home dedication will be at 1945 Grey Hawk. The event is scheduled for Tuesday 3/9 at 4:30 weather permitting. Social distancing and masks required. Please join us in celebrating this family coming home!

Buying new piece of property that will serve 5 new families.

Courtney Carrol, Estes Park School Counselor

United Way donated some snack packs so that all the counselors' offices have snacks for kids that might need it.

Lots of questions from students and staff about LGBTQ issues, bringing in a presenter March 16 to kick off education on this topic to a smaller group, then will turn that around to staff.

March 12 is the second round of vaccines for our staff.

Q: Is there a way the nonprofit partners can access the trainings?

A: Yes, the Alliance for Suicide Prevention team does the training and they are happy to do more.

Silen Wellington (they/them)

LGBTQ+ Outreach Coordinator

Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County

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Cell: (970)-481-4605

Colorado Crisis Services: 844-493-TALK (8255)

Morgan Riedesel, CO SLAW

In Estes on Tuesdays to meet with community members struggling with substance use to assist them in finding treatment options, groups, and other resources available to them. Goal is to hold a CRAFT group that focuses on coping skills and education for family members. Will be announcing more groups and resources. CRAFT is a 10-week series designed to:

Reduce a loved one's harmful substance use

Engage the user into treatment (or encourage continued treatment)

Teach Self-care for family members – emotional, physical, mental functioning independent of the substance user

And Improve relationships within the family to re-establish healthy connections.

Anyone is welcome at the sessions and you can choose to attend any or all the your schedule allows.

I also have the go-ahead to run a Naloxone training I just need to set a date and place. Again, I want to gauge community engagement and when/where will be the most impactful.

Kayla Evans, Volunteers of America Caregiver program

We connect volunteers with older adults with family caregivers. Our goal is to provide relief for the family caregivers. Looking to expand and grow in EP, we know the need is there.

EPNRC recently did a [Nonprofits in the Neighborhood](#) interview with Kayla about this program in the Trail Gazette.

Jose Almedia, Cultural Liason at EP School District

The District has hired 3 paraprofessionals to help the Latinx kids, amazing! One person per building. Trying to help close the gap between Latinx kids and other kids academically. This new support allows me to continue to reach out to families and participate in community meetings.