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JOIN US FOR THE AIDS QUILT MEMORIAL THIS AUGUST



This year's Festival for Life has been reimagined. After decades of support with the AIDS Walk Colorado, Colorado Health Network has decided to pivot and provide a space for reflection. This is a space to honor our past, present, and future with a candlelit memorial and tribute at the Cheesman Park Pavilion.

During the month of August we will still be fundraising with our Peer to Peer partners. Please see information below to learn more about our fundraising campaign. **You can find more information at coloradohealthnetwork.org.**

ZERO HIV STIGMA DAY IS JULY 21ST

July 21st marks Zero HIV Stigma Day, spearheading a movement and uniting people, communities, organizations, and entire countries to raise awareness and take action against HIV stigma, which reinforces and amplifies the HIV pandemic and related inequalities. HIV stigma refers to irrational or negative attitudes, behaviors, and judgments towards people living with or at risk of HIV.

Zero HIV Stigma Day is a joint initiative of NAZ and IAPAC in collaboration with the Global HIV Collaborative and Fast-Track Cities Institute. This day represents a movement to unite people, communities, and countries to help raise awareness about HIV stigma and learn about ways to help stop it.

This year's theme, "Beyond Labels: Redefining HIV Narratives," seeks to reshape perceptions, inspire empathy, and drive collective action toward a world free from HIV-related stigma. By amplifying diverse voices and stories, this day strives to create a more compassionate and inclusive society for all. Go to hiv.gov for additional information about Zero HIV Stigma Day



#ZEROHIVSTIGMADAY

UNLEASH YOUR SPIRITS AT THE 2024 BAR WARS: A COCKTAIL SHOWDOWN FOR A CAUSE!

Get ready to sip, savor, and support a fantastic cause at the 2024 Bar Wars, hosted by the Colorado Health Network (CHN)! On **September 15th from 3 PM to 6 PM**, Denver's top LGBTQ+ and allied bars will converge for an unforgettable afternoon of high-energy competition and innovative cocktails, all under the vibrant theme of Summer Field Day. All proceeds from the event will benefit CHN's programs and services.

Bartender Showdown: Watch as talented bartenders from your favorite local spots shake, stir, and pour their way to glory. This fast-paced contest will showcase their skills, creativity, and flair, promising a spectacle of mixology mastery with a playful twist.

Innovative Cocktails: Prepare your taste buds for a journey like no other. Participants will have the chance to sample a variety of unique and delicious cocktails, each crafted with passion and precision. From daring new concoctions to creative twists on classic favorites, there's something to tantalize every palate.

Vote for Your Favorite: Your voice matters! As you sample the diverse array of drinks, cast your vote for the cocktail that impresses you the most. The bartender with the highest number of votes will be crowned the champion of Bar Wars 2024.

Admission: Pre-sale Tickets are \$40, and tickets at the door are \$45. Tickets can be purchased at coloradohealthnetwork.org/events.

Date: September 15th, 2024 at 3 PM to 6 PM

Location: Tracks Denver, 3500 Walnut Street, Denver, CO 80205.



SCHN SUNSCREEN DRIVE EXTENDED THROUGH AUGUST

As the weather gets warmer and the sun gets brighter, Southern Colorado Health Network is extending our sunscreen drive into August!

We are looking for sunscreen donations and other summer hygiene supplies for our clients.

Play a part in our mission of meeting the evolving needs of individuals in Colorado living with and at risk of acquiring HIV by helping us meet their hygiene needs!

Place the donations in the boxes provided at the Southern Colorado Health Network offices in Pueblo and Colorado Springs and Hey719!

PRISM COMMUNITY COLLECTIVE PRIDE & WELLNESS LEARNING SERIES CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Prescribing Gender Affirming Hormone Therapy: FAQs & Case Studies

Patricia Bursnall, NP (she/her), Peak Vista

Get answers to commonly asked questions, hear example case studies, as well as the opportunity to share your own.

Location: Prism Community Collective (Zoom option also available)

Tuesday, July 16th, 6-7pm

Fight HIV Stigma Through Personal Action

Joseph McCormack (he/him), Community Liaison, Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Define the different forms of stigma and who is affected by it, discuss HIV stigma and how it impacts people living with HIV, learn about actions that can be taken to cope with stigma on a personal level, and discuss HIV disclosure and partner notification in the context of stigma.

Wednesday, July 17th, 6-7pm

HIV Basics

Joseph McCormack (he/him), Community Liaison, Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Location: Prism Community Collective

This workshop will give you a deeper understanding of HIV, HIV prevention, HIV testing, and living healthily with HIV.

Wednesday, August 21st, 6-7:30pm

PRISM COMMUNITY COLLECTIVE UPDATES

Drop-in hours are **Monday, 10 AM-2 PM** and **Wednesday, 3-7 PM**. Clients can speak with a peer navigator or specialist without an appointment. Appointment hours are **Monday-Friday 10 AM-7 PM**. Clients can book by either **emailing prism@prismcos.org** or filling out this online form, and a navigator will get in touch: **cosprismcollective.org/about-us/contact/**. There is a Club Q Virtual Support Group on **Thursday nights from 7 PM-8 PM**. HEY719 will be STI testing **every other Monday from 1-4 PM**. More events can be found at **cosprismcollective.org/events**.

DENTAL CARE IN PUEBLO AVAILABLE!

Dr. Webley, DDS, will be available at the Pueblo office **the second Tuesday** of each month. Dr. Webley will not be available in Pueblo office the month of August. **She will be returning to Pueblo Tuesday, September 10th.**

Howard Dental is taking appointments all day and would like to accommodate any Ryan White clients and participants. Anyone with Medicaid or private insurance is welcome to make an appointment with Howard Dental. Contact Howard Dental at 303-863-0772.

SOUTHERN COLORADO HEALTH NETWORK WELCOMES LEAH PATTON, THE NEW HEALTH ACCESS COORDINATOR



Hello! I'm Leah Patton, one of the new Health Access Program Coordinators. My education is in anthropology and public health, largely focused on community health. So far, my career has taken me from health promotion roles in higher ed to serving in the Peace Corps in Madagascar. Outside of work, you can find me buried in a good book, puttering around my garden, or exploring the trails with my pit bull Rigatoni. I'm excited to be on the team, and I look forward to working together!

DAVID ARROYOS IS OUR NEW BILINGUAL CASE MANAGER

Hello CHN team my name is David Emilio Arroyos. I am a transplant from El Paso, Texas. I have been in this lovely state for about 1.5 years and I do not plan to go back any time soon to the scorching desert. I have a BA in Psychology and have many years' experience in the social work realm. I have worked in behavioral health, human crisis, minors in need of help and finally here. I have always wanted to help my community (Hispanic and LGBTQ+) and I am finally able to do it. I really hope I can add my grain of sand to help end HIV stigma via education, and help the ones who are positive live a dignified life.



August 24th, 2024



Access Point Pueblo

Free, sterile supplies available for those who need them.

Tuesday & Thursday,
10:00am-12:00pm
&
1:30pm-4:00pm



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