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JOIN US FOR THE AIDS QUILT MEMORIAL THIS AUGUST



This year's Festival For Life: AIDS Walk Colorado has been reimagined. After decades of support with AIDS Walk Colorado, we have decided to pivot and provide a space for reflection, honoring our past, present, and future with a memorial tribute at the Cheesman Pavilion. CHN is honored to host the AIDS Quilt Memorial, a heartfelt event dedicated to honoring those we've lost to AIDS throughout the years. The Quilt is a powerful symbol of hope, healing, activism, and remembrance as we move through the fourth decade of the AIDS crisis.

> Please plan to join us: Date: August 29th

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 PM **Location:** Denver's Cheesman Park Pavilion

We need you! Throughout August, CHN will be joined by our partner agencies as we fundraise for HIV and harm reduction services across the state. Please register and join the Team CHN page here: https://secure.ggiv.com/event/2024-aids-memorial-virtual-walk/.

We know fundraising can be intimidating for some. Here's an easy way to raise \$100 in one day: Kick things off with a \$20 donation to your own campaign Ask two people you know to donate \$20 each to your campaign Ask four people you know to donate \$10 each to your campaign

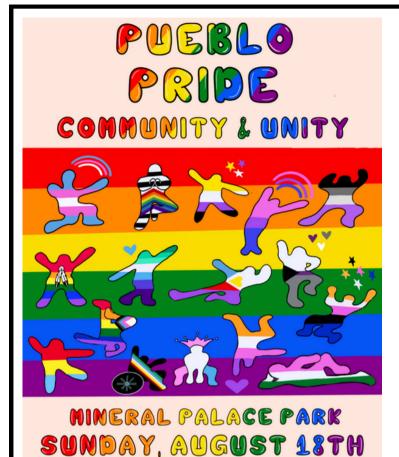
And that's \$100!

Thank you for supporting this year's Virtual AIDS Walk. Please reach out to a member of the Development Team with questions or for help to get started at 303.837.1501!

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10:30 - 4 PM



JOIN US FOR PUEBLO PRIDE!

Please join us for Pueblo Pride, Sunday, August 18th, 2024 in Mineral Palace Park!

No cost to attend Pueblo Pride.

10:30 AM is the parade!

11 AM is when the entertainment, food, vendors, and more are available!

To volunteer, please reach out to Southern Colorado Health Network Pueblo or go to socoequality.org.













SLV PRIDE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



August 23: From 4-6 PM in Cole Park, there will be a lowsensory Pre-Kickoff Reading Party. From 6-10 PM at the Rio Grande Farm Park, there will be a night of dancing and celebrating Pride weekend in the valley.

August 24: Dress up in your favorite Pride gear and get ready to march in the Pride Parade. Gather at the Alamosa Library parking lot and start walking at 10 AM.

August 24: The SLV Pridefest event will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 PM in Cole Park. This family-oriented event will have a DJ, drag, comedy, food, vendors and much more.

August 25: Enjoy a post Pridefest Drag Brunch at The San Luis Valley Brewing Co!

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HAPPY HOUR Benefitting Northern Colorado Health Network

Thursday, September 5th 5:30 OM

Fort Collins, CO - The Agave Room at the Rio

Join us for a fantastic evening to benefit our Northern Colorado community!

Happy Hour & hors d'oeuvres Healthcare Advocate Award Update on programs and services Silent auction Opportunities to support our work Community, new friends, and fun!



You can purchase tickets online at coloradohealthnetwork.org Each ticket includes one drink and hors d'oeuvres...and lots of fun!

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.

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

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

Admission: Pre-sale Tickets are \$40, and tickets at the door are \$45.

> Tickets can be purchased at coloradohealthnetwork.org/events



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WELCOME MADISON TO HEALTH ACCESS

Hi! I recently started at CHN as a Statewide Health Access Program Coordinator. I'm relocating to Colorado Springs after two years in Gunnison, where I earned my Master's Degree in Behavioral Science and Rural Community Health from Western Colorado University. I received my B.A. in Biology and Political Science from Luther College before that, and am originally from Iowa. I've previously worked in mental health services/research for rural youth and older adults, and am very excited to build skills supporting health access for clients in Southern Colorado. I'm happy to be here and looking forward to learning more about CHN and CO Springs this summer!



WELCOME DIAMOND AS A NEW MEDICAL CASE MANAGER



Hey CHN. I'm Diamond (he/them/hers), I'm back, and I'm now a Medical Case Manager in the Colorado Springs office. I was previously the Medical Case Management Program Assistant in the Denver office.

I'm also the Founder & President of The Luis Sepulveda Organization and a Student at Southern New Hampshire University. I'm studying for my Bachelor Of Science In Human Resource Management.

AUGUST 31 IS INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY



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International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) is observed each year on August 31st. IOAD is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, remember without sigma those who have died from overdose, and acknowledge the grief of family and friends left behind.

The IOAD 2024 theme is "Together we can," highlighting the power of our community when we all stand together. **To learn more about IOAD, visit www.overdoseday.com**

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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