

**Information about other Colorado Family Organizations**  
**In Partnership with the Colorado Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health**

**AURORA PROJECT BLOOM FAMILY GROUP** – contact Kari Pace Murdoch for more information at 720.747.1350

**EL PASO PROJECT BLOOM FAMILY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM** – contact Ann Stager at 719.578.3283 for more information.

**FAMILIES UNITED** – Clear Creek County. We are a family organization that works with youth who have behavioral, emotional, or mental health issues and are involved with or at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system and their families. We provide wraparound services, resources, support, advocacy, and a parent forum that meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The last meeting of the month is a training relating to issues that parents face when parenting challenging children. For more information or to receive our monthly newsletter please contact Debbie Turnham at 303.619.1406.

**FAMILY AGENCY COLLABORATION** – Denver – One of the biggest battles we face is getting families connected to others in the community that are outside of the traditional realm of services. Another challenge is connecting youth and families with the correct match in resources and services within a time frame that benefits the interest of the youth and family.

Family Agency Collaboration (FAC) seeks to connect family advocacy organizations, agencies, community based, faith-based agencies, individuals to provide a more collaborative approach to the spectrum of mental health and other services. For more information, contact Deborah Ward-White at 303.504.1500.

**FREMONT COUNTY PROJECT BLOOM FAMILY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM** - Contact Lynda Alger or Michelle Strait at 719.275-2351 for more information.

**FT. COLLINS** – Contact Libby Stoddard at 970.227.7196 for more information.

**GRAND JUNCTION FEDERATION OF FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH** meets Mondays at the U. S. Bank, 422 White Ave. in the basement. Meeting time is 12 to 2. Advocacy, education and support for families raising children with mental, emotional or behavioral disorders. We have a therapist who joins us every other week to assist our families. Love & Logic tapes are watched upon request, along with other parenting programs. We also provide phone support as needed. Our group includes 2 Family Nexus Group Facilitators, 2 Mental Health Center board members and 2 Trained Family Peer Specialists. Call Jenni Stansberry @ 464-7993 for information

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY AFFILIATE OF THE COLORADO FEDERATION ANNUAL REPORT**

We meet regularly the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 3:30 to 5:00. Our present focus is impacting public policy.

We responded to County policy issues as follows:

(1) We participated in the Youth Services Improvement Initiative (YSII) Grant by giving family voice at the meetings. We were instrumental in getting system of care and family driven principles into the YSII planning and policy directives.

(2) We attended "talking lunches" for the System of Care Grant for the Child Protection Division of Human Services System of Care Grant and made contacts to pave the way for our participation in other areas as the Grant progresses.

And:

(3) We responded individually and collectively to State policy issues as they came up. Further, in conjunction with the Kinship Care Support Group, we invited State Senator Moe Keller to speak to us on bills as they relate to children's issues.

We had information and contact tables at the "Helping Kids Thrive" conferences hosted by Jefferson Center for Mental Health and the Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health Care Committee meetings and trainings.

We continue to support and facilitate the Kinship Care Support Group of Jefferson County providing child care for the monthly meetings. Holly Baughman, Patient Advocacy Coalition, presented a training on "Where to go for help if your insurance is not giving you the benefits you think you deserve".

We participated in May is Mental Health Month by individually placing books and information in neighborhood schools and libraries.

We also began to participate in the Tri-County Youth Council and will continue through the next fiscal year. Contact Beverly Solomon at 303.248.3246 for more information.

**JEFFCO FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK**, a project of the Colorado Nonprofit Development Center, is an organization that provides Wraparound services, leadership training and support groups for families raising children with emotional, mental and behavioral issues in Jefferson County. For more information or to receive a copy of the monthly newsletter, call Luisa at 303-425-4603.

We are holding two small fundraising events. May 18th, Barnes and Nobel is holding a book event with a portion of the proceeds from all books sold that night, coming to JFSN. Please join us at the store on 14347 West Colfax. We are also planning a garage sale Saturday, June 18 and are seeking donated items to sell and volunteers to help with the event.

Monthly family empowerment training is being offered to JFSN families and others interested. The next training is on Wednesday, April 27th on Providing Peer Support. If you would like to attend or to be on our newsletter list, please RSVP to Luisa at 303-425-4603.

