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COCAF News

Important News in This Edition!

Next month, the COCAF e-newsletter will coming to you in a completely different format, so look for our new, improved newsletter coming to your email inbox on September 30th!

Donate Today

COCAF has three simple ways you can donate:

1. Go to <http://www.cocaf.org> and click on the Donate Now button on the upper right corner of the screen. **COCAF will receive 100% of your donation.**
2. Go to the Facebook causes website at <http://apps.facebook.com/causes/419195> and click on the green DONATE button. COCAF will receive your donation minus a small Facebook processing fee.
3. If you don't want to donate online, just mail your check to:
COCAF
5702 West 114th Place
Westminster, CO 80020-6831

COCAF Services

If you are in need of COCAF's services or just want to pass on some information, you may email Deborah Cave, Executive Director, at deborah.cave@cocaf.org.

COCAF Newsletter

If you have items you think would be appropriate for the COCAF newsletter, please forward those items to colleen.tarket@cocaf.org by the 20th of the month for consideration for the next month.

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The purpose of the COCAF newsletter is to provide families with potential resources. These newsletters are for general informational purposes only and shall not constitute legal, medical, psychiatric, educational, or parenting advice. COCAF does not recommend or endorse any specific provider of services, book, or website.

Upcoming Events

Governor Candidates Forum

Date: September 14, 2010, time TBD

All the candidates for Colorado Governor will be invited to address the disability community on the issues that you find most important. To receive an email about the time and location of the event, go to <http://lists.ccdconline.org/listinfo.cgi/alerts-ccdconline.org> and sign up to receive the Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition's Members Alert list emails.

PBS Adoption Documentaries

PBS will be broadcasting a series of documentaries about adoption in the coming weeks as a part of their Point of View (POV) series.

The first is ***First Person Plural***, which was aired on August 10, is the story of a woman adopted in the 1960s from Korea and what happened as she began to remember her birth family. The PBS website describes it as "a poignant essay on family, loss and the reconciling of two identities." This show is available online until September 11, 2010. [Click here](#) to go to the show.

The second will be ***Wo Ai Ni (I Love You) Mommy***, which is first scheduled to air on August 31, 2010, and will be streaming online from September 1, 2010, through November 30, 2010. [Click here](#) to go to the PBS website. It is the story of an 8 year-old girl adopted from China by an American family. The story is told through the eyes of the little girl as she struggles with her new identity after leaving her foster family and culture behind.

Off and Running is the third offering in the POV series. It is scheduled to first air on **September 7, 2010**. This story is about a young African-American woman adopted transracially and her struggles with her identity and her estrangement from black culture.

The final offering is ***In The Matter of Cha Jung Hee*** which is scheduled to first air on **September 14, 2010**. This documentary is another story about a Korean woman who was adopted in the 1960s and her search to find the truth about her past.

To learn more visit: www.pbs.org/pov/adoption

Wait No More Event

Date: Saturday, September 18, 2010, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Grace Chapel, 8505 S Valley Hwy, Englewood, CO 80112

Sponsored by: Focus on the Family

Interested in adopting from foster care? Attend this local event to learn more. For more information or to register online, go to <http://www.icareaboutorphans.org/Colorado.aspx>.

Health Care Expansion Population Stakeholder Conference

Presented by: The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

September 22	Fort Morgan	Clarion Inn
September 30	Steamboat Springs	Sheraton Steamboat Resort
October 7	Montrose	Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
October 13	Lafayette	Imagine! Conference Center
October 21	Gunnison	Quality Inn
November 4	Trinidad	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
November 9	Colorado Springs	Double Tree Hotel

Learn about the new Medicaid expansion programs and the current status of their development. There will be opportunity for attendees to share their thoughts and feedback about the programs. The Medicaid expansion programs to be discussed at this conference are for adults without dependent children up to 100% FPL, working adults with disabilities, and children with disabilities.

These conferences are intended for any family member, advocate, provider, or staff member interested in learning about the new Medicaid expansion programs. If you are unable to attend in person or if the sessions are full, you will have the option to call in. Information about calling in will be provided closer to the meeting date.

Conference topics include:

- Expansion Program for Adults without Dependent Children up to 100% FPL
- Medicaid Buy-In Program for Adults with Disabilities
- Medicaid Buy-In Program for Children with Disabilities
- Resources and Information for working adults with disabilities in need of public assistance and the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG)
- Department outreach efforts targeting the expansion populations

For more information: Go to outreach@hcpf.state.co.us

Register: <http://hcpftraining.gosignmeup.com/>

DCAC's Casino Royale

Date: Saturday, October 16, 2010, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: EXDO Event Center, 1399 35th Street, Denver, CO 80205

Have an unforgettable evening of Bond-style glamour and thrills as the Denver Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC) honors and celebrates founder and champion, Matt Hogan. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, live and silent auctions, games, and surprises. Proceeds from this gala event directly support the work of DCAC in our greater community to prevent abuse, strengthen families, and restore childhood.

[Click here](#) to register.

2010 Education Conference: Path to Excellence

Presented by: Colorado State Foster Parent Association (CSFPA)

Date: Wednesday, October 20 - Friday, October 22, 2010

Location: Beaver Run Resort & Conference Center

Conference registration must be completed and paid by **October 8** to avoid the \$35 late registration fee. Conference scholarship applications are due by **September 30**.

For more information, to view the conference brochure, and to register online, visit:

<http://www.csfpa.org/mc/page.do?sitePagelD=116804>.

For additional questions, please contact the CSFPA office at 303-463-7989 or email

office@csfpa.org.

Pieces of My Heart

2010 Adoption Exchange Fantasy Ball

Date: Saturday, November 20, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Location: The Donald R. Seawell Grand Ballroom

Entertainment will be provided by the Jakarta Band. Enjoy cocktails and a silent auction with dinner; live auction and dancing to follow. Visit The Adoption Exchange website for event updates or [click here](#) to sign-up to receive Fantasy Ball email updates.

Tickets: \$175 Individual; \$250 Patron; \$125 Young Professionals; \$3,000 Table Sponsor

2011 NACAC Conference in Denver

Don't miss the 37th annual conference of the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC) in Denver, Colorado from August 3 to 6, 2011 (preconference sessions August 3; full conference August 4 to 6). The NACAC conference—the most comprehensive adoption conference in North America—will feature close about 80 workshops by expert professionals and parents addressing a wide variety of topics.

To put your name on a list to receive a conference announcement in January 2011, contact NACAC at info@nacac.org or 651-644-3036. To learn more, visit www.nacac.org.

Time Sensitive Information

It's Not Too Late - Families for Older Youth

The Voice for Adoption Portrait Project is looking for Colorado families in districts 2, 3, and 4 (see links below to see if you are in one of these districts) to share their stories of older (9 yrs+) child adoption. Your family photograph would be displayed in the Washington DC office of one of Colorado's United States Senators and Representatives to help raise awareness and understanding in Congress about adoption from foster care. To see if you are in one of these districts, click on the links below:

CO-2: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/findyourreps.xpd?state=CO&district=2>

CO-3: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/findyourreps.xpd?state=CO&district=3>

CO-4: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/findyourreps.xpd?state=CO&district=4>

For more information, go to [Voice for Adoption](#).

NACAC Call for Proposals

If you can help parents, professionals, and advocates gain skills and knowledge, consider presenting at NACAC's 37th annual conference on August 4–6, 2011 (preconference August 3), in Denver, Colorado. Until October 15, 2010, NACAC encourages adoptive and foster parents, child welfare professionals, adoptees, birth parents, former foster youth, researchers, therapists, and other child advocates to submit workshop and institute proposals for the 2011 conference. Three-hour institutes will take place on Thursday, August 4. Workshops of 90 or 120 minutes will be scheduled from Thursday morning through Saturday.

For more information, please [click here](#).

Survey: Children with ADHD

If your school-aged child (1st through 8th grade) has difficulty with paying attention at school or at home, please take approximately 15 minutes to fill out this survey online. No data is collected directly from your child and all responses are kept confidential. After you have completed the survey, the researcher will also be able to contact your child's teacher from the most recent school year to provide data online as well.

If you are interested, contact Sarah Davis, University of Southern Mississippi Doctoral Student, Principal Investigator with a brief email (sarahellendavis@gmail.com) or phone call (662-386-4620) stating your interest and she will contact you with a link to the survey. Parents and teachers who complete the surveys will have the opportunity to win a small gift card through a raffle at the end of the project.

Training Opportunities

Classroom Training

Developmental Repair: "Never Get Between the Kid and the Door"

Presented by: The Adoption Exchange/COPARC

Trainer: Heidi Hendricks

Date: Thursday, September 2, 2010, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Logan County DHS, 508 S. 10th Ave., Sterling, CO 80751

In this workshop, participants will learn:

- Why children from the "system" do not respond to adults the way "other" kids do
- How to be a proactive force for healing of abuse and trauma in a child's life
- To identify and fill in developmental gaps
- Interventions that work

Trainer Heidi Hendricks has over 25 years of experience working with youth and families. She was a foster parent for many years, as well as a Clinical Therapist and Residential Program Director specializing in working with high risk children and families.

For more information: Tanya Hammar 303-755-4756 (toll free 1-800-451-5246) or email tanya@adoptex.org.

Cost: Class fee is \$5.00. Fee is waived for parents who have finalized adoptions through the child welfare system. Participants are welcome to bring their own snack and/or beverage.

To register: Go to <http://www.adoptex.org/site/Calendar?view=Detail&id=106442>

Brain Integration Therapy

Presented by: Colorado Post-Adoption Resource Center (COPARC)

Trainer: Jaynee Hodgkins, RN, BSN, PhN

Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2010, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: The Adoption Exchange, 14232 East Evans Avenue, Aurora, CO 80014

This class will help you:

- Find out how you and your child are wired to learn and to deal with stress.
- Learn exercises to get all parts of the brain “talking” so that learning and coping are less of a stressor.
- Receive parenting tools for raising your spirited or especially sensitive child.

Trainer Jaynee Hodgkins, RN, BSN, PhN, is a nurse who likes to look at medicine from a holistic approach. Jaynee has been providing Brain Integration Therapy for kids from age 3 to 83 for several years, helping them in the areas such as ADD, dyslexia, writing problems, and emotional issues.

Class size is limited, so register early. Participants are welcome to bring their own snacks and beverages.

For more information: Tanya Hammar 303-755-4756 (toll free 1-800-451-5246) or email tanya@adoptex.org.

Cost: \$5; fee is waived for parents who have finalized adoptions through the Child Welfare System, and registration preference is given to these families.

Register: <http://www.adoptex.org/site/Calendar?view=Detail&id=106502>

From Emotions to Advocacy

Presented by: Autism Society of Boulder

Trainer: Pat Howey, Paralegal & Advocate

Date: Saturday, October 2, 2010, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: A Spice of Life Event Center, Flatirons Golf Course
5706 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, Colorado 80303

A 6-hour conference for parents and others who want to better advocate for their loved ones affected by autism spectrum disorders.

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Pat Howey is a legal advocate who has helped parents obtain special education services for their children with disabilities since 1986. She also helps parents resolve special education disputes with their school districts. Pat has a B.A. in Paralegal Studies and is an active member of the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA).

Ticket price includes the "From Emotions to Advocacy" book, a \$20 value.

Cost: \$85 (includes lunch) or \$100 if you want to receive 6 hours of Continuing Education Units (0.6 CEUs)

Register: <http://www.autismboulder.org/conference.php>

Foster Care, Kinship Care, and Adoption in Schools

Presented by: Colorado Post-Adoption Resource Center (COPARC)

Date: Friday, September 24, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: The Adoption Exchange, 14232 East Evans Avenue, Aurora, CO 80014

This training will:

- Increase understanding of the varied needs of families formed through foster care, kinship care, and adoption.
- Increase awareness of the effect of assignments and coursework on children from these backgrounds
- Increase knowledge of the impact of trauma and loss on the student's ability to learn
- Help to establish an "adoption friendly" environment in the schools
- Create a teamwork approach to meeting the diverse needs of students
- Decrease disruption in the classroom
- Provide strategies that work

For more information: Tanya Hammar 303-755-4756 (toll free 1-800-451-5246) or email tanya@adoptex.org.

Cost: Free. Lunch will **not** be provided. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch, snacks, and drinks.

Register: <http://www.adoptex.org/site/Calendar?view=Detail&id=106441>

Understanding and Meeting the Unique Needs of Foster and Adoptive Families and Their Children

Presented by: Colorado Post-Adoption Resource Center (COPARC)

Trainer: Denise Leffingwell, MSW, LCSW

Date: Friday, September 24, 2010, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Knippenberg, Patterson, & Associates, 2833 S. Colorado Blvd, #2445, Denver

This introductory class will highlight:

- Child development issues and emotional conflicts in the life of a child moving through the foster care system to adoption
- Psycho-social issues, diagnosis, and treatment of a child who was adopted
- Post-placement support and treatment services for the adoptive family
- Strategies to address the special challenges of the adoptive family

Trainer Denise Leffingwell, MSW, LCSW, has over 10 years experience in social work.

Cost: Free to professionals who work with adoptive and foster families. Attendees must provide their own breakfast, lunch, snacks, and drinks.

To register: Contact Tanya Hammar by email at Tanya@adoptex.org or by phone at 303-755-4756 or 1-800-451-5246.

Sexual Health for Foster Care Children and Adolescents

Presented by: Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS)

Date: Monday, October 4, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: University of Denver, Craig Hall Room 417

This half-day day training will cover information on normal sexual development in children and adolescents, how to work effectively with medical and mental health professionals regarding your child's sexual development, identifying how a sexually abused foster child can affect your family, and strategies for supporting your child with issues related to sexual development and sexuality.

Register: www.cdhsacademy.com

Helping Children Cope: How Foster and Adoptive Parents Can Reduce Child Trauma During Placement Moves

Presented by: Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS)

Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: The Adoption Exchange, 14232 East Evans Avenue, Aurora, CO 80014

This 3-hour course helps foster and adoptive parents work with children to reduce the fear, anxiety, and trauma of a new placement. It includes information on:

- Affect of loss and multiple placements on a child's development
- Special needs of children who are moved on an emergency basis
- How to help a child deal with his fears and anxieties about placement
- Timetable of steps that help reduce the unintentional trauma caused by a child's transition from one home to another

Register: www.cdhsacademy.com

Developmental Consequences of Child Maltreatment

Presented by: Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS)

Date: Friday, October 8, 2010, 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m.

Location: Kempe Center, 3123 E. 16th Ave, Aurora

Foster parents will find this training useful in that it will help them conceptualize how a child's history contributes to current functioning; foster parents will be able to identify how behavior is shaped by the interplay of developmental tasks and experience and devise care giving experiences that provide a corrective developmental experience for the child.

This 1-day course will cover normal and abnormal child development, including:

- Research findings on the developmental consequences of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional neglect
- Theoretical models for understanding consequences of maltreatment
- Intervention strategies and their effectiveness
- Relationship between developmental consequences of maltreatment and treatment planning

Register: www.cdhsacademy.com

Adolescent Development

Presented by: Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS)

Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 8:30-4:30 p.m.

Location: Tivoli Student Union, Room 329, 900 Auraria Parkway, Denver, CO 80204

This 1-day workshop will provide a framework for abnormal adolescent development, and will include a discussion on risk factors, as well as a brief review of normal adolescent development. The workshop will focus on assessing adolescents for delayed development, and determining at what developmental age the adolescent is currently functioning. A portion of the training will focus on the recent research regarding the impact of trauma on brain development, and will provide strategies for caseworkers to use this information in their interactions with adolescent clients.

Register: www.cdhsacademy.com

Mental Health for Children in Placement: A Parent's Guide to the World of Medications, Mental and Behavioral Health

Presented by: Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS)

Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **(Part 1)**

Thursday, October 28, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **(Part 2)**

Location: University of Denver; Craig Hall, Community Room

This 2-day course will enable participants to understand the diagnostic criteria for the most common mental health disorders of children as defined by the DSM-IV. Participants will become familiar with the medications most frequently utilized for children with these mental health conditions. This workshop will also illustrate the relationship among mental health conditions, treatment interventions, and medications prescribed in a realistic and practical manner.

Register: www.cdhsacademy.com

Webinars

Helping Young Adults Navigate the Mental Health System

Presented by: National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and [This Emotional Life](#)

Moderator: Maryann Davis, Ph.D.

Date: **Wednesday, September 1st from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. Mountain Time**

The webinar will focus on the following topics:

- Where young adults living with mental health conditions can turn to for resources, services and support
- Firsthand accounts of young adults and their experiences in the treatment system
- What you can do to ensure that your young adult is receiving the help that's needed

Moderator Maryann Davis Ph.D. is a research associate professor at University of Massachusetts Medical School Center for Mental Health Services Research and a nationally recognized expert on services and supports for young adults with significant mental health needs during the transition to adulthood. Panelists include:

- Dana Markey – Program coordinator for the NAMI Child and Adolescent Action Center and [StrengthofUs.org](#)
- Wesley Kittel - young adult and [StrengthofUs.org](#) Expert Advisory Group member
- Elyse Hunt - young adult and NAMI Peer-to-Peer Mentor and Connections Facilitator

Register:

http://thisemotionallife.mv.treehousei.com/webinars/201008/mental_health_signup.html.

Adoption/Kinship/Foster Information

Planning to Adopt? Adoption Tax Credit May Help

Public Law 111.148, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, was signed into law on March 23, 2010. Section 10909 of the Act extended the Adoption Tax Credit for one more year (January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011) and expanded the program in two ways:

- For tax year 2010, the amount of the credit was increased from \$12,170 to \$13,170 per child with a finalized adoption.
- For tax year 2011, the amount of the credit will be a minimum of \$13,170 (it may be indexed for inflation).

The credit was made refundable for all types of adoption for tax years 2010 and 2011. [Click here](#) to read more.

Legislative News

Bill Extends Assistance for Medicaid & Title IV-E

President Obama signed legislation (HR 1586) that would continue heightened federal payments to states for Medicaid. The additional assistance provides \$16.1 billion to states through a continued adjustment to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP).

To read the complete *Washington Insider* story, go to: <http://unca-acf.org/insider/?p=552>.

To read more from other sources, go to: <http://www.healthleadersmedia.com/content/FIN-254950/26-Billion-FMAP-Extension-Bill-Signed-into-Law> or <http://coloradoindependent.com/59482/ritter-thanks-congress-for-fmap-extension-lamborn-derides-the-act>.

Mental Health

National TA Center for Children's Mental Health 2010 Conference Call Series

The National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health, at the Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development, is again sponsoring a series of topical calls. The conference calls cover important and emerging trends in the mental health field. Presentations from expert resource persons are followed by open discussion in order for all participants to ask questions and enrich the conversation.

Conference calls are held the third Thursday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time. Long distance charges may apply.

Visit the link below for registration information and the full 2010 calendar of calls.

<http://gucchdtacenter.georgetown.edu/resources/2010calls.html>

September 16, 2010, 3:00 - 4:30 PM M.D.T.

Designing a Recovery-Oriented Care Model for Adolescents and Transition Age Youth with Substance Use or Co-Occurring Mental Health Disorders

This webinar will highlight the work of a consultative session of experts and key stakeholders convened by SAMHSA to identify the essential elements of a system of care that promotes and provides services and supports that facilitate resilience and recovery for youth with substance use or co-occurring mental health disorders. Essential elements of a recovery-oriented model include values and principles, services and supports, and system infrastructure to implement effective, community-based, integrated systems across substance use and mental health. Community examples that bring together substance use and mental health systems will be highlighted.

Resources

Funds for Adoptive Families

The Colorado Post-Adoption Resource Center (COPARC) has funds available for post-adoptive families; COPARC can provide up to \$500 per child adopted through the child welfare system for qualifying needs.

For guidelines and funding applications, go to:

http://www.adoptex.org/site/PageServer?pagename=adoption_post_coparc_funding.

Funded through the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program, Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Welfare, in partnership with The Adoption Exchange.

Parents of Adults with Disabilities in CO (PAD-CO)

Since July 2002, PAD-CO, a group of parents, guardians, and persons in a parental role of individuals with disabilities who are adults or approaching adulthood have been discussing mutual concerns and have been advocating as parents and as a group for their children.

Discussions range from what services the particular waivers provide, Consumer Directed Attendant Services, alternative living models for adults, sexuality, waiting lists, interacting with systems, frustrations, successes, medical and hospitalizations, understanding a VERY complex adult system, vocational rehabilitation, and a broad variety of issues.

Advocacy successes have included a major change in how the SIS was administered, getting DDD to change from an assessment specifically excluding parents to one that must include parents; interactions with numerous legislators in furthering bills such as "The Taxpayer Accountability Act of 2010," one-on-one meetings with top administrators of the DDD system, testimony to legislative committees, letters and documents to Interim Committees, participation in numerous state-wide committees and similar activities.

PAD-CO has a great quarterly luncheon where you get to meet people and put faces to names. To participate in PAD-CO, send an email to padcoweb@aol.com stating that you are the parent of an adult (or near adult) with a disability.

There are parents on PAD-CO with over 40 years of experience with interacting with systems, and with backgrounds from law to having worked in the system to education to professional advocates.

The waiting list for services is long and difficult to traverse. Now is the time to get educated and share your knowledge, and learn your options.

For more information, the PAD-CO website is <http://www.ourwebs.info/indexpad.htm>.

Website Topics

This section contains the headings from some of the previous COCAF newsletter items. Rather than reprint these items in every newsletter, we're providing the name of the article and a link to the information on the COCAF website.

- Adoption-Related Information http://www.cocaf.org/adoption_topics
Adoption Exchange Support Groups Listing <http://www.cocaf.org/support>
Adoptive Families Denver <http://www.cocaf.org/adoptive>
COPARC <http://www.cocaf.org/coparc>
Encouraging Adoption and Helping Families: The Case for Refocusing Federal Funding on Post-Adoption Services
<http://voice-for-adoption.org/downloads/VFA%20postadopt%20paper%20FINAL%207.9.09.pdf>
Foster Care and Adoption Self-Assessment Guide <http://www.cocaf.org/adoption-foster>
Income Taxes & Adoption <http://www.cocaf.org/tax>
Larimer County Alliance for Grandfamilies (LCAG) <http://www.cocaf.org/kinship-larimer>
Starting/ Managing Parent Support Groups
<http://nysccc.org/family-supports/parent-groups/parent-group-management/>
Supporting Children Exposed to Violence <http://endabuse.org/content/features/detail/1314/>
- Adoption Subsidy Information <http://www.cocaf.org/subsidies>
Colorado Subsidy Information <http://www.cocaf.org/adoption-subsidy>
Expanding Title IV-E Adoption Assistance <http://www.cocaf.org/adoption-titleiv>
NACAC Report on Adoption Subsidies <http://www.cocaf.org/adoption-nacac-report>
National Subsidy Information <http://www.cocaf.org/adoption-national>
- Conference Calls/Discussion Boards <http://www.cocaf.org/current-conference>
Child Welfare League of America <http://www.cocaf.org/conference-welfare>
Conscious Connections Talk Radio <http://www.cocaf.org/conference-conscious>
"Listening to Parents" Project Discussion Board <http://www.cocaf.org/conference-listening>
NAMI Children's Conference Calls <http://www.cocaf.org/conference-nami>
- Education <http://www.cocaf.org/education-menu>
Casey "Foster Parent College" Scholarships <http://www.cocaf.org/scholarships-casey>
Expanded Access to College Financial Aid for Former Foster Youth <http://www.cocaf.org/college-aid>
Foster Youth Internship (FYI) Program <http://www.cocaf.org/youth-internship>
Mobility Issues & Special Education <http://www.cocaf.org/mobility>
Online Educational Advocacy Resource <http://www.cocaf.org/edu-advocacy>
Parents of Adults with Disabilities <http://www.cocaf.org/edu-parents>
Reducing Behavior Problems in the Classroom <http://www.cocaf.org/behavior-problems>
Spanish-Language Child Welfare Resources <http://www.cocaf.org/edu-spanish>
- Financial Assistance & Information <http://www.cocaf.org/financial>
Financial Classes <http://www.cocaf.org/financial-classes>
LEAP <http://www.cocaf.org/financial-leap>
United Way's 2-1-1 Service <http://www.cocaf.org/financial-united>
- Health Care <http://www.cocaf.org/healthcare>
Denver Options <http://www.cocaf.org/health-denver>
EPSDT: What It Is & Why It Is Important to Behavior Health Providers? <http://www.cocaf.org/epsdt>

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UHCCF Grants for Child Health Care Services <http://www.cocaf.org/health-uhccf>

Legislative Information <http://www.cocaf.org/laws>

Colorado Child Welfare Action Committee <http://www.cocaf.org/legislation-cowelfare>
Emancipation Documents Colorado Legislation <http://www.cocaf.org/legislation-upcoming>
Nebraska Safe Haven Law <http://www.cocaf.org/legislative-nebraska>
Voice for Adoption Child Welfare Legislation Information <http://www.cocaf.org/voice>

Mental Health Care <http://www.cocaf.org/mental-health>

Attention Deficient Disorder Association (ADDA) <http://www.cocaf.org/mental-adda>
Autistic Children: ZAC Browser: Zone for Autistic Children <http://www.cocaf.org/mental-zac>
CHART: Children's Help and Assistance for Residential Treatment <http://www.cocaf.org/mental-chart>
Considering Residential Treatment Programs for Children <http://www.cocaf.org/mental-residential>
COPARC Therapist Database <http://www.cocaf.org/mental-nami>
E.R.I.C. Program <http://www.cocaf.org/mental-eric>
Guide on Bipolar Disorder in Children and Teens <http://www.cocaf.org/mental-bipolar>
Mental Health Websites <http://www.cocaf.org/mental-websites>
NAMI Connections Link <http://www.cocaf.org/mental-nami>
NAMI Guide to Crisis Intervention Programs for Youth <http://www.cocaf.org/nami-crisis>
New Parents and Teachers as Allies Resources <http://www.cocaf.org/mental-allies>
Resources for Youth With a Parent or Sibling Living with a Mental Illness
<http://www.cocaf.org/nami-resources>
Therapeutic Services for Jefferson County Victims <http://www.cocaf.org/mental-therapeutic>
Treatment of Children with Mental Disorders
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/treatment-of-children-with-mental-disorders/index.shtml>

Services & Resources <http://www.cocaf.org/community>

C.A.S.E. Adoption-Related Services <http://www.cocaf.org/services-case>
Disability Information www.disability.gov
Family Unification Program Housing Choice Vouchers <http://www.cocaf.org/fup>
Grandfamilies State Law & Policy Resource Center <http://www.cocaf.org/grandfamilies>
Kinship Program at Catholic Charities <http://www.cocaf.org/kinship-catholic>
Respite Care Services <http://www.cocaf.org/respice-care>
Respite: Give Me a Break Respite Program <http://www.cocaf.org/respice-break>

Training Resources <http://www.cocaf.org/trainers>

COCAF Calendar <http://www.cocaf.org/event/2009/04/30/month/all/all/1>
Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) <http://www.cocaf.org/trainers>
Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute <http://www.cocaf.org/trainers>
Foster Parent College (FPC) <http://www.cocaf.org/trainers>
Washington Learning Systems Website <http://www.cocaf.org/training-washington>