

2011 Funded Programs

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INCREASING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Center for Independence (241-0315) **New Horizons Vocational Center** -promotes community solutions and assists people with disabilities of all kinds to live and work independently. **Direct Services**- Works to promote community solutions and to empower individuals with disabilities to live independently.

Child and Migrant Services (464-5226) **Hospitality Center** -provides and coordinates community services for migrant and settled farm workers and their families in Mesa County. **Programa Promoviendo Buena Salud**-provides outreach and education to promote overall well-being among farm workers in Mesa County.

Colorado Discover Ability (257-1222) provides adaptive, integrated outdoor recreation for people with disabilities, and their families.

Community Food Bank (no phone, 486 Morning Glory Lane) provides a nutritionally balanced, three-day emergency meal supply for Mesa County residents who are temporarily unable to provide for themselves.

Doors 2 Success (245-0388) **Calling Mesa County Home**-provides foreclosure prevention counseling and intervention. **Housing Advocate/Family Unification**—keeps low-income families with urgent needs unified, and prevents placement of children in foster care. **Family Self-Sufficiency**- trains and assists lower income families in becoming financially self-sufficient. **Next Step Housing**- provides housing voucher and intensive case management to help families address the cause of their homelessness and to become self-sufficient. **Supportive Services**-Low income families receive coordinated case management to help them overcome the causes of their barriers to self-sufficiency.

Grand Valley Catholic Outreach (241-3658) **Housing Assistance**-provides financial aid on a one-time basis to individuals and families who are threatened with eviction from their homes, and helps acquire housing for the homeless by assisting with first-month's rent; **Day Center**-assists homeless persons by providing access to laundry, showers, phone & mail services, and health care. **Soup Kitchen** provides a complete noonday meal six days a week to individuals and families who are hungry.

HomewardBound of the Grand Valley (256-9424) provides shelter and a light meal for men, women and families in a safe and respectful atmosphere; helps the homeless transition into self-sufficiency.

Housing Resources of Western Colorado (241-2871) **Emergency Repair Program**-provides emergency home repair services for low-income households.

The Literacy Center — MCPL (245-5522) provides free, basic literacy instruction for adults age 16+.

Mesa County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Inc. (243-9839) **Handyman Program**- Volunteers provide minor home repair service to low-to-moderate income people and those with disabilities. **Senior Scholar Project**- places senior volunteers in local and private schools to help children learn. **RSVP**-Recruits senior volunteers for placement in local human service agencies.

Pro Bono Project of Mesa County (243-7940, x 108) a legal referral agency which places persons with an attorney willing to represent them at low/no cost, with priority given to domestic violence issues.

St. Mary's Senior Companions (263-9092) recruits, trains and matches senior volunteers age 55+ to assist homebound elderly with grocery shopping, errands and appointments, helping to alleviate isolation and loneliness, and maintain their independence.

BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES

American Red Cross (242-4851) **Babysitting Certification**-funds scholarships for qualifying youth to complete the babysitter-CPR/First Aid training.

Boy Scouts of America – Western Colorado Council (243-0346) builds character, leadership & life skills, preparing young people to make ethical decisions throughout their lives.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (242-4191) screens, trains and supervises citizen volunteers to serve as the voice in court for abused and neglected children living in foster care.

Girl Scouts of Colorado – Mesa County (242-4461) **Troop Pathways**-Youth development program conducted by adult volunteers who help girls gain life skills, learn how to relate others, develop values, and contribute to a multi-cultural community. **Girls Are Great**- a ten week transitional program for fifth grade girls. **Power Up!**- a bully prevention and education program.

Grand Junction Imagination Library (208-9128) Provides a brand new, age-appropriate book to participating children each month until their fifth birthday at no cost to their family.

Hilltop Community Resources (242-4400) **B4 Babies & Beyond**-single entry point for prenatal care services for low-income women and a one stop health care access point for families with children who need primary and preventive health care services. **Family First**-an early childhood and parenting education program serving at risk families.

Kiddin' Around Learning Center-provides educational and recreational activities designed to address the needs of children with a wide range of abilities. **Latimer House**-provides a safe environment where victims of domestic violence can find refuge, support and resources for building violence-free lives. **Grand Valley Senior Daybreak** (241-7798) an adult day program that provides frail seniors with daily care and activities in safe, relaxed, enjoyable surroundings, allowing respite for caregivers.

Kids Voting Mesa County (245-3414) a non-partisan, grassroots organization that cultivates the values of citizenship by giving young people the knowledge, tools and motivation for democratic living.

Mesa County Partners (245-5555) **One-to-One Mentoring**-provides trained and supervised adult mentors to youth from high-risk environments.

Restitution/Community Service Work Program-juvenile offenders are supervised in performing community service work and earn stipends to pay restitution to their victims.

Western Colorado Conservation Corp-employs and trains young adults (ages 16-22) by contracting with public land to carry out public land improvement projects.

Mesa Developmental Services (243-3702) **Infant/Toddler Early Intervention**-provides free, home-based therapy services to infants and toddlers diagnosed with or at risk for developmental delays. **Respite**-offers a pool of respite care providers specially trained in caring for medically fragile and emotionally disturbed children.

Riverside Educational Center (245-9512) a community-oriented program promoting academic success by providing a safe place to go for homework help, structured tutoring sessions, enrichment activities and by facilitating a strong communication link between home, school and student.

St. Mary's Foster Grandparents (263-9091) recruits, trains and matches seniors age 55+ with volunteer opportunities serving special needs children.

The Parenting Place (254-8240) **Bright Beginnings** provides in-home visits to parents of children newborn through age three, sharing information on child development, nutrition, safety, and health. **Family Support**-Provides education, encouragement and support for parents and/or caregiver through newborn, infant, crawlers and toddlers groups. **Parenting That Works**-offers parent education classes through Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (S.T.E.P.).

Western Slope Center for Children (245-3788) a child advocacy center that facilitates & coordinates with governmental agencies and independent service providers to reduce the trauma of investigations of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and child witnesses to violence.

PROMOTING HEALTH

Counseling and Education Center (243-9539) provides affordable counseling for low-income/uninsured individuals and families.

Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Colorado (241-2212) **Child & Teen Center** and **Grief Center**- provides supportive individual and group counseling to children, teens, adults and families adjusting to the diagnosis of a life-threatening illness and/or death of a loved one. **Transitions Patient Care**- provides care coordination and services to patients with serious illness who are ineligible for traditional home-health or hospice care.

Marillac Clinic (255-1782) provides integrated medical and dental and services to low-income residents of Mesa County who are working to restore and maintain their health.

The Salvation Army (242-7513) **Adult Rehabilitation Program**-offers a 6-month intensive and highly structured residential treatment program for men and women with severe life problems resulting from alcohol/drug abuse.

WestCAP-Western Colorado AIDS Project (243-2437) **Harm Reduction Program**-delivers a series of health promotion and disease prevention programs targeted to at-risk adolescents.