

Good Evening,

The Policy, Communications, and Administration Office within the Department of Health Care Policy Financing and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation within the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing requested that the following information be forwarded to you.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Joanne

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**From:** Daywalt, Colleen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 08, 2015 7:44 AM  
**To:** Barry, John R.; Svenningsen, Joanne  
**Subject:** Next updates to list-serve

John and Joanne,

Do you mind sharing the below message with your list-serves?

Thanks!

Colleen

### **PEAK*Health* Mobile App for Medicaid & CHP+ Clients**

The Department has launched the PEAK*Health* mobile app which gives Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) members a simple way to keep their information up to date and access important health information right from their phone. PEAK*Health* is for current Medicaid and CHP+ members who have a Colorado.gov/PEAK account. As a reminder, Medicaid and CHP+ members can create a PEAK account at any time at Colorado.gov/PEAK. PEAK*Health* is not for people who want to apply for benefits. PEAK*Health* can be downloaded at the [Apple iTunes Store](#) or [Android/Google Play App Store](#) for free. For more information and resources, like a flyer and sample newsletter article, on the PEAK*Health* mobile app check out our resource page at [CO.gov/HCPF/PEAKHealth-Stakeholders](http://CO.gov/HCPF/PEAKHealth-Stakeholders).

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**From:** Brouner - CDHS, Joelle [<mailto:joelle.brouner@state.co.us>]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 02, 2015 4:24 PM

**To:** Julie Reiskin; Julie Farrar - CDHS; Julie Deden; Dan Burke; Christina Worner; Dixie Herring; Patricia Yeager; Folska, Claudia; [Debra.Petersen@Healthonecares.com](mailto:Debra.Petersen@Healthonecares.com); David Henninger; Buna Dahal; Bob Lawhead; Bbuswell B; Beth Schaffner; Joshua Winkler; Jorgensen, Todd; Todd Coffey - CDHS; Lubitz, Rhyann; Ramsey, Barbara; Steven Bell - CDHS; Dawn Howard; Cher Haavind - CDLE; Elise Lowe-Vaughn - CDLE; William Dowling - CDLE; Clarke Becker - CDLE; James Newby - CDLE; Stephanie Steffens; Nathan (Lee) Wheeler-Berliner - CDLE; Deidre Johnson - CDLE; Cheryl Carver - CDHS; Scott LeRoy - CDHS; Scott C. LaBarre; Kevan Worley; Robin Bauknecht - CDHS; David Robinson; Ian Engle; Julia Beems; Julia Zanon - CDHS; Craig, Michele

**Subject:** Next Steps...Where do We Want to be 25 Years From Now

Always,

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From: **Brouner - CDHS, Joelle** <[joelle.brouner@state.co.us](mailto:joelle.brouner@state.co.us)>

Date: Thu, Jul 2, 2015 at 4:00 PM

Subject: Okay to go out?

To: Steve Anton - CDHS <[steve.anton@state.co.us](mailto:steve.anton@state.co.us)>

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On the eve of Independence Day during the month of 25th anniversary commemorations of the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act, I am reflective and humbled.

I remember a time when I could never take using a sidewalk for granted. I remember not being able to use public transportation. I remember when travel, most restaurants and hotels were the exclusive domain of other people. I remember having to sit at the end of a row of movie seats, hoping that a young usher wouldn't tell me to move because I was breaking the fire code. I remember when so much of the whole wide world was off limits, because it was. I grew up expecting the person by person, inch by inch, block by block, system by system dog fight. The tyranny of incrementalism built a drive and a fear in me. It was so tiring to have to come equipped with an argument just to get a coffee, or to be granted a chance to try.

Like many of you, I have personally benefited from the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act before it. Even though the work is incomplete, despite the backlashes, and losses of friends and heroes, things are appreciably better. All of us who have benefited from the work of our predecessors have an obligation to support the next generations of people with disabilities to make gains. We succeed when they thrive.

How independent can the next generation be without serious gains in employment? Why have we accepted such continuing high rates of unemployment, and with it, all too frequently, destitution. I understand, the systemic barriers, the policy paradigms and many of the pieces of the legacy that reinforce things staying as they have been. I understand, it but I don't accept it and I hope you won't either.

You are invited to make a positive impact in the next chapter of Vocational Rehabilitation outcomes in Colorado. We are in a moment that will define the future of employment for people with disabilities in our state. DVR is moving to a new home, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, and for the first time in more than 15 years our federal law has been reauthorized. Some of the changes in the Workforce Innovation Opportunities Act will create major shifts in what the Vocational Rehabilitation

system is expected to achieve. Without participants who are willing to forge new territory, the system cannot realize the potential of the new legislation.

There is no waiting list at Colorado DVR. We have ample systemic capacity to serve people who want to go to work, achieve economic advancement, and greater independence. I am asking for your help as someone who believes fervently in our community, in the transformative power of people who engage the service system, and in the next generation of workers with disabilities, please help us increase the number of people who seize the opportunity available in the Vocational Rehabilitation system to go where no other generation has gone before.

My personal goal is to encourage more people to understand this opportunity, apply for services, and become employed. By the end of July I hope that we can reach the ambitious goal of seeing 600 new applications for service. This goal is not about DVR as much as it is about the future of the people willing to take the risk.

Will you share this opportunity with potential applicants? Attached is a flier you can share with your networks.

Thank you.

Always,

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