

Community Connection

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What is the difference between 2-1-1, 311, 411, 511, 711 and 911?

Please contact United Way of Larimer County 2-1-1 by dialing 2-1-1 or 970.407.7066, you can also email connect211@uwaylc.org or visit www.uwaylc.org

2-1-1 is a free, easy to remember phone number connecting callers with health and human services in their community.

311 (where available) connects citizens with representatives ready to help you with your City service requests— potholes, stray animals, downed street signs, trash collection or other City requests.

411 is for Directory Assistance such as local and long-distance phone numbers, area codes, and addresses to businesses. This call will cost a flat rate fee (depending upon your service provider).

511 is a nationwide number used for traveler information and is promoted by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Intelligent Transport System Initiative.

611 is generally used to report a problem with a telephone service or with a payphone. Many wireless phone providers also use 611 or *611 as a general customer service access number.

711 is for RELAY COLORADO, which is for communication between TTY users and hearing persons. This service connects those who have a TTY and needs to talk to someone who does not, or if you do not have a TTY and need to talk to someone who does.

811 is the "Call Before You Dig" number. 811 was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects.

911 is reserved for emergency police, ambulance, poison and fire. **2-1-1** complements 911 by filling the gap between emergencies and nonemergency requests for items like rent assistance, shelter, food, child care, and more. Several city 911 programs have working agreements with their local 211 call center.



Colorado Cares Day - July 31, 2010

Contact Jami McMannes at 970-407-4055 or jmcmannes@uwaylc.org.

Colorado Cares Day is a statewide day of service in honor of the establishment of Colorado's statehood on August 1, 1876. This year the Governor's Commission on Community Service is excited to celebrate the 12th Annual Colorado Cares Day on July 31, 2010. For more information about Colorado Cares Day please visit www.colorado.gov/gccs.

To register your Colorado Cares Day volunteer project visit:

<http://fs2.formsite.com/gccs/form429966045/index.html>.

Service projects which are registered will be featured on the GCCS website as well as in the Annual Colorado Cares Day Report. For a list of current Colorado Cares Day projects and projects looking for volunteers visit: <http://www.colorado.gov/gccs/CCD/projects2010.htm>.



Colorado Nonprofit Association - Free Workshop

SPACE is limited! Register today: www.ColoradoNonprofits.org/FortCollinsSample

What have you been missing? Did you know that as a 501(c)(3) you have the opportunity to become a member of the Colorado nonprofit Association? The Association is a member-based, non profit organization that serves the nonprofit sector in all of Colorado. We invite you to "sample" what the association has to offer you . Please join us on Wednesday, August 18th from 1:00-4:00p.m. at Cache Bank, 100 S. College in Fort Collins CO and sample:

Social Media 101: An Introduction What are the different social media tools? Which tools should you be using? How can you use social media to build stronger relationships? Who needs to be involved in your social media efforts?...find the answers to these questions and more during this INTERACTIVE workshop.

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United Way Volunteer Center - Help Kids Supply School Drive

Contact Andrea Bloomquist at 970-407-4054 or abloomquist@uwaylc.org.

The Help Kids Succeed program was developed in 2002 by representatives from community organizations and businesses who recognized the need for students to have new school supplies to succeed throughout the school year. In 2009, the Help Kids Succeed School Supply Drive provided 1,100 backpacks to children in need.

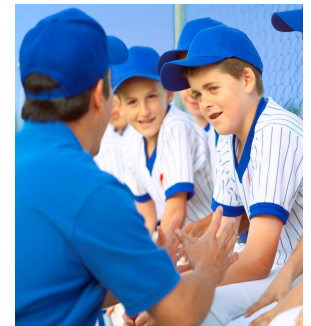
The Help Kids Succeed School Supply Drive is recruiting volunteers **July 10th, 17th, and 24th** to assist with its annual school supply drive, benefitting needy youth in Thompson School District. Volunteers will staff barrel drives at select Loveland stores (three hour shifts from 8:30am-2:30pm). Volunteers are also needed to help pack supplies into backpacks in two hour shifts (between 8:30am-4:30pm) from July 26-30. Youth volunteers ages 4-12 supervised and 13+ unsupervised.



Character Fort Collins Courageous Leadership Series - How to Coach for Character

Get inspired to be your best self – register for the August 5th workshop today! Visit www.CharacterFortCollins.org or call 970-266-2671.

Coaching for Character produces principled and sustainable results in excellence and quality. Because everyone can and ought to coach and be coached so we can become our best selves, this is a transformational opportunity for everyone. Learn more on **August 5, 2010** when you attend How to Coach for Character, Courageous Leadership Series Part III. Don't miss your opportunity to participate in this exciting and highly interactive, skills-based workshop, facilitated by nationally recognized ethicist and author Gus Lee. The workshop will take place from 7:30am – 11:30am at the Hilton Fort Collins. Individual, group and bundle rates are available.



“Regardless of position, we all lead and influence others with the stories of our lives and the values of our hearts. We affect each other. In this way, we are hopelessly related.” Gus Lee

Healthy Communities Program formerly EPSDT

Contact Healthy Communities 1525 Blue Spruce Drive Fort Collins, CO 80524 (970) 498-6755, or visit: <http://larimer.org/health/chs/epsdt.asp>

The Healthy Communities Program provides application assistance to pregnant women and families that may be eligible for Medicaid and/or CHP+. The program also assists those already receiving Medicaid and/or CHP+ in understanding their benefits and accessing medical, dental, vision, mental health and specialty services. We help pregnant women find providers for their prenatal care, helping to ensure a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby. We encourage parents to take advantage of the preventive health care benefits for their children and help them to find providers for those services. By using preventive services, children will be less likely to end up in the emergency room for a condition that could have been treated in a doctor's office, or for treatment of a condition that could have been prevented.



MISSION STATEMENT:

United Way of Larimer County's mission is to cultivate and mobilize community resources to change and save lives.

How does 2-1-1 accomplish this mission?

Mobilization starts by having the ability to access adequate human services within the community. United Way 2-1-1's goal is to give community residents the information they

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HHS Launches New Consumer Focused Health Care Website - <http://www.healthcare.gov>

A Powerful New Information Tool That Will Give Consumers More Control Over Their Own Health Care and Allow Them to Compare Their Coverage Option

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services today unveiled an innovative new on-line tool that will help consumers take control of their health care by connecting them to new information and resources that will help them access quality, affordable health care coverage. Called for by the Affordable Care Act, [HealthCare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) is the first website to provide consumers with both public and private health coverage options tailored specifically for their needs in a single, easy-to-use tool. [HealthCare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) helps consumers take control of their health care and make the choices that are right for them, by putting the power of information at their fingertips," said HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. "For too long, the insurance market has been confusing and hard to navigate. [HealthCare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) makes it easy for consumers and small businesses to compare health insurance plans in both the public and the private sector and find other important health care information." HealthCare.gov is the first central database of health coverage options, combining information about public programs, from Medicare to the new Pre-Existing Conditions Insurance Plan, with information from more than 1,000 private insurance plans. Consumers can receive information about options specific to their life situation and local community.

In addition, the website will be a one-stop-shop for information about the implementation of the Affordable Care Act as well as other health care resources. The website will connect consumers to quality rankings for local health care providers as well as preventive services.

The Larimer County Child Advocacy Center - Lunch with the CAC

Please bring lunch, we will provide dessert, please RSVP to Liz Rowe at (970) 407-9739 or liz@larimercac.org ***All presentations 12 pm-1:30 pm***

Upcoming presentations:

July 21st—CVSA (Computer Voice Stress Analysis)

Kristy Volesky, Fort Collins P.D., Ft Collins Police Dept. 3rd Floor War Room

August 24th—Sand Play Therapy, Shannon Yockey, LCSW, Ft Collins Police Dept. 2nd Floor Training Room

September 8th- Polygraphs 101, Detective Chris Kamoske, Loveland P.D., Ft Collins Police Dept. Community Room



Neighbor to Neighbor Offers Free Home Buyer Education Classes Qualifying Buyers for Down Payment Assistance

N2N Fort Collins is located at 1550 Blue Spruce Drive. The phone number is 970-484-7498. The Loveland office is located at 565 N. Cleveland Ave. The phone number is 970-663-4163. For more information, access www.n2n.org. or Contact: Lindsay Nichols, 970-488-2364 or lnichols@n2n.org

Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N), a Larimer County non-profit that helps families achieve homeownership, offers free monthly certified home buyer education courses to meet the growing demand for consumer education – providing smart advice for home buyers *before* they purchase a home. Attendees who complete N2N's one-session class leave as educated, savvy consumers prepared to become stable homeowners. Classes cover topics including tips for budgeting and saving for down payment, establishing and maintaining good credit, shopping for a loan, negotiating the price of a home, home owners' insurance, energy efficiency, and protecting your investment. This class meets the certificate requirements for CHFA, City of Fort Collins and Larimer County down payment assistance programs as well as the HUD counseling requirement needed for Fannie Mae My Community Loan Products. These local down payment assistance programs provide thousands of dollars toward homeownership to qualified buyers.

Register to attend the class by visiting Neighbor to Neighbor's website www.n2n.org or by calling (970)663-4163. Classes are free however participants may purchase the book for \$15 at the class. See attachment for more information.