

United Way 2-1-1 Networking Meeting Minutes
11/08/06

Topic: Special Needs Children

Respite Care Incorporated: LeAnn Massey - Assistant Director

6203 S. LeMay Ave., Ft. Collins 970-207-9435

- Short term care for children ages 6 weeks to 21 years with developmental disabilities and respite for their families.
- Professional staff plan and implement play programs.
- Sliding Scale available and determined by gross annual family income.

Dept. of Health and Environment, Health Care Program (HCP) for Children with Special Needs – LCDH: Anne Chaisson - Public Health Social Worker

1525 Blue Spruce Drive, Ft. Collins 970-498-6733

- Assists children who have specific health care needs for conditions such as cleft lip and palate, congenital heart disease, hearing loss, neurological, orthopedic, eye, bladder and kidney conditions.
- Serves children from birth to age 21 that have, or are at risk for, serious physical, behavioral, or emotional conditions.
- HCP provides information, referral to services and support for families.

DREAM: Day by Day Respite, Education & Advocacy for Mental Health: Melinda Suits

3800 Automation Way Suite 200A, Ft. Collins 970-226-4058

- Dream educates families and the community on the subject of childhood mental illness.
- Serves birth-16years old
- Planned respite only. No night, overnight, or emergency respite at this time.
- Advocacy services available to help speak for your child's special needs in schools, the health care system, and the broader community.

Foothills Gateway, Inc.: Sondra Lee

301 W. Skyway Drive, Ft. Collins 970-226-2345

Coordinates and provides services for Larimer County citizens with developmental disabilities.

- Programs include: Family Support, Supported Living, Early Childhood Intervention, Employment, and Residential Services.
- Early Childhood Intervention identifies infants and toddlers with special needs from birth to 3 years of age.
- Family Support Services offers support and allocates funds to families with children of any age with developmental disabilities living at home.

Poudre School District: Department of Special Education: Jane Haack-DeBrocx

Child Find Coordinator: 2407 LaPorte Ave. Ft. Collins 970-490-3040 (for more

information about children under the age of 5 with potential learning disabilities)

- PSD has staff designated to work with kids with learning disabilities from K-12.
- For children under 3 years of age contact Foothills Gateway
- To initiate a referral for identifying children with potential learning disabilities who are under the age of 5, contact the Barton Early Childhood Center. 970-490-3204

Our next networking meeting will be Wednesday, **January 10th, 2007.**

United Way 2-1-1 Contact Angie Joseph: 970-407-7047 or email ajoseph@firstcall211.org