

# News



## Foster Homes for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

**InspirationField** would like to take this opportunity to make our local communities aware that there are not only children in need of exceptional foster homes, but adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well. Through circumstances beyond their control, a growing number of adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities find themselves in need of a "family home."

**InspirationField** offers a Host Home program that matches individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities with dedicated caregivers in the community. Host Home Providers open their homes and their hearts and provide ongoing support while nurturing meaningful relationships with others.

The individuals residing with families in host-homes often achieve what they need most: a connection to a home and community, and the services they need to live as independently as possible. For the host-home families, they gain a new family member, a friend and someone whose personal gifts and charm can add a new dimension to their family lives. Current Host Home Providers are paid between \$18,469 and \$40,150 per year tax-free income (depending on support level and the number of days in the month. Range of support may vary by the individuals needs).



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*Emilio with his Host Home Providers!*

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## Chief Executive Officer Blog



Earlier this year, staff and I took a group of individuals to the Salida area for the agency's annual camping trip. The highlight of the trip was rafting approximately 12 miles down the Arkansas River. It was a cold day, but we had a complete blast. It's always great for me to interact as a Direct Support Professional (DSP) for those three days with individuals in service and staff. It gives me the opportunity to provide the same supports that our DSP's provide on a daily basis, including medication administration. And, it reminds me of the great DSP's that we employ.

As an agency, we are committed to our employees just as much as we are committed to the individuals in service that we support. Our goal this fiscal year is to increase our employee retention and keep employees longer in a very difficult field. Unfortunately, many of our veteran employees are retiring and the younger generation isn't entering the DSP profession. This is a nationwide trend that other providers, prisons, etc. are experiencing as well. Finally, we are still looking for caring individuals to become Host Home Providers to give individuals an opportunity to move in with their family. In essence, you has the Host Home Provider, would perform adult foster care services in your home and receive an annual income of \$18k- \$40k per year. If you are interested, please visit our website or call the agency. Enjoy the rest of your summer and fast-approaching fall months.

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### Foster Homes cont'd...

In recognition of National Foster Care Month celebrated in May, **InspirationField** is proud to be associated with the current Host Home Providers throughout the Valley who provide great supports. Please consider providing Adult Foster Care as an approved Host Home Provider with **InspirationField**.

If you are interested in becoming an Adult Host Home Provider, please visit our website at [www.inspirationfield.org](http://www.inspirationfield.org), or call Regina, Team Leader at 1-719-384-8741, ext. 155 for more information.



Current **InspirationField** Host Home Providers!

**September 2019**

2 - CLOSED, Labor Day  
9 - Board Meeting 11:30a

**October 2019**

7 - Board Meeting 11:30a  
26 - Monster Bash 6:30p  
28 - Children's Halloween Party  
5:30p  
29 - Adult Halloween Party  
5:30p  
31 - Trunk or Treat 3:30p

**November 2019**

4 - Board Meeting 11:30a  
21 - Thanksgiving Luncheon  
11:30a  
28 - CLOSED, Thanksgiving

**December 2019**

2 - Annual Board Meeting &  
Dinner, 5:30p  
4 - Santa's Workshop , 4p  
6 - Volunteer & Donor  
Appreciation Dinner, 6p  
9 - Children's Christmas Party  
5:30p  
10 - Swink Lions Christmas  
Dinner, 5:30p  
24/25 - CLOSED, Christmas

INSPIRATIONFIELD CONGRATULATES THE  
FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES

ON THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE:

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT  
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**PAT FINKNER**  
BOARD MEMBER SINCE MAY 2018

**ROB OQUIST**  
BOARD MEMBER SINCE MAY 2018

Karlita Paumi	1 Year	Rich Mata	4 Years
Rafael Robles	1 Year	Ruth Padilla	4 Years
Andy Hartless	1 Year	Renee Mora-Menges	4 Years
Emily Huerta	1 Year	Deborah Henderson	5 Years
Isabel Rocha	1 Year	Samantha Owen	5 Year
Jennifer Sprosty	1 Year	Zeke Vigil	5 Years
Mariah Gaucin	1 Year	Steven Guerrero	6 Years
Garvin O'Hare	1 Year	Jose Diaz	6 Years
Annabelle Marquez	1 Year	Caitlin Coffield	7 Years
Rey Aragon	2 Years	David Garcia	7 Years
Brittany Vigil	2 Years	Barb Manchego	8 Years
Martha Cunningham	2 Years	Eric Aragon	9 Years
Timothy Merwin	2 Years	Stephen Johnson	11 Years
Elias Altamirano	3 Years	Steven Encinias	11 Years
Nathan Baylor	3 Years	Erika Rodriguez	12 Years
Christopher Flakes	3 Years	Ryan Denahy	12 Years
David McTaggart	3 Years	Charlie Lovato	21 Years
Mercedes Bernal	3 Years	Bill Rector	22 Years
Briana Huff	3 Years	Rosa Salo	24 Years
Amanda Baker	4 Years		
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## Meet Michelle!

Michelle Ojeda aka Mimi was born August 25, 1970. Her parents are Gloria Ojeda of Swink, CO and Jerry Ojeda of Chama, CO. She has an older sister Diana and older brother Terry. Both reside in Denver, CO.

Michelle has attended **Inspiration**Field for 46 years. Every morning she waits for the bus and it is the highlight of her day! She enjoys delivering Meals on Wheels, dancing, her communications book and picture ID. Activities such as her tablet, Ipod, drawing, reading, getting her hair combed, taking pictures and socializing are some of her favorite things. She loves to joke, laugh and have fun!

In 2006, Michelle was crowned Queen of the Sweetheart Valentine's Ball. Later in 2016, she was honored as the Most Enthusiastic individual of the year at **Inspiration**-Field's Annual Dinner. Anyone who knows Michelle will agree that she owns that honor.

Aside from **Inspiration**Field, Michelle loves purses and money. She also loves Colorado sports including the Denver Broncos, Colorado Rockies, Denver Nuggets and Colorado Avalanche. She loves to sport each teams attire and dresses for each season.

Michelle routinely gets her nails done to match her clothes. She loves shopping for shoes, hats and shirts that are sports related. This summer she got to spend a week with her Dad! Michelle enjoys traveling to Denver and residing at her cabin in Grand Lake, CO. She explores the Colorado mountains for elk and moose and spotted a bear last summer!



Most recently, she attended three Rockies games and the Jennifer Lopez concert at the Pepsi Center. In addition to being very active, Michelle likes to dance, joke and watch comedy movies. She enjoys going to church or watching it on TV and prays Grace before meals and never forgets her bedtime prayers. Michelle loves and deserves attention, praise and compliments and never forgets her manners. Her excitement and joy are contagious. She enjoys meeting new people and leaves them with an unforgettable impression dear to their hearts!

**Inspiration**Field has been a blessing for Michelle and all her friends and staff. Michelle's family is very proud of her and Gloria is especially honored to be her mom!



## Friends of IF Plaques Installed!

Our 'Friends of IF' wall plaques have been installed and they look fantastic! Such a wonderful way to show the community the loyal supporters of **InspirationField** for the past several years!

Thank you to all the Inductees for the wonderful support throughout the years!

  
Thank  
you!



## Fulfilling Dreams and Making Goals

All of us have dreams and goals. The focus of our learning programs for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities is helping adults on the autism spectrum, with a traumatic brain injury, cerebral palsy, or other cognitive disabilities achieve their own meaningful goals.

Some aspire to get a job or live independently. Others want to make new friends and explore the world around them.

We believe that a life of healthy interdependence is important for all, and so, we help people build a strong circle of support they can count on in pursuit of their goals. Our programs combine recreation, creative arts, volunteer work, and life skills in a mix that helps each person fulfill their own aspirations. Working with people one-on-one to determine what their goals are, we provide the resources they need to achieve them.

For the people in our learning program, each day brings new opportunities to learn, socialize, and enhance their life skills. Individuals come together in small groups to expand their horizons and participate in their community. Individual Service Plans, based on the strengths and desires of each individual, are woven into each day's activities.

No matter the skill level, men and women get to experience activities of their choice that help to enrich their days and make a meaningful difference in their lives.



### Important Dates:

08/15

We celebrated August birthdays with a BBQ on the 15th. Also, learning center will be hosting a Scavenger Hunt. Come out and have some fun!!

All our **Dreams**  
can come **True**,  
if we have the **Courage**  
to pursue them.

- Walt Disney

### Meet Staff

#### Shakespeare

Barbara joined 3 years ago

Melissa joined this year

Isabel joined a year ago

#### Aristotle

Marcella and Sam joined us this year

Tyson joined 2 years ago

#### Galileo

Richard joined 4 years ago

#### Plato

Nathan join 4 years ago

Lisa joined a year ago

#### Renaissance

Leticia joined this year

Hope joined last year

Perry joined us this year as our Part-time Float for all learning rooms

## Vehicle Maintenance Facility to Open Soon:

In the spring of 2017, **InspirationField** purchased an existing 6,000 square foot vehicle auto repair shop with plans to begin servicing our own fleet of vehicles, create a new auto mechanic training program for individuals in service providing more jobs and eventually open the facility to the public as a full service auto repair shop. Last November we began a renovation project to move our vision forward. The renovation was completed this spring and included many upgrades and enhancements to our shop. On the exterior we added an asphalt parking lot, chain link fence and a vehicle wash bay. On the interior we added a new bathroom, painted the existing office area, refinished the floors, constructed an auto detail bay, tool crib, and storage mezzanine in the shop area. It was big project and it turned out very nice. In January, we hired Doug Gabehart, ASE Master Certified Technician as our mechanic who will manage the facility. We will initially employ three individuals in our services to work alongside Doug as they fulfil their dreams of becoming Automotive Technicians. Doug has added several new pieces of equipment in preparation to open the shop. Doug is currently servicing our agency fleet of vehicles and our next steps will be to offer auto repair and auto detailing to the employees of Inspiration Field and then finally opening to the public in September or October. We recently put together a small team to create and select a business name for the shop. We are extremely proud to announce our new business name, 5 Star Automotive Services. A big Thank You goes out to Johnnie DeLeon, Caitlin Coffield, Doug Gabehart, Brian Gauna, Julia Hoepfner and Charlie Lovato for naming our business, and thanks to the **InspirationField** Board of Directors for approving the new name and business venture! We are very excited for this new business venture and look forward to providing high quality automotive repair services to customers throughout the Arkansas Valley.

## 5 Star Automotive Services OPENING SOON!!



*Doug Gabehart, ASE Master Certified Technician*



# Case Management: Summer 2019

## Early Intervention Colorado

### Program Overview

Early Intervention Colorado and Inspiration Field coordinate a variety of funding sources for services available for children with developmental delays and their families. This program serves children 0-3 years and their families. Once found eligible for the program, Early Intervention Service Coordinators connect families with early intervention services such as: occupational, speech or physical therapy, and developmental intervention to help infants and toddlers grow and develop and help their families in this process.

#### Who can make a referral for an Early Intervention Assessment?

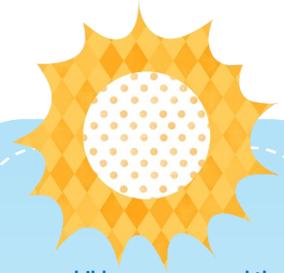
Anyone who is concerned about a child 0-3 who might have a delay in typical child development. Inspiration Field receives referrals from parents and family members, physicians, child care professionals, Child Find professionals, Early Head Start, foster care workers, as well as referrals from County Child Protection Services.

#### Is there any out-of-pocket cost to a family for Early Intervention Services?

No! If your child is found eligible to receive Early Intervention Services a Service Coordinator will ensure the proper funding source is billed for the services approved based on your families priorities for your child. Medicaid and State funding pays for the majority of services, while some private insurance covers the cost of those services when a family has private insurance.

If you would like to make a referral for an Early Intervention Assessment please contact **Kristel VonWeller** at (719) 384-8741 ext. 122 or [kvonweller@inspirationfield.org](mailto:kvonweller@inspirationfield.org)

More information about Early Intervention Colorado can be found at their website at [www.eicolorado.org](http://www.eicolorado.org).



How many children were served through Early Intervention Services in Bent, Crowley, and Otero Counties in Fiscal year 18/19?

**79**

#### Child Find Dates

9/3/19 (Tuesday) - 9-11:30am

Otero County Health Dept. Rocky Ford Office, 811 S. 13th

1-3 PM Las Animas Head Start-161 Vigil Ave

9/4/19 (Wednesday) - 9am-12pm, 1-3pm,

Call SFTBOCES @ 383-2623 ext. 218 to schedule a screening on one of these dates or for additional information.

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Samantha Cordova

Scott Monarco

Scottie Monarco • Steve Johnson

*Any other volunteer  
we inadvertently  
forgot to mention*

### AUCTIONEER

Van Hollis

### GOLF BALL DROP WINNERS

1st hole - 1st closest - One night stay at Double Eagle Hotel/  
Casino plus \$100 spending cash - Larry & Helen Hollar

1st hole - 2nd closest - \$50 gift cards - John Gallegos

2nd hole - 1st closest - \$150 cash - Ryan Denahy

2nd hole - 2nd closest - \$100 gift cards - Van Hollis

3rd hole - 1st closest - \$100 gift cards - Elaine McIntyre

3rd hole - 2nd closest - \$50 gift cards - Larissa Hawkins

### FLIGHT WINNERS

#### Championship Flight

1st place - Matt McIntyre / Ryan Bender

2nd place - Colin Leake / Loren Johnson

3rd place - Rob Thayer / Joe Michalewicz

4th Place - David Pearson / Mike Gonzales

#### 1st Flight

1st place - Gary Baker / Kyle Bauserman

2nd place - Rob Oquist / Zach Oquist

3rd place - Kevin VanEgmond / Darrin Taullie

4th Place - Fred Grantham / Kyle Crosswhite

#### 2nd Flight

1st place - Briana Huff / Brandon Book

2nd place - Dave Dutton / Jan Dutton

3rd place - Jen Carrica / Karen Johnson

4th Place - CaSandra Thomas / Gary Armitage

#### 3rd Flight

1st place - Craig Ortega / Van Hollis

2nd place - Angie Leake / Kim Thayer

3rd place - Tracey Salzbrenner / Elaine McIntyre

4th place - Bill Jackson / Tom Perez

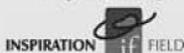
#### Senior Flight

1st place - Rick Uyemura / Bill Deatherage

2nd place - Dianna Milenski / Shelly Grantham

3rd place - Susie Turner / Claudia Conley

4th place - Jay Bollacker / Lyle Lough



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