



Colorado Culture Change Coalition

Inspiring long-term care communities to be great places to live and work

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About Our Work

The Colorado Culture Change Coalition is a community of people dedicated to changing the culture of care provision in our current health care environments. We work with individuals and organizations to implement person-centered models of care across the care continuum.

What's Happening?

**Green House
Workshop
Green House
Homes at Mirasol**

What's New...

"You see the residents when they hear the sound of the kids coming down the hall and it's as though sunlight just came through the window."

Charlene Boyd, Administrator at Providence Mount St. Vincent



On a recent PBS Newshour, the Intergenerational Learning Center in Seattle was featured. As a preschool that's housed inside a nursing home, 125 children and almost 500 residents have the chance to

Loveland, CO
June 15, 2016

experience joy interacting with each other.

Present Perfect, a new documentary by Evan Briggs, features the Providence Mount St. Vincent Home and the Learning Center, exploring what happens when we connect across the generations. The film is expected to be released later this year.

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Although not a new idea, the interest and benefits of preschools in nursing homes is gaining attention. There is continuing evidence of how social interaction affects loneliness. But we're just beginning to really explore what early contact with older people can mean to children.

**June 7, 2016
Lakewood, CO**

Imagine the possibilities when both the young and old come together to share in the circle of life. And as a hopeful sign that we're recognizing the value of these relationships, there are currently 400 families on the preschool waitlist.

**August 10, 2016
Arvada, CO**

To watch a Ted Talk with Evan Briggs as she explains her reason for wanting to do this film, please visit:

**November 8, 2016
Lakewood, CO**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Walt8nPINM>

**Pioneer Network
2016 Conference
New Orleans, LA
July 31 - August 3**

For more information on the Intergenerational Learning Center and Mount St. Vincent, please visit:

<http://washington.providence.org/senior-care/mount-st-vincent/services/child-care/>

Did you miss the 2016 Eden Alternative International Conference last week?

**Are you interested
in more information
about Culture
Change or the
Coalition?**

If you did or would just like to share with your teams, several conference highlights are now available on-line, including 6 general session events, 6 TED-like talks, 2 intensive sessions and 4 breakout sessions. Click on the link below to access the sessions and handouts.

Please contact
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<http://www.edenalt.org/events-and-offerings/the-eden-alternative-international-conference/>

Up-Coming Events

Green House Workshop

June 15, 2016

10:00 - 4:00

***Don't miss this year's workshop at the Green House
Homes at Mirasol
Loveland Colorado.***



This is a great educational opportunity to learn more about the Green House model.

As the only Green House Project workshop in Colorado this year, the education will include conversations with the leadership team and the direct care staff, along with a guided tour of the recently opened Green House homes.

There's no charge and lunch is provided. Space is limited however and attendees need to register in advance.

We hope to see you there!

Registration link: <http://www.thegreenhouseproject.org/event/green-house-workshop-loveland-colorado-2-1?eID=92>

For questions or additional information, please contact Scott Brown,

Getting to Know Us

Meet our Board members

Sharing who we are and what skills we bring to the Coalition



Cheryl Kruschke, EdD, MS, RN, CNE

Associate Professor at Loretto Heights School of Nursing, Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions, Regis University

"I've been a Board member of the Colorado Culture Change Coalition since 2009 and have served as Treasurer and now as President. I'm truly honored to serve with like-minded individuals who believe in the importance of culture change and person-directed care for those being served in health care no matter where they live.

I have been a nurse since 1980 and my clinical background was primarily in the nursing home setting, with a short period of time working in assisted living. From the beginning of my nursing career, I believed there was a better way to serve our aging population. I eventually learned about the Eden Alternative and Pioneer Network, two organizations advocating for person-directed care as well as providing support and education to caregivers and other stakeholders. This advocacy has been a catalyst in the movement away from the medical model to one that embraces the whole person. In my current role as an

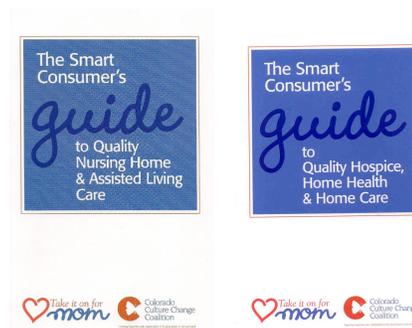
educator, I infuse culture change and person-directed care in course curriculum for the nursing students I work with to guide them in gaining the knowledge, skills and attitudes that promote dignity and respect for our aging population.

Being a part of the Colorado Culture Change Coalition has provided me with the opportunity to work with individuals who advocate for best practices embracing our aging population to live their best lives. This is a goal each of us strives to achieve."

Cheryl Kruschke

How can we help?

Consumer Guides Available



Through a generous grant from The Colorado Health Foundation CCCC produced two **FREE** guides for consumers, one for nursing homes and assisted living communities and another for hospice, home health and home care. Let consumers know that you are providing person-centered care by giving them copies of these informative booklets. If you would like copies, please email Cheryl Kruschke at ckruschk@regis.edu.

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