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About Developmental Pathways

Developmental Pathways is one of Colorado's 20 Community Centered Boards (CCB) serving Arapahoe and Douglas Counties and the city of Aurora. As a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, we serve thousands of people with developmental disabilities and their families in a variety of settings and services, depending on need. Pathways has developed a broad array of services based on the principle that full inclusion and participation in community life is attainable for every individual with a developmental disability. As a CCB, Developmental Pathways determines eligibility for State and Medicaid Waiver funded programs and provides services for persons with developmental disabilities in our service area.

Developmental Pathways currently serves thousands of individuals, but thousands more are still receiving little or no support. The Community Outreach Department was established in 2012 to provide support to individuals and families waiting for state and federally-funded services. Our Volunteer Program is housed within the Community Outreach Department and supports all of Developmental Pathways.
The Importance of Volunteering

Volunteers have an enormous impact on our communities worldwide. Developmental Pathways is dedicated to the betterment of our community, and we know you are too!

Our goal is to match a volunteer’s talents and strengths to the client’s needs. We know your time is valuable, and we strive to make your experience successful and rewarding.

The variety of opportunities available allows you greater flexibility in choosing when to volunteer. Your choices include long-term and short-term commitments as well as meeting an individual’s occasional one-time needs. Training is available (and sometimes required) to ensure everyone
Volunteer Opportunities

Here are a few examples of how Pathways could use your help!

*Please see Volunteer Requirements (page6) for Level Details*

Group Projects (*All Level Volunteers Welcome*)
If you have a group looking for a project, we need your help! Pathways hosts a monthly food drive, and occasional coat, clothes, or toy drives. We are always looking for assistance in running these events.

Special Events (*All Level Volunteers Welcome*)
Developmental Pathways hosts a number of events throughout the year, and we are continually looking for assistance. Come and help us set up and host our Pathways Client Achievement Awards, or help us at one of our many resource fairs.

The Meeting Place or Teen Meeting Place (*Level 2 Volunteers Welcome*)
The Meeting Place is a drop-in program that offers participants opportunities for socialization, recreation and skill building while having fun and meeting new friends. Volunteers will help with various projects throughout the day.

Colorado Life College (*Level 2 Volunteers Welcome*)
Do you have a particular skill and are interested in teaching a class? (i.e. Sign Language, Yoga, Music, Dance, Art, Money Management, etc). We will work with you to put together a lesson plan. Or, you can come assist us with the Colorado Life College Classes already happening throughout the year.

Parents Night Out (*Level 2 Volunteers Welcome*)
Developmental Pathways dedicates one evening, every other month, to give parents of children with disabilities a well deserved break. Help us plan and supervise activities for kids.

Special Olympics Programs (*Level 2 Volunteers Welcome*)
Developmental Pathways provides training for opportunities for competitions with Special Olympics Colorado. Come assist individuals with bowling, basketball, soccer, track and field, and other sports throughout the year.

Office Opportunities (*Level 2 Volunteers Welcome*)
Are you interested in the non-profit field and looking for experience? Come help us in our Inverness or Aurora office. Tasks include paperwork, phone calls, helping with our donation room or food pantry, and more!
Volunteer Requirements

Developmental Pathways wants to provide the highest level of care for the individuals we serve. Therefore, please see the below requirements for Volunteer Levels.

**Level One Volunteer:** These Volunteers are not required to complete a background check, but must complete the Volunteer Application and Orientation. Training is not required, but these volunteers always have a Pathways Employee on site for guidance and support.

**Level Two Volunteer:** Level Two Volunteers will always have an onsite Developmental Pathways employee available for guidance and support and must complete the following steps:

- **Step One: Complete the Volunteer Application**
- **Step Two: Create a “Verified Volunteers Account” (see page 7 for details)**
- **Step Three: Pay the $22.00 Fee through Verified Volunteers**
- **Step Four: Complete a brief series of trainings**
- **Step Five: Come in or Call for a Brief Orientation with our Volunteer Supervisor**

Once you have emailed the Program Administrator of Community Outreach your Volunteer Application, and have completed your background check through Verified Volunteers, you will be sent a series of self-study training packets that will need to be completed. Trainings include:

- **HIPPA and Confidentiality**
- **Family Sensitivity**
- **Abuse Prevention**
- **Positive Behavioral Supports**
- **Universal Precautions**
- **Introduction to Intellectual Disabilities**
Verified Volunteers

To complete your background check, please create a Verified Volunteers account and pay the $22.00 fee (Level 2 Volunteers Only).

To create a Verified Volunteers account, begin by going to www.verifiedvolunteers.com

Once your account is created, you will be asked to enter a Good Deed Code

**Good Deed Code: ygwxlph**

Please complete all 4 steps to process the background check.

You will be notified when your background check is complete. Developmental Pathways will also be notified that the check is complete.
Done in a Moment: Quick and Easy Ways You Can Support Developmental Pathways

Developmental Pathways is always looking for ways to better serve our clients. Your donations make it possible for us to explore new opportunities to meet their needs and find new and innovative ways of accomplishing our mission to help people with disabilities become valuable members of their community.

Donate using a Check/Money Order to:
Attn: SUN Foundation
Developmental Pathways, Inc.
325 Inverness Drive South
Englewood, CO. 80112

Good Search: You can also support Pathways by doing things you already do - search the internet, shop online, and eat out. GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

Good Shop: Goodshop.com is an online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Overstock.com, iTunes, Best Buy, and Apple Store have teamed up with GoodShop so every time you place an order, you will be supporting Pathways.
Contact Information

Thank you for interest in volunteering with Developmental Pathways!
For additional information or inquiries, please contact the Program Administrator of Community Outreach at (303) 858-2078 or via email at volunteer@dpcolo.org.