

PASCO News

December 2021

Honoring the Tradition of Giving

We would like to thank our family of caregivers, clients and staff who helped PASCO support over 150 organizations during Colorado Gives Day! For the past 11 years, PASCO has utilized Colorado Gives Day as an opportunity to show our support for the organizations that matter most to our PASCO family. We are thankful for the opportunity to continue that tradition - giving back to the organizations that help make a positive impact locally and nationally. It is with this spirit that we honor all of these amazing organizations and continue to build on the legacy of giving started by PASCO's founders.



Did you Know?

If you received a notice of action either approving a PAR for only 45-60 days or that the PAR request was denied, you have the right to appeal that decision.

Caregiver Training Center

Our Caregiver Training Center is a great resource for caregivers, family members of individuals with disabilities, or for those just looking to learn something new. Our step-by-step videos and written guides are a helpful tool for learning a completely new skill or can be a refresher for the skills you already know and utilize.



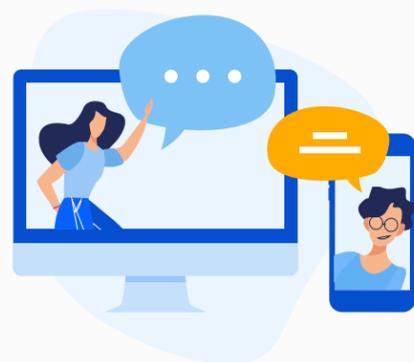
For more information, please visit:

<https://pascohh.com/caregiver-training-center/>

PASCO Liaison Interest

Are you someone who is always telling others about PASCO and how we help our families? Would you be interested in becoming an official PASCO advocate? If so, we invite you to join our PASCO Liaison program! This program allows our amazing families to be equipped with the materials and knowledge necessary to become a PASCO pro. Interested individuals will attend a lunch and learn (in person or remote), get trained on the ins and outs of what we do, and will leave with a wealth of information and tools to help assist other families. We will be implementing a referral program as well to make sure you are rewarded for your hard work and advocacy.

If you are interested, please sign up here: <https://go.pascohh.com/pascope>



Photos with Santa Fun

We had an amazing time taking photos with Santa with some of our PASCO families! We know that the loud hustle and bustle of the malls can be a stressful experience for our community and we are grateful to have had the opportunity to provide a calm environment for individuals to experience meeting Santa. Each family had a designated time block with Santa, ensuring that everyone had plenty of time to take photos, share their holiday wish lists, and enjoy some hot cocoa and cookies. Whether you celebrated with us in Lakewood or Colorado Springs, we hope that you all had a fantastic time with Santa and enjoyed some sweet treats and good company. We look forward to more festive activities with you all next year.

Happy holidays from your PASCO family!



Adam's Chess Challenge community engagement

Battle PASCO's Former CEO in Chess

With the pandemic concerns, social distancing, and cold weather, it can become even more difficult over the winter months to connect and socialize with friends and family. During the pandemic, our former CEO, Adam Steinbrunner, has taken up chess. While he's still a novice, we wanted to extend an invitation to any of our clients or caregivers who might be interested in challenging him to a friendly match. This could be in-person (with full vaccination) or online via lichess.org. If interested, please contact Adam at adam.steinbrunner@pascohh.com. And if you beat him, make sure to send us a note celebrating your victory!



Broncos Ticket Giveaway

Are you ready for some football?

We are excited to announce that we will be giving away 2 tickets to each of the Denver Broncos' regular-season home games for the 2021 season! PASCO will provide one wheelchair-accessible/ADA seat as well as one standard seat for the winner. Located in the northwest corner of the stadium in section 319, these seats provide a full view of the field so you can catch the action no matter where it is taking place.

To enter, please complete the form at the link below and select which games you are interested in attending. Entry to this giveaway is free.

<https://go.pascohh.com/broncos>

Please take care to note the date and time of each game as well to ensure that you would be able to attend if selected. Multiple game preferences may be selected – you will be submitted into an individual drawing for each game. Please, only one overall submission per person.

Winners will be randomly selected and contacted via email before the selected game. After you are chosen as a winner, you are not eligible to participate in any drawings following for the season.

If there are any questions, please reach out to Sarah Southorn at sarah.southorn@pascohh.com.



Advocacy Corner by David Bolin

Happy Holidays!

Pediatric Long Term Home Health PARs: On November 1, 2021, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) implemented a new PAR (Prior Authorization Request) system for Pediatric Long Term Home Health and Private Duty Nursing utilizing a new utilization management vendor, KEPRO. PARs had been on hold since July 2019 due to issues with the department's previous vendor, EQ Health.

The start of this new PAR approval has been bumpy with many problems getting PARs approved. PASCO's Advocacy Team is working to resolve the bumps in the road so that our clients are not affected by an overly bureaucratic process. You may have received information from KEPRO or HCPF regarding the PAR for your child. This information is important because PARs have been approved for only 45-60 days rather than 1 year that has been the standard length of time since PASCO started in 1992. If you received a notice of action either approving a PAR for only 45-60 days or that the PAR request was denied. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL THE ACTION THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN.**

PASCO can help you with your appeal! If you have been denied, you will be given the right to work with your Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) to develop a transition plan. PASCO can help you and the RAE with this transition plan.

The Advocacy Team will continue to improve the changes that HCPF has made in this process. These changes can adversely affect your child's ability to continue to receive Home Health Services and our highest concern is that these changes could result in hospitalizations and negative outcomes for your child.

Vaccine News: The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is making some changes to their rule, mandating that licensed health care entities have their staff vaccinated against COVID19. The changes don't have a great effect on PASCO's vaccination efforts. Advocacy efforts were successful in convincing the CDPHE Executive Director to allow for a live-in caregiver exemption, and puts it into the rule. The Board of Health will vote on the changes on Dec. 15th and they are expected to pass easily.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) emergency rules governing COVID19 vaccination mandates have been put on hold by a couple of Courts of Appeal and both departments are not enforcing their emergency rules while appeals are heard in the next month or so. We fully expect that the results of the Court of Appeals rulings will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court with no clear indication of which way they may rule. To date, the Supreme Court has declined to hear state vaccine mandates in New York, Maine and at some universities across the country. In other words, no news is just no news.....

Food Banks for Furry Friends community resources



Did you know that there are food banks for those who need help feeding their furry friends?

The Colorado Pet Pantry provides pet food at 102 locations throughout the year. They hold 32 pet food banks from Loveland to Alamosa with a concentration of pet food banks in the Denver and Boulder-metro areas. These food banks are held in conjunction with "human" food banks to ensure that everyone in the family can be fed. The organization fed a whopping 5.1 million meals to local pets in 2020! These food banks are open to the public and include food options for both dogs and cats. For more information, visit coloradopetpantry.org.

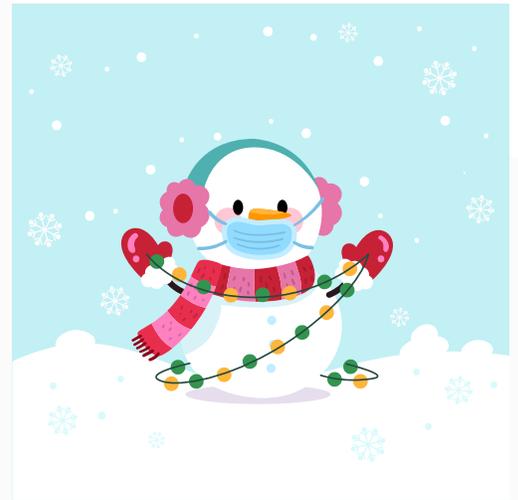


PASCO Holiday Hours Reminder

The PASCO office will be closed December 24th - 27th as well as December 31st for the holidays. If immediate assistance is needed during these closures, please contact our on-call nurse and staffer at (303) 231-6479.

Examples of when to utilize on-call:

- You will be more than 15 minutes late.
- You are calling off from work (2-hour notice is required).
- You are lost (Call immediately).
- Your client is not home.
- You need to speak to a nurse.
- You need any assistance or have a question.
- You are injured on the job.
- You feel unsafe about performing a specific task.
- You are following the Emergency Preparedness Procedure.



PASCO Support - for all of your employment needs

If you have questions, we have answers. Contact our helpful Support Team for any assistance with:

- Caregiver and Client contact information changes
- Live-In Caregiver form support
- PASS support (unlocking timesheets, password resets, questions, etc)
- Therap Support
- Savii Support
- Checking status of compliance items
- Scheduling compliance items (e.g. CPR, Skills Den)
- Remote Learning support (PASCO Connect)
- Changing language preferences
- Employment verification requests
- Help accessing paystubs
- Questions about a paycheck
- Employee vacation requests
- Direct deposit enrollment/updates
- Financial Assistance program
- Something else? Send it to PASCO Support and we'll get you an answer.



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