

COLORADO CONVERSATION

COLORADO CONVERSATION is a weekly public affairs program produced by the stations of Denver-based KSE RADIO VENTURES that focuses on local issues and non-profit organizations.

Topics on COLORADO CONVERSATION cover issues of concern to the Denver Metro community as ascertained by program hosts, listeners, and other programming staff.

COLORADO CONVERSATION is heard on KKSE 950 Khz AM on Sunday at approximately 6:00 A.M

ISSUES highlighted this Quarter:

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FIRST QUARTER 2018 KKSE 950 Khz AM

ISSUE: medical care for the uninsured

COLORADO CONVERSATION

Aired: Jan 7, 2018

Segment: Mel Rutledge

30 minutes

WHY: Denver's safety net clinics provide critical services to the city's most vulnerable populations. This report summarizes how safety net clinics and the organizations supporting them in Denver have responded to the expansion of coverage under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). It also identifies the current state of integrated care among Denver's safety net clinics and challenges that clinics are currently facing when trying to secure specialty care for their patients, to inform the future work of the Integrated Care and Specialty Care Access Working Groups of the Mile High Health Alliance. Who are the Safety Net Clinics?

Safety net clinics in Denver range from small clinics with a few exam rooms to large health care systems with multiple clinic sites across the city. The populations they serve vary greatly with respect to culture, religion, and socioeconomic status. They include homeless people, recent immigrants and refugees, those living in poverty, people who speak rare languages and dialects, undocumented persons, people without health insurance, and people of every age group. The safety net clinics provide a range of services including physical health care, mental health care, substance abuse treatment, dental care, educational classes, and social services. This report summarizes data collected by an email survey and through key informant interviews with leaders in eleven safety net clinics and organizations in Denver. A list of the clinics included in the research is provided in Appendix A

ISSUE: helping families in need of critical human services

COLORADO CONVERSATION

AIRE: Jan 14 2018

Segment: Mel Rutledge

30 minutes

WHY: "Enriching the lives of families, one community at a time"

Joyful Journeys Community Enrichment helps improve the lives of families by providing critical human services like food, clothes, hygiene products, baby items and school supplies. Simply providing emergency essentials though is a band-aid to a much larger problem. We proactively fight the battle by providing tutoring and after school support, exercise and nutrition classes, financial literacy courses, we host a community garden, clean the streets, help struggling families over the holidays, provide resume building assistance and household budgeting classes!

FIRST QUARTER 2018 KKSE 950 Khz AM

ISSUE: adopting wild horses

COLORADO CONVERSATION

AIRE: Jan 21, 2018

Segment: Bo Jaxon

30 minutes

WHY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is excited to launch a new "Wild Horse and Burro Online Corral" system in the near future, allowing prospective adopters or purchasers greater access to America's wild horses and burros and providing improved customer service to the public.

The Online Corral will sport a more streamlined look and feel, while offering a host of new features and abilities to the users, including new filtering

options to make it easier to find your desired animal, as well as a new online application process.

The first event on the new site is tentatively scheduled to occur in April 2018, but applications to adopt or purchase a wild horse or burro may be accepted any time after the site has launched.

ISSUE: feeding Denver (homeless and low income)

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AIRED: Jan 28,2018

Segment: Mel Rutledge

30 minutes

- **WHY:** Feeding Denver's Hungry is a group of individuals that get together in lower downtown Denver and serve 800-1000 marginalized youth, elderly, disabled and families in need, who's resources have run out.
- No one is obligated to do anything to receive our services. All items are bought and paid for by our volunteers, this is not a government program.
- Feeding Denver's hungry needs your tax deductible donations, please help us when you can. We are 501c3.
- We distribute food the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month

FIRST QUARTER 2018 KKSE 950 Khz AM

ISSUE: hope to cancer survivors

COLORADO CONVERSATION

Aired: Feb 4, 2018

Segment: Mel Rutledge

30 minutes

WHY: - **Cancer Survivorship** is more than follow-up appointments, blood tests, and scans; it's about living life to the fullest beyond cancer. Epic Experience empowers adult cancer survivors to do just that through free week-long adventures in the Colorado Rockies.

We offer free week-long outdoor experiences to individuals (18+ years old) who have been diagnosed with cancer. Experiences are based upon outdoor adventure activities such as white water adventures during the summer months, and snowshoeing and cross country skiing during the winter months. Throughout the experience, participants will be encouraged to recognize the reality that cancer is a part of their story, but it no longer defines them. Connections with other individuals who share a similar story will create a community that lasts long after their Epic Experience has ended.

Throughout the week, as participants challenge themselves physically, find community with other survivors, and talk through fears and worries, they gain hope and return home with insights to help them live and thrive beyond cancer.

ISSUE: advocate for abused children COLORADO CONVERSATION

Aired: Feb 11, 2018

Segment: Bo Jaxon

30 minutes

WHY: Child Advocates-Denver CASA's **mission** is to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in Denver Juvenile Court through the services of specially selected and trained community volunteers from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Our **vision** is that all children will have a life-long connection with caring adults, a permanent home and a safe and nurturing environment where they can thrive because every child has this right.

In a typical year, more than 1,100 children in Denver County go through the court system because their family is in crisis.

Sometimes these children are able to live at home with their parents. More often, however, these children wind up in a foster home. In 2015, over 200 children in Denver County spent time in foster care. Unfortunately, the system that is supposed to protect children isn't always equipped to ensure that their basic needs and rights are protected.

There is a simple and effective solution: A CASA Volunteer. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. A CASA is a trained advocate who works directly with all the parties to make sure that the best interests of the child are always front-and-center. A child who has a CASA volunteer has the best chance of a successful outcome.

CASA volunteers are everyday citizens appointed by judges to advocate for the safety and well-being of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. They stand up for these children and change their lives.

FIRST QUARTER 2018 KKSE 950 Khz AM

ISSUE: help women with disabilities build confidence

COLORADO CONVERSATION

AIRE: Feb 18, 2018

Segment: Bo Jaxon

30 minutes

WHY: Colorado Miss Amazing provides opportunities for girls and women with disabilities to build confidence and self-esteem in a supportive environment.

Research shows that girls and women with disabilities regularly face a harmful "double-dose" of stereotypes associated with two parts of their identity: being female and having a disability.

As a result of these widely held myths about their value, the self-esteem of girls and women with disabilities remains significantly lower than that of girls and women without disabilities, and our communities miss out on the contributions that girls and women with disabilities are fully capable of offering.

ISSUE: Stop the Violence concert

COLORADO CONVERSATION

AIRE: Feb 25, 2018

Segment: Mel Rutledge

30 minutes

WHY: The only thing that will stop darkness is LIGHT! So lets light our city up and come together to set others on fire with love, peace, unity and life. if change will happen we will have to GO BIG, LOVE HARD & show our youth how you have to be REALLY tough (Love God, raise a family, get up for work everyday, be a real friend, be a part of your community, etc).

[HEAT INC.](#) & [TriPolar](#) will be performing along with a few other surprise guests, barbers will be cutting hair, will be giving away donations to anyone in need, hot food will be served and we will have a special guest speaker as well.

FIRST QUARTER 2018 KKSE 950 Khz AM

ISSUE: supporting Special Olympics

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Aired: March 4, 2018

Segment: Bo Jaxon

30 minutes

WHY: The mission of Special Olympics Colorado is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Changing Attitudes

Special Olympics is the leading voice in [raising awareness about the abilities of people with intellectual disabilities](#).

Through sports, we showcase the skills and dignity of our athletes. We also bring together communities to see and take part in the transformative power of sports. We know the odds our athletes must overcome and the barriers they face every single day. We see this at training events and competitions as our athletes push to beat their personal bests — and exceed them.

We believe in a world where there are millions of different abilities but not disabilities.

Healthier Athletes

Special Olympics is also the [world's largest public health organization for people with intellectual disabilities](#). Many of our athletes come to us with neglected health problems. At World Games and other events, we offer a wide range of free health exams and care.

Our goal is to bring better fitness, nutrition and healthier lifestyles to everyone involved in Special Olympics — from athletes and their families, to coaches and volunteers.

ISSUE: dealing with unexpected infant deaths

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AIRED: March 11, 2018

Segment: Bo Jaxon

30 minutes

WHY: Helping families and others cope with the sudden, unexpected death of an infant or toddler, while raising awareness, providing education and supporting research regarding sudden, unexpected infant and toddler death, including SIDS, SUID, SUDC, miscarriage and stillbirth loss.

Core Values

Counseling and Support

Offer compassionate and professional bereavement counseling and support services at no charge to families, caregivers and others that are impacted by the sudden, unexpected death of an infant or toddler, including SIDS, SUID, SUDC, miscarriage and stillbirth.

Education and Awareness

Keep babies and toddlers healthy by awareness, prevention and risk reduction education to the Colorado community.

Goals and Objectives

- Provide every Colorado family experiencing the sudden, unexpected death of an infant or toddler with a personal contact soon after we are notified of the death, along with informational packets containing appropriate literature regarding the death and bereavement issues.
- Provide professional case management, information and support services in a culturally competent and linguistically appropriate manner to those affected by sudden, unexpected infant or toddler death throughout the next two years following the death and longer if needed.
- Provide accurate and culturally competent information and education to the Colorado community regarding SIDS and other sudden, unexpected infant and toddler deaths.
- Provide accurate data regarding these deaths in Colorado; determine trends that might reflect areas of program or educational needs.
- Provide sufficient operating funds to support program operations through fundraising, grants, individual donations and corporate donations.

ISSUE: Volunteers of America

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Segment: Mel Rutledge

30 minutes

WHY: Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit, faith-based organization dedicated to helping those in need rebuild their lives and reach their full potential.

Through more than 30 distinct human service programs throughout the state of Colorado, including housing and healthcare, Volunteers of America helps more than 200,000 Coloradoans each year. Since 1896, our ministry of service has supported and empowered America's most vulnerable groups, including at-risk youth, the frail elderly, low-income families, homeless individuals and families, women and children escaping domestic violence, and those seeking affordable housing solutions. Our work touches the mind, body, heart — and ultimately the spirit — of those we serve, integrating our deep compassion with highly effective programs and services.

Our administrative offices are located at 2660 Larimer Street, Denver CO 80205. To speak to someone about our programs or volunteering opportunities you may email us at info@voacolorado.org or call 303-297-0408. To keep up with our news and activities, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

ISSUE: Colorectal Cancer

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AIRED: March 25, 2018

Segment: Mel Rutledge

30 minutes

WHY:

The Colorectal Cancer Task Force (CRC TF) is dedicated to decreasing the incidence and mortality from colorectal cancer in Colorado. The primary goal of the TF is colorectal cancer prevention since colorectal cancer is a demonstrably preventable disease. In the next two years our focus will be on saving lives through collaborative efforts to prevent colorectal cancer and reach the 80% by 2018 screening goal in Colorado. We hope to address this issue in both the general population of Colorado but also to focus efforts on underserved and under screened population including the uninsured, underinsured, low income group as well as those at increased colorectal cancer risk due to a family history of the disease. The TF provides a forum for networking of representatives from multiple private and public agencies in Colorado that focus on colorectal cancer prevention and control. The CRC TF helped write the colorectal cancer goals of the Colorado Cancer Plan. It meets monthly to review progress on the Colorado Cancer Plan priorities, discuss policy issues, educate one another about existing programs, and create programmatic partnerships where gaps in service exist.

ISSUE: quality of life in nursing homes

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AIRE: March 18, 2018

Segment: Mel Rutledge

30 minutes

WHY: Bessie's Hope (formerly Rainbow Bridge) began with a spiritual vision received by Linda Holloway, one of the co-founders. She heard a distinct voice repeating, "Bring them together, the young and the old", and she saw what was to become the work of Bessie's Hope. Inspired by her grandmother's tragic nursing home experience and by the loneliness she observed in nursing homes, Linda, and co-founders, Sharron Brandrup and Marge Utne, worked to create an organization that would bring community awareness and participation into nursing homes.

Sharron and Linda began taking groups of children to visit nursing home residents in 1989. Evidence of the life-transforming benefit to both populations led to the formation of a 501c3 non-profit corporation in 1993. In the summer of 1994, Linda's and Sharron's original musical entitled "Rainbow Bridge, an Intergenerational Musical" was produced at the Denver Center for Performing Arts. It attracted tremendous media attention, both locally and nationally. In the fall of 1994, the Rainbow Bridge volunteer programs were officially begun.