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Group Receives Cash Incentive

Every year the Interagency Oversight Group (IOG) sets system improvement goals in four areas. For State Fiscal Year 2009-2010 we made positive changes to the provision of care in four disparate settings. As a result of this year's successful system

improvements, Elbert county was awarded \$104,000.

The state of Colorado awards this cash incentive with the specific goal of enabling communities like ours to strengthen our service system, reduce

duplication of services and create effective treatment options for families with multi-system involved kids. In past years this funding has supported new programs that build Elbert county's capacity to serve families locally, staff existing programs, provide community training and fill specific treatment needs.

Programs and Partnerships: Happy families aren't born...

they're made one day at a time.

We're bringing the acclaimed **Active Parenting Now** program directly to you! This workshop will show you effective ways to...

- use non-violent discipline techniques that work
- improve communication with your children
- teach responsibility and other important values
- handle problems as they come up
- cope with difficult topics such as drugs, violence, and sex
- defuse power struggles with your children
- stimulate independence as your child grows older
- encourage your children to be their very best!



Do you ever wonder if there's a better way to handle those daily parenting problems? Maybe your son dawdles around whenever it's time to get dressed for school...your daughter is suddenly using disrespectful language...or the children seem to forget to do their chores and argue every minute of the day. Or maybe you'd like to prepare now for the upcoming teen years.

You can become more successful at parenting—the most important job of your life—with *Active Parenting Now*, the acclaimed video and discussion program by parenting expert Dr. Michael Popkin. In six sessions, you will learn a proven approach to parenting that will lead to more harmony and happiness for you and your children. Since 1983 millions of families have learned the benefits of *Active Parenting*—now it's your turn.

This entertaining and informative program uses video, activities and discussion to show you ways to **raise responsible, cooperative children** who are able to resist negative peer pressure. You'll leave each session energized and motivated to make changes in your own family's daily routine that will lead to greater happiness in every room of the house (and the car, too!).

Join us at the next session and see the difference!

For more information about Active Parenting, call 800-825-0060 or go to www.ActiveParenting.com.

Date: April 4th - May 9th

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Sponsored by: Elbert County Early Childhood Council

Location: Legacy Academy Library

Other Details: Mondays for 6 weeks for parents with children ages 5-12

To register, contact: Sharon Nicholas at Sharon@eccc.org or (720)323-6970

Colorado Department of Education and Colorado Legacy Foundation Announce Recipients of 2011 Commissioner's Choice Awards

Lance Luitjens, Principal and Superintendent Kiowa High School and Kiowa School District received a Commissioner's Choice award this month. He is recognized for: *Innovative Use of Resources to Meet Student Needs*; recognizing a school or district that has aligned all available resources toward the goal of meeting student needs in order to achieve strong student outcomes.

Commissioner Hammond presented educators and leaders with a 2011 Commissioner's Choice Award for demonstrated effectiveness in 12 areas of student achievement and growth, teacher leadership, and educator preparation and induction. Colorado's teacher of the year also will be honored.

About the Colorado Legacy Foundation

Inspired by CDE's Forward Thinking strategic plan, the Colorado Legacy Foundation is the first foundation in the country to be launched by a state department of education. The Colorado Legacy Foundation was established in 2007 as a private nonprofit governed by an independent board of trustees that develops initiatives to support CDE's work. Its mission is to invest in promising strategies to improve public education. The privately funded nonprofit evaluates results, convenes education stakeholders and provides recommendations to schools for continuous improvement. Its unique partnership with CDE allows the foundation to advance innovation in public schools throughout the state. More: <http://www.colegacy.org>

"Attracting, developing and supporting effective educators are top priorities for the Colorado Department of Education," says Commissioner of Education Robert Hammond. "Our goal is to make sure all public school students are ready for success in work and college when they complete high school. To do that, we must provide an effective teacher in every classroom and an effective principal in every school."

"We believe that all of Colorado's teachers and school leaders want to be the best they can be," says Helayne Jones, president and chief executive officer, Colorado Legacy Foundation. "We also believe there is increasing support across the state to help them continue to grow and hone their craft. That's why recognizing educators who are effective and sharing their practices is so critical."

The Colorado Legacy Foundation will prepare a series of tools to document and share the practices of 2011 award winners later this year.

**The Interagency Group of Elbert County
Member Organizations**

The Women's Crisis and Family
Outreach Center
Admin: 303-688-1094
Crisis: 303-688-8484

Centennial Mental Health Center
303.646.4519

Elizabeth Schools Office of the Superintendent
303.646.1836

Kiowa Schools Office of the Superintendent
303.621.2115

Elbert County:
Department of Social Services
303.621.3149

Department of Public Health
303.621.3145

East Central BOCES
719.775.2342

Northeast Behavioral Health Partnership

Signal Behavioral Health Network

18th Judicial District:
Department of Probation
303.621.8016

Division of Youth Correction

Juvenile Assessment Center
720.874.3381

Senate Bill 94
303.792.3777

District Judge Division I
Kiowa Colorado 303-621-8521.

Elbert County Sheriff's Office
303.621.2027

For More Information about House Bill 1451 and Colorado's
Collaborative Management Program, please visit:



Senate Bill 94 Programs

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