



## COC Coalition Networking Meeting Agenda

*"Building bridges and linking services to our rural communities through support, resources and referrals"*

Wednesday, May 16, 2018- 1:30PM - 3:00PM  
Swink Hall, El Paso County Fairgrounds, 366 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Calhan, CO

### Introductions

#### I. **Jill Cheetham - CASA of the Pikes Peak Region**

Provides a volunteer's voice in court for children who are victims of abuse, neglect or domestic conflict and promotes community awareness of these issues to ensure safe and permanent homes. They have five programs that help serve the 'whole child', including:

- Dependency and Neglect (D&N) – Addresses the needs of children involved with the Department of Human Services and the Court because of abuse, neglect or maltreatment issues. A judge or magistrate appoints CASA as an independent party to the proceedings on D&N cases.
- Supervised Exchange and Parenting time (SEPT) –Provides an environment that supports individual safety, accountability and healthy relationships between children and their parents in conflictive custody or Domestic Violence cases. The SEPT Program provides two types of services: 1) Supervised Parenting Time and 2) Supervised Exchanges of children.
- Children and Families in Transition (C-FIT) - Educates parents about the effects of divorce on children.
- Life Long Links Program (LLL) - Locates and connects extended family and other supportive people to children in the foster care system, building a network of stable, caring connections and to ensure safe and permanent homes for kids more expediently.

The Hanger is a store for teens in foster care to "shop" for free. Teens come shop and also have the chance to 'work' at the store to gain important experience for their resume.

#### II. **Brief Update** from Agencies

#### III. **Save the Date:**

July 14-21

El Paso County Fair Week **PLEASE NOTE - No COC meeting**

**July 18**, due to our meeting space turned into exhibit space.

October 6

8<sup>th</sup> Annual COC Health & Education Fair

\*\*\* There are volunteer opportunities for both events

#### IV. **Next Meeting** - Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Location: Swink Hall- El Paso County Fairgrounds

*The COC Coalition meeting is a networking opportunity where service providers and local community members come together to discuss needs of our rural communities and share information with those that might benefit from this information. The meetings are consistently every third Wednesday of the month. This opportunity is open to the public. Join in every month or as your schedule permits. All are welcome!*



Today's Quote:

**Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.**

-Henry Ford

