

# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY 07•25•2022

## Governor's Proclamation

Host: COYLN  
Time: 9:00 AM

Details: Join us as we have youth from our community read the Governor's Proclamation acknowledging Colorado Youth Awareness Week. After the reading we will award certificates to young people recognized in the following categories: Creative Expressions, Youth Career and Education, Youth Leadership, Youth Community Service, and Self Care.

Contact:  
Ricardo Matthias  
[ricardo.matthias@state.co.us](mailto:ricardo.matthias@state.co.us)

## Tour of Capitol & Ralph Carr Building

Host: OCR/LEAP  
Time: 10:00 AM \*Directly after the Governor's Proclamation

Details: Join us for a tour of the court of appeals and the supreme court. Lunch to follow provided by OCR

Address: Colorado State Capitol: 200 E Colfax Ave. Denver, CO 80203

Contact: Cara Nord: [caranord@coloradochildrep.org](mailto:caranord@coloradochildrep.org)

## Youth Art Gallery- ALL WEEK

Host: Elevating Connections

Details: Come take a look at the art gallery that is on display. Please note that you can check out this display throughout the entire week

Address: Same Café: 2023 E Colfax Ave. Denver, CO 80206

Contact: Tamisha Macklin: [TMacklin@elevatingconnections.org](mailto:TMacklin@elevatingconnections.org)

## Creative Workshop

Host: Elevating Connections  
Time: 3:00 PM

Details: Join us for poetry, art and creative expression. People will also have an opportunity to see the art gallery on display

Address: Same Café: 2023 E Colfax Ave. Denver, CO 80206

Contact: Stacey Sanders: [staceys@elevatingconnections.com](mailto:staceys@elevatingconnections.com)

TUESDAY 07•26•2022

## Career Panel

Host: OCR/LEAP  
Time: 10:00 AM

Details: Join us for a career panel featuring a nurse, therapist, and lawyer- three professions selected by members of the Lived Experts Action Panel (LEAP) sponsored by the Office of the Child's Representative (OCR). Hear about the education the panelists completed, what their typical day looks like, what they get paid and answers to questions asked by you/other youth!

Virtual: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88477103081?pwd=b2hBRWdLRzlnQ3hVT2hkTGVPN3kyZz09>

Meeting ID: 884 7710 3081

Passcode: 420686

Contact: Cara Nord: [caranord@coloradochildrep.org](mailto:caranord@coloradochildrep.org)

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TUESDAY 07•26•2022 CONTINUED



## Community College of Denver Campus Tour

Host: Elevating Connections/Chuck Roy  
Time: 2:00 PM

Details: Do you have interest in attending college? Join us on this tour to learn if Community College of Denver is the school you may be interested in attending. Activities will include an Academic Scavenger Hunt to learn about all CCD has to offer its students.

Address: CCD Campus: 1111 W Colfax Ave. Denver, CO 80204    **Confluence Room**

Contact: Stacey Sanders: [staceys@elevatingconnections.com](mailto:staceys@elevatingconnections.com)

## Career and Education Experts

Host: Weld County WIOA/HighPlains Library District  
Time: 5:30-7:30 PM

Details: Come and learn about the services and supports from Employment Services of Weld County, various education institutions, and representatives from in demand industries and careers have to offer youth in Colorado and ask professionals any questions you might have.

**\*Please RSPV to contact below**

Address: HighPlains Library District: 2227 23rd Ave. Greeley, CO 80634

Contact: Jasmin Dominguez: [jdominguez@weldgov.com](mailto:jdominguez@weldgov.com)

WEDNESDAY 07•27•2022

## SpeakUp: Tell Your Story

Host: Fostering Great Ideas  
Time: 10:00 AM

Details: Join us for this training on sharing your lived experience in an empowering environment

Virtual: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83154589642?fbclid=IwAR25EcwOpICrIsUL1yeHNHA2mhx-ScSTyNrv-pxxRPO014c-i5QSlngM2iY>

Contact: Tori Shuler: [tori.shuler@fg4kids.org](mailto:tori.shuler@fg4kids.org)

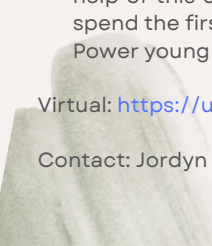
## Youth Leadership Panel

Host: Project Foster Power (pFP)  
Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

- Details: Come join this session to learn about young adult leadership opportunities across the state of Colorado, and to have a chance to share your power! pFP, with the help of this committee, will invite young adult leadership representatives from groups all across the state (5-10) to share about their group's work and vision. We will spend the first half of this session learning about the different groups, and then spend the second half engaging in building collective power activity led by project Foster Power young adult leaders

Virtual: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85433720392>    Meeting ID: 854 3372 0392

Contact: Jordyn Gendel: [jgendel@childlawcenter.org](mailto:jgendel@childlawcenter.org)



# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

THURSDAY 07•28•2022



## Golden Triangle Clean Up

Host: Division of Youth Services  
Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Details: We will be gathering at the trailhead. We are open to public participation. We will hike the trail to the summit while participating in communication and leadership activities along with restorative circles. We will be doing a trail trash cleanup along the way

Address: Lubhan Trail- City of Golden Open Space: 1901 Bekvedere Dr. Golden, CO 80401

Contact: Mike Caires: [mike.caires@state.co.us](mailto:mike.caires@state.co.us)

## CS Event

Host: The Matthews House  
Time: 11:00 AM

Details: Youth and TMH Staff will be participating in a group effort to clean up the Poudre River and Natural Area near Lee Martinez Park. Food and drinks will be provided and the wonderful feeling of helping our community is totally free!

Address: 600 N Sherwood St. Fort Collins, CO 80521

Contact: Mark Burke: [mark@thematthewshouse.org](mailto:mark@thematthewshouse.org)

## Experience Sharing

Host: OCR/LEAP  
Time: 12:00- 2:00 PM

Details: Come share your experience of being in foster care, learn about the Foster Youth in Transition Program (FYiT) \*gift cards will be provided to those who participate

Address: Urban Peak: 1630 S. Acoma St. Denver, CO 80233

Contact: Cara Nord: [caranord@coloradochildrep.org](mailto:caranord@coloradochildrep.org)

FRIDAY 07•29•2022

## BBQ on the Poudre River

Host: The Matthews House  
Time: 12:00 PM

Details: This activity is open to anyone. Come join us for food, yoga, mindfulness meditation, prizes, swimming and sunshine

Address: 5216 Poudre Canyon Rd. Bellevue, CO 80512

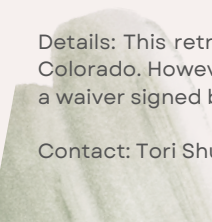
Contact: Mark Burke: [mark@thematthewshouse.org](mailto:mark@thematthewshouse.org)

## Youth Voice Wellness Retreat

Host: Fostering Great Ideas

Details: This retreat will be space limited, preference to systems involved youth. If you are interested please contact Tori Shuler to register. Retreat will be held in Fraser Colorado. However, party will meet in Denver and drive up together. It will include lunch, a nature walk, and a self care workshop. All participants under 18 years old will need a waiver signed by a guardian. Once you register with Tori, you will be provided locations and times for the event

Contact: Tori Shuler: [tori.shuler@fg4kids.org](mailto:tori.shuler@fg4kids.org)



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FRIDAY 07.29.2022 CONTINUED

## CASA Event

Host: CASA

Time: 5:30- 7:30 PM

Details: This activity is open to anyone. Join us for outdoor games such as cornhole and ladder ball and pizza. Please RSVP to Jess Leitch by no later than **Wednesday July 27, 2022** and she will provide you the location

Contact: Jess Leitch: [Jess\\_Leitch@adv4children.org](mailto:Jess_Leitch@adv4children.org)

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

### Join your local youth leadership network:

For more information contact the following:

- Metro Youth Alliance (MYA) - Mary Davis 720-324-0394 OR [metroyouthalliance@gmail.com](mailto:metroyouthalliance@gmail.com)
- Project Foster Power - Jordyn Gendel 720-691-5901 OR [projectfosterpower@childlawcenter.org](mailto:projectfosterpower@childlawcenter.org)
- Speak Up - Tori Shuler @ 303-549-3765 OR [tori.shuler@fgi4kids.org](mailto:tori.shuler@fgi4kids.org)
- Matthew's House- Mark Burke- [mark@thematthewshouse.org](mailto:mark@thematthewshouse.org)
- Colorado Office of the Child Representative (OCR)
  - Lived Experts Action Panel (LEAP)
    - Cara Nord- 303-860-1517 ext 110 OR [caranord@coloradochildrep.org](mailto:caranord@coloradochildrep.org)

Alexis Perry Scott- 720-445-5482 OR [aperryscott@coloradochildrep.org](mailto:aperryscott@coloradochildrep.org)

## Resources

Youth Specific Resources/Why it Matters: Youth Specific Resources - Colorado Child Welfare Training System ([coloradocwts.com](http://coloradocwts.com))

Youth Center through OCR

- <https://coloradochildrep.org/youth-center/youth/>

Project Foster Power (PFP)

- a group of current and former foster youth, ages 15 to 25+, who are using our voices and experiences to improve the Colorado child welfare system through youth-led organizing and advocacy
- Each campaign, PFP follows a Youth Action Cycle that allows us to listen directly to youth members across the state, identify a shared issue, develop a plan, and work to create change through collective action

If you are between the ages of 18-26 and are interested in re-entry OR are just in need of services please email us at: [cdhs\\_fosteryouth@state.co.us](mailto:cdhs_fosteryouth@state.co.us) to get connected to resources near you

## Check out our Website:

[2022 Youth Awareness Week Website](#)