



Developmental Disabilities Health Center



To: Friends, Supporters, Colleagues, and Other Stakeholders

From: David Ervin, Executive Director, The Resource Exchange

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Holiday greetings and best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy 2011.

As many of you know, The Resource Exchange has been working on a healthcare delivery system that would offer primary healthcare, behavioral health, health promotion and wellness and a host of additional healthcare supports that are customized for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

It is my profound honor to announce a new, formal partnership between TRE, Peak Vista Community Health Centers, and HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Colorado Springs that creates the **Developmental Disabilities Health Center**, or DDHC, a new and unprecedented healthcare delivery system in Colorado Springs for people with I/DD. The DDHC, which opens on January 4, 2011, provides a new opportunity that brings accessible, integrated healthcare services that are tailored to the needs of patients with I/DD.

The DDHC is located at 2502 East Pikes Peak Avenue, 4th floor. TRE and our partners in this effort envision DDHC becoming a more effective, more user- and family-friendly healthcare alternative to local hospital emergency rooms or urgent care centers, which have unfortunately become one of the few "games in town" that are accessible for people with I/DD and their families.

Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are enrolled in Medicaid can receive primary healthcare, behavioral health services, and referrals to specialty care providers - all with care coordination. Patients will need to enroll with Peak Vista, which can be done at the time of appointment.

Nicola ("Nicky") Adams, who has experience in providing healthcare to individuals with I/DD, will serve as Family Nurse Practitioner at DDHC. Nicky recently retired from a 20 year career in the Air Force serving active duty, dependents and retirees with their medical needs. Joining Nicky on the clinical team are TRE's behavioral health professionals, including Ashley Williams, Ph.D., and David Hatfield, Ph.D. Peak Vista is in the process of recruiting and hiring a part-time primary care physician who will work as a member of the multidisciplinary clinical team.



Nicola "Nicky" Adams, MSN, FNP



Ashley Williams, Ph.D.



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The DDHC will be open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 719-632-5700 and asking to speak to a Peak Vista representative about receiving care at DDHC.



The DDHC strives to provide exceptional healthcare to its patients that result in improved quality of life and more independence, and is less intimidating and downright scary than is far too often the experience of people with I/DD and their families. DDHC is the Developmental Disabilities Health Center for accessible, exceptional primary care and more.