

Developments At Pathways

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Developmental Pathways 2006 Open House and Candidate Forum was a Success!

Developmental Pathways Open House took place on a beautiful fall day. Visitors received information about Pathways programs, each department was available to answer individual questions and Executive Director, John Meeker, talked about Pathways growth and future funding.

Thirty-five Candidates attended Pathways Candidate Forum. Candidates learned about Pathways and employees at Pathways and visitors heard where candidates stood on issues.

Thank you to the following candidates:

Federal Races

Tom Kelly, US Congressional District 1, Green

Bill Winter, US Congressional District 6, Democrat

Jack Woehr, US Congressional District 6, Libertarian

Dave Chandler, US Congressional District 7, Green

Rick O'Donnell, represented by Russ Oberlin, US Congressional District 7, Republican

Colorado State Races

US Congressman Bob Beauprez, represented by Senator Nancy Spence, Governor, Republican

Paul Noel Fiorino, Governor, Unaffiliated, write-in candidate

Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor, Democrat

Charles Walter Sylvester, Jr., Governor, Republican write-in candidate

Dawn Winkler-Kinateder, represented by Richard Randall, Governor, Libertarian

Attorney General John Suthers, represented by Richard Westfall, Attorney General, Republican

Richard Randall, Lieutenant Governor, Libertarian

Colorado Legislature

Glenn Rhoades, State House District 26, Republican

Sara Gagliardi, State House District 27, Democrat

Angela Engel, State House District 37, Democrat

Joe Rice, State House District 38, Democrat

Mollie Cullom, State House District 39, Democrat

Representative Debbie Stafford, State House District 40, Republican

Lois Huff, State House District 44, Democrat

Linda Constantine, State House District 45, Democrat

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Arapahoe County

County Commissioner Lynn Myers, Arapahoe County Commissioner District 4, Republican
Pat Noonan, Arapahoe County Commissioner District 4, Democrat
Corbin Sakdol, Arapahoe County Assessor, Republican
Kathleen Conway, Arapahoe County Clerk & Recorder, Democrat
Clerk & Recorder Nancy Doty, Arapahoe County Clerk & Recorder, Republican
County Coroner Michael Doberson, M.D., PhD, Arapahoe County Coroner, Republican
Sue Sandstrom, Arapahoe County Treasurer, Republican

Douglas County

Teri Cox, Douglas County Assessor, Republican
Jack Arrowsmith, Douglas County Clerk & Recorder, Republican
Parker Town Councilman Jack Hilbert, Douglas County Commissioner, Republican
County Coroner Wesley Riber, Douglas County Coroner, Republican
Laura Harper O'Donnell, Douglas County Sheriff, Democrat
Sheriff David A. Weaver, Douglas County Sheriff, Republican
County Treasurer Sharon Jones, Douglas County Treasurer, Republican
Jerri Hill, Douglas County Commissioner District 1, Democrat

Coats For Colorado

You can help thousands of Coloradans by donating your gently used coats to Dependable Cleaners. Please bring your coats to any Dependable Cleaners between October 1 and November 30. The coats will be distributed to charitable organizations, homeless shelters, and to the many individuals and families in need.

Give away days for the public are Saturday, November 18 and Saturday, December 2 from 8:00 am to noon at Dependable Cleaners' Warehouse, 1701 S. Broadway.



Developmental Pathways Board of Directors voted to oppose Amendment 41 because: Amendment 41 Threatens Community Centered Boards and People With Developmental Disabilities

Introductory Comments

The 2006 ballot will include 14 statewide issues for voters to decide. One of the initiatives addresses “Ethics in Government,” a topic of importance to Developmental Pathways and to a large majority of voters. Unfortunately, Developmental Pathways believes that while the intent of Amendment 41 may be good, the language is overly broad, subject to confusion and unintended consequences, and – BECAUSE it proposes a constitutional change – CANNOT be fixed by the legislature. Developmental Pathways joins the League of Women Voters, the Colorado Nonprofit Association, and a growing list of other organizations in opposing this amendment. Developmental Pathways supports ethics in government, but does not believe Amendment 41 is the right approach.

What Amendment 41 Says

Amendment 41 proposes a change to the Colorado Constitution that:

- Prohibits elected and appointed public officials and government employees from accepting any amount of money or most gifts worth more than \$50;
- Bans lobbyists from giving gifts or meals to public officials or employees or the immediate family members of public officials or employees;
- Prohibits statewide elected officeholders and state legislators from lobbying certain elected state officials for pay for two years after leaving office; and,
- Creates an ethics commission to hear state and local complaints, assess penalties, and issue advisory opinions.

How It Will Affect Individuals and their Families with Developmental Disabilities

The goals of the amendment are to limit special interest influence on politics, create a level playing field for access to public officials, and create a system to enforce ethical standards for the conduct of public officials. Despite the overall good intentions of Amendment 41, it threatens the disability community in the following ways:

1. The definition of “governmental employee” in the amendment may include CCBs and those they serve. The amendment threatens to prevent Community Centered Boards (CCBs) from fundraising to fund their own programs. One CCB alone counts on nearly \$750,000 annually in public donations and in-kind contributions to fund vital programs and services for those with disabilities. Any donations of more than \$50 would be illegal to “governmental employees”—which may include CCBs and even individuals served by CCBs!
2. As a constitutional amendment, little could be done to remedy any discrepancies or shortcomings of the amendment. Should Coloradans later find the amendment to be overreaching or too ambiguous, its language cannot be corrected by the legislature; it would take a vote of the people at a future general election.
3. It would impose stringent limits that would have a chilling effect on the ability of nonprofits to educate and inform public officials, policymakers, and government employees about their mission-related work. For example: an event, hosted by Developmental Pathways which educates legislators on the issues affecting those with developmental disabilities, may be illegal. Why? Because it is unclear, based on the legality imposed by this amendment, what a nonprofit may purchase for policymakers.
4. The ethics commission created by the amendment would retain unprecedented power. Individual commissioners would retain subpoena power over any “governmental employee;” and, the amendment does not establish a process through which an individual can appeal an ethics commission ruling.

**For more information, contact Katy Atkinson, “No on Amendment 41 Coalition”: 303.525.3167
To donate to the No on 41 campaign, makes checks payable to “No on 41” (EIN 20-5543726) and mail to
110 16th Street, Suite 403, Denver, CO 80202**

The 2007 Pathways Achievement Awards Banquet is March 16, 2007

Pathways Achievement Awards 2007 Nomination Form and Instructions

Pathways Achievement Awards are given annually to adult clients of Developmental Pathways, Inc. who have shown extraordinary progress in living with a developmental disability. This year the categories will be: **Achievement in Employment**, **Achievement in Athletics** and **Achievement in Personal Growth**. Pathways clients are eligible to be nominated for any of these three awards. Award recipients will be honored at an awards dinner. The date for the Fourth Annual Pathways Achievement Awards dinner is Friday, March 16, 2007.

Award Criteria

Achievement in Employment – Years of current employment is important to note; however, it is not the main factor. The goal is to recognize the individual's ability to better themselves and their community through their employment. We are also looking to recognize the ability to overcome barriers in employment whether those barriers are due to disability or the general working environment (i.e. transportation, physical demands, skills acquisition). Finally, please consider how Developmental Pathways has worked in conjunction with your nominee to gain independence in their job search and/or work environment.

Achievement in Personal Growth – Consider how the person has bettered their quality of life and established a firm foundation for themselves through utilizing family, friends and Developmental Pathways services. This award can take many different forms, but often includes setting and reaching goals, conquering obstacles, identifying strengths and weaknesses, and partnering with those around the client to advance.

Achievement in Athletics – This award recognizes an individual who is involved in sports and their involvement has had a positive influence in their quality of life. Describe how Developmental Pathways has contributed to their growth in the area of sports (i.e. they are Developmental Pathways Special Olympic athletes or Developmental Pathways has been instrumental in getting them involved in sports). A high emphasis will be put on athletes who have demonstrated sportsmanship and teamwork (such as someone who reaches out to help others and does not put themselves above the team). Someone who has learned and grown in the sport is a plus.

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Pathways Achievement Awards 2007 Nomination Form and Instructions

Below are a few points to keep in mind when nominating your candidate.

- The official nominating form must be used and filled out in its entirety
- The nomination form can be found on the Pathways Intranet and web page
- Anyone can nominate an eligible individual
- The individual must receive adult services from Developmental Pathways
- Please recognize that a nomination does not guarantee an award so use discretion in discussing a nomination, if at all, with your candidate
- The focus should be on how the individual has demonstrated growth in the category being nominated for and how Pathways has helped this nominee
- Please ensure your nomination form clearly portrays a client's visible achievement in the area nominated
- If the award is for employment, the employer will also be recognized
- The nomination form must be turned in to Jill Sandhoff by November 28, 2006. It can be e-mailed, dropped off or sent to Jill at the Inverness office, box #219
- If you have questions about the nomination form, please call Jill Sandhoff at 303-858-2368
- The Pathways Achievement Awards Committee will make the final selection of the award recipients
- Award recipients will be announced no later than January 31, 2007

If you have any questions, please contact Jill Sandhoff, Associate Director of Communications, 303-858-2368 or jillsandhoff@developmentalpathways.org



Pathways Achievement Awards 2007 Nomination Form

Pathways Client: _____

Please print legibly

Nominated for:

____ Achievement in Employment

If nominating in the Employment category, please complete page 2.

____ Achievement in Athletics

____ Achievement in Personal Growth

Return to Jill Sandhoff by Wednesday, November 27 2006. Award recipients will be announced no later than January 31, 2007.

Please recognize that a nomination does not guarantee an award so use discretion in discussing a nomination, if at all, with your candidate.

(If you require more space, please attach a separate sheet)

1. Explain in detail why you have chosen to nominate this Pathways Client?

2 What example can you share to show why this Pathways Client should receive this award?

3 Please describe any other noteworthy achievements for this nominee.

Nominated by: _____ Phone number: _____

How do you know the Client being nominated? _____



Pathways Achievement Awards 2007 Nomination Form

Achievement in Employment:

Name of Employer: _____

Name of Supervisor: _____

Employer's address and phone number: _____

Please provide detailed information about the Employer:



Frances Owens Family Involvement Award 2007 Nomination Form and Instructions

The Frances Owens Family Involvement Award is one of the awards that will be presented at the Fourth Annual Pathways Achievement Awards dinner. We accept nominations from Pathways staff, clients and their families. The date for the Fourth Annual Pathways Achievement Awards dinner is Friday, March 16, 2007. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Below are a few points to keep in mind when nominating a family.

- The family must have a connection to Developmental Pathways
 - Be connected to Pathways through a relative
 - Be connected to Pathways by their business
 - Be connected to Pathways through their support
- The focus should be on how the family has helped people with developmental disabilities or Developmental Pathways
- The official nominating form must be used and filled out in its entirety
- The nomination form can be found on the Pathways intranet and internet
- Please recognize that a nomination does not guarantee an award so use discretion in discussing a nomination, if at all, with your candidate
- The Pathways Achievement Awards Committee will make the final selection of the award recipient
- Award recipient will be announced no later than January 31, 2007
- The nomination form must be turned in to Jill Sandhoff by November 28, 2006. It can be e-mailed, dropped off or sent to Jill at the Inverness office, box #219
- If you have questions about the nominating form or process, please call Jill Sandhoff, 303-858-2368

Please ensure your nomination form clearly portrays a family's visible and tangible efforts to further the mission of Developmental Pathways and people with developmental disabilities.

If you have any questions, please contact Jill Sandhoff, Associate Director of Communications, 303-858-2368 or jillsandhoff@developmentalpathways.org



**Frances Owens Family Involvement Award
2007 Nomination Form**

How has Pathways helped this family?

How has this family helped Pathways? Be sure to include how they are connected to Pathways.

Nominated by: _____ phone: _____
