
Monthly Newsletter

JULY 2024 ✦



Transition of Case Management Services to A&I Avenues Effective July 1st



Effective July 1st, Imagine! has become a Program Approved Service Agency (PASA) and case management services have transitioned to **A&I Avenues**. A&I Avenues is the case management agency for Boulder, Broomfield, and Gilpin county. They provide waiver services to all Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) in this area. This transition is in compliance with Case Management Redesign (CMRD). If you have any questions or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out to your KCS Case Manager.

Exciting News: Increased Difficulty of Care (DOC) Payments Effective July 1, 2024

We are thrilled to announce an important update regarding rates for services provided through the Home and Community Based Service waivers (HCBS). Effective **July 1, 2024**, we will be implementing increased Difficulty of Care (DOC) payments for all providers.

Recognizing the rising cost of living and the invaluable services you provide, these adjustments aim to fairly compensate you for your dedication and hard work. Your increased DOC payment will be reflected in your August 8, 2024 payment, and you can expect to receive your updated contract soon. Moving forward, contracts will be renewed annually on July 1st each year.

We sincerely appreciate your commitment to supporting individuals in your care. Working alongside each and every one of you is a privilege, and we are grateful for the positive impact you make in our community.

Announcing the Launch of Our Community Life Skills Program!

Our community life skills program is designed to promote tailored 1:1 supports in the community. This program aims to empower KCS participants by equipping them with essential life skills to enhance their independence and quality of life.

Life Skills Coaches will be contracted and have the opportunity work with families on determining schedules that meet individual needs.

Families interested in learning more about this program should contact **Meghan Horihan** at meghan.horihan@karunacareservices.com and **Jeff Near** at jeff.near@karunacareservices.com

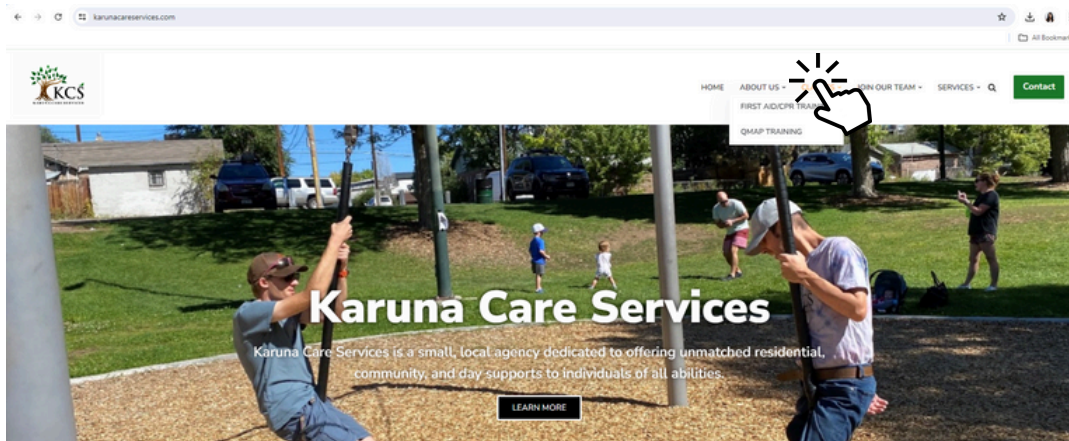
If you know of anyone interested in becoming a Community Life Skills Coach, please have them apply on Indeed [here](#).



KCS team x

CPR/First Aid and QMAP Courses to the Community!

Did you know KCS offers CPR/First Aid and QMAP courses to the community and even to individuals in services? We made it a goal to promote inclusion and provide our training offerings to more individuals to be able to serve our communities better and promote health and wellness. If you know of anyone who might be interested in taking one of our courses, have them check out our website pages [here \(CPR/FA\)](#), and [here \(QMAP\)](#).



Save the Date: Community Resource Fair on July 27th!

Mark your calendars! KCS is partnering with the YMCA and Next Steps Consulting to host a **Community Resource Fair** at the Lafayette YMCA on Saturday, July 27th from 10am-1pm.



Next Steps Neurodiversity Resource Fair

**Connect. Explore.
Celebrate. Empower.**

**Saturday, July 27, 2024
10 AM to 1 PM
Lafayette YMCA Gymnasium
2800 Dagny Way, Lafayette, CO 80026**

- 45+ Vendors Indoors - Diagnosing providers, early intervention providers, mental health, speech therapists, occupational therapists, educational programs/support, support groups, home health providers, advocacy, community and social connection, mentorship, life coaching, life skills training, employment support and more!
- Face painting, Batman and friends, giveaways
- Tote bags to first 200 registered
- FREE admission and parking

This fair is open to public and designed to promote community and provide resources and support for individuals with a wide range of abilities and their families. Registration is free and open [here](#).

Exciting Collaboration: KCS and the Neurodiversity Community Center Talent Show on Sept 7th!

We are thrilled to announce that KCS is partnering with the **Neurodiversity Community Center** to host a talent show on September 7th. Stay tuned for more details! Learn more about the Neurodiversity Center [here](#).



Thank you for reading!

For any questions please email tiffany.nguyen@karunacareservices.com
