



**Work and Gain Employment and Education Skills (WAGEES) Program
July 1, 2019**

AURORA

Second Chance Center

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Second Chance Center is staffed by experienced Criminal Justice Insiders who help formerly incarcerated people transition to lives of success and fulfillment. SCC offers cognitive reconstruction, addictions counseling, employment preparation, DVR-SEC, healthy relationships, group mentoring and motivational interviewing, housing, transportation, pre-release and parole plan development.

Bridge House / Ready to Work – Aurora

3176 S. Peoria Ct. Aurora, CO, 80014

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Bridge House's Ready to Work program is a holistic model providing homeless adults with housing, paid transitional work in a Bridge House social enterprise, and case management support. Trainees learn job skills, earn and save money, build a rental and work history for one year as a stepping-stone to permanent work and housing. The Ready to Work House and Employment Center offers housing for 44 men and women.

BOULDER

Bridge House

4747 Table Mesa Dr., Boulder, CO, 80305

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CANON CITY

Loaves & Fishes Ministries

241 Justice Center Rd., Cañon City, CO, 81212

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Loaves and Fishes Ministries has the only emergency shelter in a 5 county area. The Chayah House is a 17 bed emergency shelter that provides a safe place to stay to over 230 adults and children annually. Life skills classes are offered twice a week. Regular case management is provided to assist clients with employment, housing, transportation, and assistance in connecting to medical and mental health professionals. Clients may also participate in and access Loaves and Fishes various housing programs.



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COLORADO SPRINGS

Christlife Ministries

1602 S. Wahsatch Ave., Colorado Springs, CO, 80909

Linda Perkins (719) 219-6835, wagees@mychristlife.org

Christlife offers classes in work readiness, career assessment, resume, interviewing skills and job leads, life skills, life plan, budgeting, soft skills, basic computer literacy skills, Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), and Parents on a Mission in addition to other wrap around support services. Christlife offers housing opportunities at its locations in both Pueblo and Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs Works

3750 Astrozon Blvd. Unit #120, Colorado Springs, CO, 80910

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Colorado Springs Works offers training in construction, flagging, and more. Participants who complete CSW's job seeker workshop are matched with an employment coach who provides individualized job search assistance to include resume preparation, e-mail setup if needed, interview coaching, job leads, and community referrals for housing, transportation, healthcare, counseling, childcare, food and other support services. We also offer a Career Prep workshop, financial management, time management, conflict resolution, anger management, parenting, reconciliation, and interpersonal communication skills.

CORTEZ

The Piñon Project

210 E. Main St. Cortez, CO 81321

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The Piñon Project provides job readiness and employment support, assistance navigating the work force center system, direct employer engagement, peer-to-peer leadership training, financial literacy training, assistance and support for vocational training, GED and higher education, parenting and mentoring. Access to other appropriate services include family advocacy, supervised visitation/safe exchange program, fatherhood program, access to health and nutrition programs and access to licensed child care and early learning services.

DENVER

Servicios de la Raza

3131 W. 14th Ave., Denver, CO, 80204

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Servicios de la Raza provides and advocates for culturally responsive, essential human services and opportunities. Serving individuals of all cultures, Servicios de la Raza offers wrap around services including Victims in Safe Transition and Self-Sufficiency and Domestic Violence Program, HIV/AIDS services, basic needs emergency services, mental health services, health insurance enrollment, literacy, and promotions, and more.

Life-Line Colorado

1212 Mariposa St., Denver, CO, 80204

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The Life-Line program works with clients of all ages who struggle with substance abuse and/or transitioning out of gangs or incarceration. Services available through Life-Line include counseling, case management, pro-social activities, mentorship, resource connection, system navigation, career exploration, life skills, job readiness training, and more! Life-Line particularly specializes in fatherhood, gang disengagement, substance abuse, aggression replacement, and life skills.



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The Empowerment Program (WOMEN ONLY)

1600 York St. Denver, CO 80206

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The mission of the Empowerment Program is to provide education, employment assistance, health, housing referrals, and support services for women who are in disadvantaged positions due to incarceration, poverty, homelessness, HIV/AIDS infection, and/or involvement in the criminal justice system. Our goal is to decrease rates of recidivism by providing case management, support services, basic skills education, housing and resource coordination.

FT. COLLINS

Homeward Alliance

242 Conifer St., Ft. Collins, CO, 80524

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Homeward Alliance operates a continuum of programs and initiatives, ranging from critical survival gear, to employment services, to homelessness prevention. Homeward Alliance is not only an alliance of services, but also an alliance of volunteers, donors, agency partners and other community stakeholders. Homeward Alliance envisions a community in which homelessness is rare, short-lived, and non-recurring. The Re-Entry program empowers people on parole to overcome personal challenges, connect to resources, locate employment and secure housing. Located at the Sister Alice Murphy Center, a hub of services, Homeward Alliance also provides housing assistance, day shelter, child care and more.

GRAND JUNCTION

Junction Community Church (JCC)

2867 Orchard Ave. Grand Junction, CO 81501

PJ Wall (970) 778-5558, wagees@jctcc.net

JCC provides various services to returning citizens as they transition back to life in the community. These include; employment/job placement and coaching, education assistance, housing assistance, transportation assistance (bus pass), identification assistance, access to JCC's food bank (Sara's Pantry) and clothing bank (The Hope Room).

GREELEY

The Rock Found

1542 7th Ave., Greeley, CO, 80631

Cheryl Cook (303) 252-7453, wagees@therockfound.org

The Rock Found helps people achieve a GED or industry recognized credentials, enter post-secondary education and training as well job skills training, employment, transportation, and housing. Weekly groups include pro-social activities and Moral Reconciliation Therapy. The Rock Found is also a Colorado Circles of Support and Accountability site for the Weld County region. These circles support, monitor, and assist individuals who have been convicted of a sexual offense to help those lead productive lives in the community. The Rock Found offers job training, skills development, and employment through its two social enterprises: CSK's Grill and Raised in a Barn.



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LA JUNTA

Southeast Health Group

711 Barnes Avenue La Junta, CO 81050

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Southeast Health Group (SHG) is a nonprofit corporation providing job readiness and job search assistance, on-the-job training, job coaching, vocational training, internships, mentoring incorporating approaches such as Moral Reconciliation Therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy and anger management. As appropriate, this may include access to their mental and behavioral health services.

LONGMONT

The Reentry Initiative

402 Kimbark St., Longmont, CO 80501

Emily Kleeman, (720)-534-0999 info@reentryinitiative.org

The Reentry Initiative (TRI) helps women and men return from incarceration to start new lives. Through pre- and post-release evidence-based programming, as well as housing and case management, TRI's mission is to empower women and men to successfully transition from incarceration to a restored life in society.

MONTROSE

Junction Community Church (JCC)

147 E Main St. Montrose, CO 81401

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WAGEES at Montrose provides various services to participants to help them successfully re-enter the community. JCC in partnership with Light House Ministries provide reentry services including; employment/job placement, clothing, small tools, mentoring, education assistance, housing assistance, transportation assistance (bus pass), identification assistance (birth certificates, social security cards, etc.) and several life skills classes and groups.

PUEBLO

Christlife Ministries

2415 Lake Ave., Pueblo, CO, 81004

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Christlife offers classes in work readiness, career assessment, resume, interviewing skills and job leads, life skills, life plan, budgeting, soft skills, basic computer literacy skills, Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) and Parents on a Mission in addition to other wrap around support services. Christlife offers housing opportunities at its locations in both Pueblo and Colorado Springs.

STERLING

Hope House

915 South Division Ave. Sterling, CO 80751

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H.O.P. E. stands for "helping other people excel". Hope House is a transitional home for participants that are moving from one part of their life to another, whether it is from incarceration or substance use. Hope House is a starting point with the ultimate goal that participants will grow and rent their own place.



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WAGEES Women's Pilot Program

We are so pleased to announce a new reentry program specifically for women who have higher needs for medical and/or behavioral health treatment who are released (or will be released soon) to the Denver-metro area. This reentry program is called the WAGEES Women's Pilot Program. Because we've never tried to braid community-based services and clinical care together in one reentry program, the Women's Reentry Pilot is starting first in the Denver metro area with a partnership between the Stout Street Health Clinic, the Empowerment Program, and DOC. The Pilot launched on November 1, 2018. This is a voluntary program and there is no cost to be in the program. The Director for the WAGEES Women's Pilot program is Dr. Rolli Oden who is a Family Medicine Physician and an Addiction Medicine Specialist at the Stout Street Health Clinic. He and his team of doctors can provide medical care whether women just want a check-up or whether they have serious or ongoing medical problems. For people who need medication assisted treatment (like Suboxone or Vivitrol) for opioid addiction, Stout Street Health Clinic can make that decision on a case-by-case basis. They can also help people quit or not start to smoke again. The Stout Street Health Clinic also has a vision clinic, dental clinic, pharmacy, and therapists on site. If a person is not enrolled in Medicaid before release from prison, they can help them enroll if they are eligible. The Empowerment Program is the nonprofit partner in the WAGEES Women's Pilot program and they provide many reentry services like help with finding housing and employment, enrolling in education, building healthy relationships, reuniting with children/family, along with other services described more below.

Key Updates

- The WAGEES Community Partners can now serve anyone under CDOC supervision (Parole and Transition Clients).
- The WAGEES Community Partners can now serve anyone discharged from a CDOC facility for up to one year.
- If someone is discharged from parole, they must be enrolled in WAGEES prior to discharge in order to receive services. If they discharge while enrolled in WAGEES, they may be served through the end of the fiscal year.
- There is a new Women's Pilot Program described in more detail on page 4.
- There is a online WAGEES Referral Form process accessible only by CDOC staff.

WAGEES Program Community Partners

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