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Pyramid Plus News

Keeping you up-to-date on Pyramid Plus: The **Colorado**
Center for Social Emotional Competence and Inclusion

*** In the eNewsletter that went out today a last minute change created an error in the text of this article. Please see the corrected article below.***

Note From PPC Director - Successes and Challenges

A wise woman once told me, 'The joy of working on grant money is doing the work you truly love and for which you have the most passion. The challenge of working on grant money is sometimes you have to say goodbye to good people'. And so this has been the journey for me and for The Pyramid Plus Center for the past several months as some grants ended while other grants had not yet begun.

I bid a fond and heartfelt farewell to our current PPC team; Johanna Berry Wasser, Training and Technical Assistance Specialist, Robin Levy, Certification Coordinator / Training and Technical Assistance Specialist, Benjamin Riepe, Online Learning Coordinator / Training and Technical Assistance Specialist, Kalah Thorson, Training Coordinator / Training and Technical Assistance Specialist, and Kelly Ragland, Project Coordinator.

Johanna was an original member of The Pyramid Plus Center team since 2009. She coordinated the early training efforts of PPC and trained PPA, TPOT, and PTR-YC. Johanna is first author of the Pyramid Plus Approach Training material and helped design other training materials for the PPC - all from her home in Ridgway, CO. Johanna will stay with CU Denver and work on a grant with Dr. Phil Strain. I know our paths will cross!



Her knowledge and passion have perfected our Certification process. She has trained PPA and TPOT, and served as Reviewer for numerous certification candidates. Robin will become the Executive Director at *Family Flex Early Education Center* in Denver where she hopes to implement the Pyramid Plus Approach with a high level of fidelity. I hope to support her in those efforts!

Robin has been a member of the Pyramid Plus Center team since 2010.

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Ben has been a member of the Pyramid Plus Center team since 2014. He trained PPA, Positive Solutions for Families, and served as a Certification Reviewer. Ben





work into an online learning community responding to participant survey results with enthusiasm and zest. Ben will continue to work on his Master's degree while supporting the Center's work through July. I hope his work will extend past July!

Kalah has been a member of the Pyramid Plus Center team since 2015. Her strong organizational skills and attention to detail have helped us fine tune our training and certification events as well as our registration processes. She has trained PPA and served as Certification Reviewer. Kalah recently moved to Texas where she is pursuing a teaching position while supporting our work remotely through July. I wish Texas were part of Colorado!



Kelly has been a member of the Pyramid Plus Center team since 2015. Her tech ability has been such an asset and often left the team speechless as we marveled at her solution to a problem or her approach to an issue. In March, Kelly accepted a position at CU Denver as Assistant to the Associate Deans and she also continues to support our work on a limited, but valuable basis. I am thankful Kelly's office is around the corner for a greeting and a smile!



The Pyramid Plus Center has had the finest, professional, and passionate team one could ask for in doing such important and difficult work. It has been a privilege for me to work individually and as a team with each member. As the Center becomes more nimble in delivering high quality, evidence-based practices, we have set a high bar by which to measure our further success.

~ Geneva



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