

**Rural Solutions
Executive Director's Activity Report
For January 2009
Submitted by Jackie Reynolds**

Highlights of January

- We began work on HIV/AIDS Prevention Assessment of NE Colorado grant. Staff spent much time getting these efforts started in the region.
- Rural Solutions contracted with the Center for Research Strategies (CRS) to serve as the local coordinator for the Child Abuse Rates in NE Colorado study. Many organizations and agencies have been very supportive of both of these efforts with staff time and expertise focused on these grants.
- I spoke to the Sterling League of Women Voters in January to discuss the Bridges out of Poverty program. There was a nice article in the Sterling Journal Advocate about Rural Solutions.
- Glenda attended an organizational meeting for the Sterling High School Career Fair planned for September 2009. We hope to become a sponsoring organization for the event to support the efforts of the Workforce Center.
- I attended the Colorado Children's Trust Fund board meeting on January 27th. Great meeting. It helps keep me in touch with what is going on with state agencies.
- Rural Solutions has re-joined Progressive 15 for another year. Lisa and I attended the Legislative Day in Denver on January 28th. It was an excellent meeting, a chance to get to know our legislators and promote the activities and programs of Rural Solutions.

Financial News

- Dave Kaufmann presented our yearly completed audit to the Board of Directors this month. Our contract is completed with Dave and our audit is going to become more expensive because of additional federal guidelines. We will have to decide what kind of audit we want to purchase in the future.
- Rural Solutions received \$1,900 from the Logan County United Way for suicide prevention efforts in Logan County.

Preventing Suicide Initiative and Office of Suicide Prevention Grant for Seniors.

- Maranda is on maternity leave.

Health Disparities Grant

Rural Philanthropy Days Continuation Grant

- El Pomar is sponsoring a Nonprofit Economic Summit: Surviving These Economic Times after the El Pomar Luncheon on March 3rd at NJC. The event looks to be a

good chance for funders and grantees to talk about the economic times and how we might all be affected.

- Rural Solutions is the sponsor for a series of one-day workshops about "Understanding the Colorado's Common Grant Application". The workshops will be funded through RPD and the Anschutz Grant.
 - ✓ February 10th --Sterling. Gail LaForce from NJC is the presenter.
 - ✓ February 17th—Limon. A trainer from the Colorado Resource Center will be the presenter.
 - ✓ February 24th—Burlington. The trainer from CRC will also present at this training.

Fatherhood Initiative

Please see Glenda's monthly report.

Bridges out of Poverty Project

- I delivered this training to Kit Carson Health and Human Services staff in Burlington on January 29 and 30th to about 25 people.
- There will be training in Sterling on February 26-27 at NJC.

Community Connections

- January 7th: Fatherhood meeting in Sterling to discuss possible new programs.
- January 8th: Glenda and I visited the Fatherhood Program in Hugo at the Wellness Connection. Patricia Thompson is in charge of the program. We had a good visit.
- January 9th: I presented our year-end report to the Logan County United Way Board of Directors about the suicide prevention efforts in the county.
- January 12th: Attended the CASA meeting here in Sterling.
- January 13th: Met with Brush Head Start program to discuss development of the Fatherhood Program in their program.
- January 13th: Met with staff from Center for Research Strategies (CRS) about the Child Abuse grant.
- January 15th: I spoke to the Sterling League of Women Voters about the Bridges out of Poverty program.
- January 17th: Toni Harms and I delivered lunch to the CASA volunteers who were attending the CASA Volunteer Training here in Sterling. Around 7-8 volunteers became trained in NE Colorado.
- January 20th: Glenda attended the Sterling Career Fair organizational meeting.
- January 21st: Michelle attended the Navigator Luncheon in Fort Morgan, an event we continue to sponsor and support.
- January 27th: I attended the Colorado Children's Trust Fund meeting in Denver.
- January 28th: Lisa and I attended the progressive 15 Legislative Day at the Capitol.

- January 29-30th: Bridges out of Poverty training in Burlington.

Upcoming Events and News:

- Maranda had her little girl in January. She hopes to return to work parttime in early March.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Reynolds
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