

# 2024 IDD Awareness Day Award Nominees and Finalists Announcement

- Streaming live via Zoom and at [www.facebook.com/AllianceCOIDD/](https://www.facebook.com/AllianceCOIDD/)
- The slides and a recording will be posted at:  
[www.alliancecolorado.org/iddawarenessday2024](https://www.alliancecolorado.org/iddawarenessday2024)
- Come back to watch the Live Virtual Luncheon from 12:00 – 1:30pm on March 20!

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AWARENESS DAY

# Meet your hosts:



**JFK Partners** is Colorado's University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) and Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) Program. Our mission is to promote the individuality, inclusion, active community engagement, and health and well-being of all people of diverse backgrounds with developmental disabilities and their families.



**Alliance** is a nonprofit, statewide association of Community Centered Boards (CCBs), Program Approved Service Agencies (PASAs), Case Management Agencies (CMAs) Strategic Partners, and Colorado Advocacy Network (CAN) members dedicated to strengthening services and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).



**The Arc of Colorado** provides system advocacy, public awareness, community education, and support for self-advocacy organizations across the state for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The Arc of Colorado is the state chapter and, across the state, we have an additional 14 local chapters.

# Agenda:

- **IDD Awareness Month Celebrations**
- **Nominees and Finalists for:**
  - **Advocate of the Year**
  - **Direct Support Professional of the Year**
  - **Case Manager of the Year**

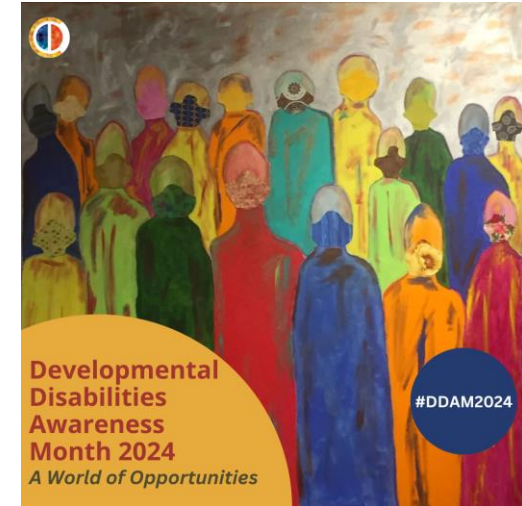
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**AWARENESS DAY**

# March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month!

- In 1987, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
- Every March, we raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life, as well as the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting to the communities in which they live
- Continue to celebrate with us!
  - **March 7th:** [Disability Rights Advocacy Day at the Capitol](#) (hosted by Disability Law Colorado)
  - **March 11th:** [IDD Policy Overview & Advocacy Training](#)
  - **March 20th:** [IDD Awareness Day at the Capitol](#) (Luncheon Tickets on sale through March 4) *Will also be LIVE streamed! Host a watch party!*
    - Awards Luncheon at the Denver Art Museum: DSP, Case Manager and Advocate of the Year Awards.



# FINALISTS for Advocate of the Year!



**Kris Housel**

The Arc of Weld County



**Mandy Kretsch**

Imagine! in Boulder

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# Nominees for Direct Support Professional of the Year!

Skyler Fogle: Array Clinical + Therapeutic Services

Carmenita "Minnie" Lewis: Imagine!

Delania Love: Roundup Fellowship

Donald Grider: Continuum of CO

Bren Lindemann: Imagine!

Vivian Sass: Starpoint

Charles Mathis: Continuum of CO

Steven Morales: Inspiration Field

Meredith Eisinger: Stepping Stone Support Center

Oly Valdez-Nixon: Continuum of CO

Ashley Avila: Integrated Life Choices

Dawn Faulkner: Stepping Stone Support Center

Renee Chiles: Dungarvin

Rebecca Casias: Integrated Life Choices

Florence Hornbeck-Kaiser: The Resource Exchange

Janyce Dixon: Dungarvin

Chris Janson: Integrated Life Choices

Brianna Delmont: Wellspring Community

Richard McDowell: Dungarvin

Connor Kraphl: Integrated Life Choices

Marlene Gomez: Easterseals CO

Cindy Warren: Mosaic

Caroline Gelatt: Envision

Skye Rust: Overture

Crystal Perez: Envision

Victor Teguh: Overture

Diana Box: Horizons Specialized Services

Angel Ramirez: Parker Personal Care Homes

Jennifer Kidwell: Horizons Specialized Services

Sybil Goldman: Roundup Fellowship

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# FINALISTS for Direct Support Professional of the Year!



**Mamadou Ouattara**

Developmental Disabilities Resource  
Center in Lakewood



**Peggy Sullivan**

Laradon in Denver



**Jolene Bowers**

Mosaic in Colorado Springs

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# Nominees for Case Manager of the Year!

Jana Spring: Ablelight

Michelle Loose: Developmental Disabilities Resource Center

Amanda Brown: Developmental Pathways

Jessica Crawley: Developmental Pathways

Barb Tessely: Foothills Gateway, Inc

Deanne Colbert: Foothills Gateway, Inc

Lauren Clements: Imagine!

Steve Conley: Imagine!

Tom Whattoff: Mountain Valley Developmental Services



# FINALISTS for Case Manager of the Year!



**Linda Medina**

Weld County Area Agency on Aging  
formally with Envision in Greeley



**Kerra Sandlin**

Mountain Valley Developmental Services in Glenwood  
Springs

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## Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day

Virtual and in-  
person options on  
March 20!



**March 4 @ 11:00am -12:00pm**

WEBINAR: Finalists Announced for Direct Support Professional, Case Manager, and Advocate of Year

**March 11 @ 8:30 - 9:30am**

WEBINAR: IDD Policy Overview & Advocacy Training

**March 20 @ 9:00am**

Pledge of Allegiance & IDD Day Tributes at the Capitol or virtual

**March 20 @ 12:00pm**

IDD Awareness Day Luncheon  
*\*Currently limited to 4 in-person tickets per agency, regardless of number of locations or size. Register by March 4!*

View event details and register at

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