

Tara Kiene, MTS started at Community Connections in 2001, shortly after moving to Durango to live in her great-grandmother's home. She served in the case management department and as the Director of Case Management before becoming the President/CEO in 2016. Over the past few years, she has been leading her organization through major transitions, including taking over a Single Entry Point contract on an emergency basis and divesting programs into a new 501c3. In her spare time, she writes, plays ukulele, and harasses her pet rabbits. Her goals in life are to publish a truly awful novel that no one reads during her lifetime but becomes a posthumous cult classic and to create a world where people with disabilities fully belong, contribute, and thrive.

Tara serves on the Executive Committee, GRACE (Government Relations Advisory Committee of Excellence), IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access), and co-chairs the ERIC (Emergency Resources in Communities) Committee for Alliance Colorado. She's been involved with the Leadership La Plata program since 2007 and is currently serving on the Diversity Committee for LLP. She also currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Early Childhood Council of La Plata County, United Way of Southwest Colorado, and iAM MUSIC.

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