



CONNECTIONS

Challenge Barriers. Build Independence.

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year **October 2022 to September 2023**

Revenue: Fiscal Year 2023



\$997,673	Grants & Contributions
\$335,204	Program Service Fees
\$92,496	Donations and Investments
\$1,425,781	FY2023 Revenue total

Expenses: Fiscal Year 2023

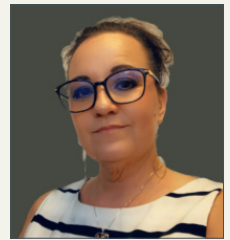


\$876,941	Independent Living Services
\$350,335	ASL Interpreting Services
\$91,419	Housing Assistance
\$88,810	Administrative Costs
\$1,421,351	FY2023 Expenses Total

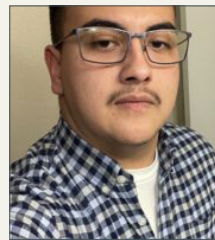
New Staff & Board Members



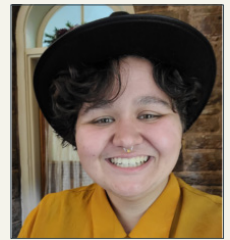
Tim Wilson
Board of Directors



Heather Barnes
Outreach & VIP Program Specialist



Alexis Chavez
Housing & Office Assistant



Ryan Isaacs
Independent Living Specialist



1,389

Housing, Home Modifications & Shelter Services

2,516

Independent Living & Life Skills Training

36

 Vouchers Issued to Unhoused Individuals

173

Housing Participants In Their Own Home

3,192

Information & Referral Services Provided

8,121

Services Provided



565

Total Consumers Served

210

New Consumers

69

Advocacy

29

Assistive Technology

25

Deposit Assistance Recipients

85

Vocational Services



117

Peer Counseling Services



Connect with Friends Youth Outdoors

An expansion of the Connect with Friends program, this specialized outdoor program emphasized youth with disabilities in our seven-county service region. The Outdoor Equity Grant Program funded through Colorado Parks and Wildlife, targeted youth, ages 14 – 17 years old, who faced challenges to outdoor access due to living with a disability.



Connections participated in the 2023 Centers for Independent Living retreat, made possible by the Association of Colorado Centers for Independent Living. (ACCIL). All 9 Centers for Independent Living (CIL) were given an opportunity to come together to increase networking opportunities for Colorado CIL Staff and deepen peer support and relationship building. Over 125 staff members from all over our great state gathered and shared ideas at the YMCA Center of the Rockies in Estes park for two beautiful September days.



Digital Access for All!

As a part of the federal infrastructure bill, Connections held two focus groups in Greeley and Fort Morgan to hear about the struggles of accessing the internet. These late August sessions were a part of the Colorado Digital Equity Plan survey that Connections has partnered with the State Office of Future Work to assist in writing the state digital access plan.



Talking Tour with CCDC

Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition held their first listening tour since 2020 and made an appearance in Greeley in September of 2023. Partnering with Connections, Greeley was one of 10 locations where they made in-person appearances. This allowed people with disabilities, their family and agencies who work with people with disabilities to bring forth their concerns, questions and their hopes for their communities.



Connections Board Retreat

Planning for the year 2043 seems surreal, but that is exactly what the Connections' Board of Directors did at their annual retreat in July of 2023. Thanks to the ReMax Alliance meeting space in west Greeley, the entire board along with Connections CEO, Rochelle Mitchell, enjoyed getting to meet face-to-face and learn about each others' experiences and look towards the future of Connections.

2023 Connections Board

Elizabeth Mahoney, *Chair* - Kate Howel, *Vice Chair*
Lou Steinberg, *Treasurer* - Tony Gonzalez, *Secretary*
Tim Wilson, *Member* - Mary Jo Brockshus, *Member*

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