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**Post Independent Article
"YouthZone Announces
Free Bilingual Restorative
Justice Training
Opportunity"**

"We have heard our community's requests for more Restorative Justice support. Therefore, beginning February 1, 2023, YouthZone will provide free, bilingual community education events on the foundations of Restorative Justice intended to engage, inform, and attract the curiosity of potential new volunteers."

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
PRACTICES 101
Free Online Training**

WHEN: February 1, 2023 from 4 - 6pm MST

WHERE: Virtual via Zoom (link will be sent upon sign up)

WHO is it for: Community, parents, teachers, law enforcement, and any adult wanting to know more about Restorative Justice.

WHY attend: To enhance and amplify restorative justice in the Roaring Fork and Colorado River Valleys

HOW to attend: Click the button or

SIGN UP TODAY!



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EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT: YouthZone and The Buddy Program Expand Their Program Partnership!

YOUR LETTERS

Collaborating for Buddies

Happy 2023! We are so excited to announce the expansion of programming for the Buddy Program, a youth mentoring organization, to Glenwood Springs this year!

As many of you know, Youth Zone has been serving the community since 1976. For many years a part of that programming was the PALS Program, a mentoring program for youth. YouthZone discontinued the PALS program in 2016 and continues to this day to maintain focus on intervention services for at-risk youth who are either involved or at risk of involvement in the justice system.

The Buddy Program and Youth Zone have always worked collaboratively to ensure seamless prevention and intervention services for youth in our communities. As they celebrate their 50th Anniversary of serving youth, it is an opportune time for the Buddy Program to expand their preventative, mentoring programs to youth and families in Glenwood Springs. We are working to recruit Big Buddies now so that we can start matching youth in late summer!

As we continue to work together to ensure all youth throughout the Roaring Fork Valley are supported, we invite you to be a part of our work! For more information on volunteering for or donating to the Buddy Program please call 970-920-2130 or visit www.buddyprogram.org For more information on volunteering and donating to YouthZone, please call 970-945-9300 or visit www.youthzone.com.

Yours in service to youth and families,

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We are excited to welcome Travis Wilson to our team!

As the new Client Service Specialist, Travis brings a wealth of experience to our team, with a Bachelor's degree in Sustainable Studies with a focus on Human Relations from Colorado Mountain College.

Travis will be supporting YouthZone clients alongside our Direct Service staff and coordinating the expansion of The Space - a safe gathering place supporting LBGTQIA+ youth in our community. Sponsorship of this program is made possible through a generous contribution from the Colorado Health Foundation.



Travis comments, "I chose to work for YouthZone because of my love for working with children and desire to see them thrive in their lives with all the support they need. To quote a brilliant performer, "I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way. Show them all the beauty they possess inside".

Are you Practicing Your Golf Swing for the 2023 YouthZone Golf Tournament?

The upcoming summer months will bring a lot of fun and excitement, including YouthZone's Annual Golf Tournament in June! This 4-person scramble fundraising event is the perfect way to kick off the summer season with friends, family, and co-workers.

Get ready to bring your best golfing skills and join us for a great day of competition and community support. We'll have a variety of prizes and awards, so don't miss out!



**Become a Sponsor or
Donate to the 2023 Golf
Tournament**

Registration will open soon, so stay tuned for more details.

Volunteering Benefits Both You and Your Community

Volunteering is an incredible way to give back to the community and make a positive difference in the world.

By volunteering, you can help those in need, develop new skills, and make lasting



connections with people from all walks of life.

There is no better feeling than knowing that your time and effort are making a real impact on the lives of others. So don't hesitate - take the opportunity to volunteer today and make a difference!

YouthZone will also begin training new and returning volunteers in a Community Member Training February 21 and 22, 2023. This is a virtual training happening from 4 to 6 p.m. MST both days.

Contact Mary Bess Bolling to
SIGN UP for Volunteer Training

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