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**Sarai Quintana, YouthZone's
Parent Education and Community
Outreach Coordinator**

Hand-In-Hand towards Empowered Parenting and Thriving Youth this Back- to-School Season

The back-to-school season often presents a unique set of challenges for both students and parents. It is crucial to understand the toll these transitions take on growing, impressionable minds and the people entrusted with their care. Unlike adults, children are still developing emotionally and mentally, making the transition to the structured school environment more arduous.

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**Mark Your Calendars for this Community Engagement
Event on November 11, 2023!**

**TRUE
COLORS** COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
EVENT
TACAW
THE ARTS CAMPUS AT WILLITS
NOVEMBER 11, 2023 | 3 - 7 PM  youthzone

Join us on November 11, 2023, from 3 to 6 pm at The Arts Campus at Willits (TCAW) for True Colors, a vibrant community engagement event celebrating our local youth's creativity and resilience.

With esteemed keynote speaker Dr. Jaiya John and a thought-provoking panel discussion led by Tom Karrel of Tom Karrel Coaching, this event is a unique opportunity to explore trauma-informed approaches and discuss positive change for our youth and their families.

Enjoy a captivating performance by the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, along with a youth art exhibition showcasing talent from Anderson Ranch Arts Center's Teen Summer Workshops.

It is free and open to the public. RSVP to secure your seat for this transformative event made possible by generous grant funding from Manaus and our valued sponsors. Let's come together to support and uplift our youth, respond to their needs in trauma-informed ways, and be part of the change.

[Learn More & RSVP Here!](#)



A Touchdown for Youth Justice!

Exciting news! YouthZone has received a game-changing \$20,000 one-year grant from the Denver Broncos Foundation. This generous contribution not only strengthens our commitment to youth justice but propels us toward enhancing the lives of young individuals and their families. Together, we are making a lasting impact in our community.

[Learn More](#)



Welcome to the Team

Keri Sorenson, Sarai Quintana, and Mariah Dickson!

We are thrilled to welcome three outstanding individuals to our YouthZone team!

Keri Sorenson, armed with an Associate degree and a minor in psychology, found her calling in helping others through their recovery journeys. With over seven years in the recovery community and her experience as a Recovery Technician for a

women's inpatient center, we're thrilled to have her skills on our team.

Sarai Quintana, with impressive skills ranging from case management to trauma-informed care, brings nine years of experience serving youth and their families. Born in Mexico and raised in Texas, Sarai's bilingual and bicultural identity allows her vital insight into the Latino community, further enriching our outreach capabilities.

Mariah Dickson brings with her a career full of dedicated service to education, teaching high-school English and being instrumental in curriculum development. Holding an M.A. from Tufts University and a B.A. from Stanford, Mariah's commitment to providing quality education to kids is inspiring.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Mariah, Sarai, and Keri. We're excited to embark on this journey with them, confident in the positive impact they will undoubtedly bring to YouthZone and to our community.

[Meet Mariah and Keri](#)

[Meet Sarai](#)

Two New Career Opportunities at YouthZone: Bilingual Administrative Assistant and Restorative Justice Coordinator



Exciting news at YouthZone! We have two incredible career opportunities available: a Bilingual Administrative Assistant position and a Restorative Justice Coordinator role.

Join our team and be part of our mission to empower youth and their families, and make a positive impact in the community.

[Join Our Team Today!](#)

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our 5K Run & Walk Participants

We are immensely grateful for the tremendous support we received on September 17. Thanks to the incredible efforts of Salon West and the unwavering support of our community, we were able to triple the charitable donations compared to last year. These contributions will go a long way in empowering local youth, offering essential mental health support, and promoting suicide awareness.



[Check Out Photos from the 5K
Run & Walk](#)

Whether you participated in the 5K, donated, or volunteered, your involvement made a significant impact in advocating for hope, support, and change. Thank you for being a part of this

unforgettable movement toward mental health, and wellness, and making a difference in our community.



Check Out Photos from the
Out of the Darkness Wester
Slope Walk

Thank You For Walking With Us to Prevent Suicide

Thank you for your incredible support! This unforgettable day in Glenwood Springs brought our community together in a powerful demonstration of solidarity and commitment to preventing suicide.

We acknowledge all participants, including Travis Wilson, YouthZone's Client Service Specialist, and the exceptional event organizers, The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Your involvement, whether through walking, donating, or volunteering, made a profound impact in advocating for hope, support, and vital change. Together, we stand united against suicide.

Turn Your Passion for Community into Action

If you're eager to shape the lives of young individuals in your local community, look no further than YouthZone. Whether you choose to volunteer your time or make a donation, you become an integral part of a dynamic support system dedicated to fostering stronger family and community bonds.



Each step you take with YouthZone brings us closer to empowering and uplifting the next generation. Your contribution, no matter how small, can create a chain reaction of positivity that reverberates throughout your community.

Join us today on this meaningful journey of transforming young lives. Together, let's light the path to a brighter future, one act of kindness at a time.

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