Skills Center, Inc.





May 2012

What a beautiful spring it has been so far in Northern

Colorado. Don't forget that Sunday May 13th is Mother's Day! Let's celebrate all of those women in our lives.

Upcoming Events:

"Think Beyond Vision !!"

Join the Center for People With Disabilities for a vendor/resource fair and public forum for those 55 and over.

Location: Buck Rec Center

2004 W. Powers Ave, Littleton

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

To RSVP, call Beth Gustin

303-790-1390

"Your Vision Matters"

Vision After 55 Low Vision and Blindness Fair Monday May 7th 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm Fort Collins Senior Center 1200 Raintree Drive, Fort Collins Keynote Speaker Dr. Deanna Alexander, O.D., F.A.A.O. Guest Speaker Chef Theresa Sherwood, Culinary Arts Graduate \$5.00 Registration Fee Includes All Presentations, Speakers, Demonstrations, & Culinary Creations RSVP by April 30th 970-988-8363.

"Co-Pilots" Free rides for low vision/blind individuals and other disabled individuals, volunteers and tandems needed. Rides take place on Friday evenings. All ability levels are welcome to participate. Please RSVP 970.224.5857.

All rides meet at New World Sports: The Gearage 244 N. College Ave. May 25(F) 4:30pm Mason Trail South

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Upcoming Support Groups

The groups will talk about medication management. Come find out about simple ways to make it easy to read pill bottles and to make sure that drugs are taken correctly. We will also learn the 3 questions everyone should ask at each visit to the doctor's office.

- The Fort Collins E-Squared Education and Support Group will meet on May 24th. The E-Squared group meets from 10-11:30am on the fourth Thursday of every month at Ensight's Fort Collins office.
- The Denver E-Squared Education and Support Group will meet next on Wednesday April 16 from 10-11:30. The group will meet the 3rd Wed of every month at our Denver office located at 6000 E. Evans Ave. Building 3 Suite 012 in Denver. For more info on the Denver group call 303-757-4500.
- The Loveland group will meet again June 7th from 10:30-11:30 at Sugar Valley Estates 4320 Georgetown Drive in Loveland. This group is open to the community and not just for Sugar Valley residents. Please call Melody @ 970.310.9665 for more information.
- If you would like to receive an e-mail or telephone reminder about the next support group meeting just let us know and we'll put you on the reminder list.
- For more information about our new look "E-Squared" support group meetings give us a call at 970-407-9999.

Acknowledgement

Thank you to all of you that continue to support Ensight with donations! If it wasn't for all of you it would be extremely difficult to provide much needed services and resources for the underserved low vision population of Colorado. For the month of April Ensight received donations from the Fort Collins Lions Foundation, the Windsor Lions Club, and the Lions of District 6 North East. If you are interested in a speaker send an email to Melody@ensightskills.org or call 970-310-9665 for Melody.

Freedom Scientific Vision Awareness Days

LEARN ABOUT SOLUTIONS FOR VISION LOSS

Please Join <u>Freedom Scientific</u> and NanoPac at a location near you for an informative Vision Awareness Day, and learn how access technology can help in your everyday living activities. The discussions include the brand new TOPAZ XL HD, the FS Access Bundle, JAWS 13 and more!

This educational seminar is tailored for those with vision loss, instructors and trainers, parents and families of those with vision loss, seniors and senior center staff, and vision support groups. Event Locations and times:

May 15, 2012 from 9 AM to 4 PM

Assistive Technology Partners, University of Colorado Denver

Southeast Technology Center

4825 Lorna Place Colorado Springs, CO

Get a map of Colorado Springs location from Google

May 16, 2012 from 9 AM to 4 PM

Best Western 770 28th Street Boulder, CO

Get a map of Boulder location from Google

May 17, 2012 from 9 AM to 4 PM

<u>Assistive Technology Partners</u>

University of Colorado Denver

School of Medicine

601 East 18th Ave, Suite 130 Denver, CO

<u>Get a map of Denver location from Google</u>

Register early! Seating is limited.

CALL 1-800-336-5658

E-mail: seminars@FreedomScientific.com

Register online:

www.FreedomScientific.com/Seminars

Ensight's Onsite Low Vision Assessments

It is no secret that many of our clients are no longer able to drive. In order to continue to reach the thousands of people who need our services, Ensight is finally able to come to a community near you. This is a brand new program still in its trial period but we have had great success already. Ensight is currently working with senior living communities and Senior Centers in the area to host us so that we can set up right there. When we are doing our onsite low vision assessments we will be able to see up to four patients a day. We are also working hard to get the word out to communities. We have one set up for July 11th at the Longmont Senior Center. If you are interested in more information about our July 11th appointment availability or about how to get us to where you live please call Melody, outreach coordinator at 970.310.9665 or email at melody@ensightskills.org.

Serving the Low-Vision Community Since 2001!

Ensight's Consignment Program

Ensight is looking for any used assistive technology components that are in need of a home. If you are in possession of a CCTV or low vision aides and would like to get rid of them we have a great program. Bring the equipment into Ensight and we will put it on consignment. Once we sell it you will get a percentage back. This is a great way for us to find affordable equipment that we can pass along to our clients. If you have questions about dropping off, picking up, or the consignment process call Ensight:970-407-9999. Also, you can donate any equipment that is no longer useful to you.

Ensight's E-Newsletter

Did you know that we can send our Ensight newsletter right to your email? If interested in switching to our e-newsletter please send a request to Melody@ensightskills.org and we will switch you right away.