



The General Program Meeting is

Monday, January 12, 2025 Time: 11:30 AM

Program: Substance Abuse Treatment in Community Corrections-

Speakers: Kara Kyle LPC & Shawndel Schadle MS, LAC

Location: Fiesta Guadalajara- 710 North Ave, Grand Junction, Co.

Kara Kyle has served as the Clinical Director for the Summit View Treatment Program since January 2024. She has been a Licensed Professional Counselor since 2016 and received her Master's in Counseling from Adams State College.

Shawndel has worked with Summit View Treatment Center since 2022. She has been a Licensed Addiction Counselor since 2021 and earned her Master's in Marriage and Family Counseling from the University of Phoenix.

Summit View provides treatment for individuals with substance use disorders and addresses the underlying mental health concerns that often accompany them. The Intensive Residential Treatment Program serves adult males and requires a minimum stay of 90 days, including more than 36 hours per week of group and individual therapy. The Intensive Outpatient Program is a 12- to 16-week program offering 9 hours per week of group services for adult males. Summit View also provides group services for both males and females with co-occurring disorders.

Services are available to adults from the community as well as those involved in the criminal justice system.

The Criminal Justice Services Department is an excellent entry point for individuals graduating from college or those interested in working in the substance abuse treatment field. Several of our counselors began as CJOs (Criminal Justice Officers) or case managers, gaining hours toward their Certified Addiction Technician credential or continuing their education toward a master's degree in counseling.

RESERVATIONS: Please contact Bonnie Kosanke at 970-589-1320 or bkosanke44@gmail.com

no later than Saturday, January 10, 2026. This is a courtesy so that the restaurant will have the proper number of seats available.

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SAVE THE DATE:

AAUW of Colorado Annual Meeting: April 25, 2026 - ZOOM



AAUW webinar coming up in January to start out the new year!

AAUW Webinar on “The Future of Higher Education”: January 15, 2026, 2:00-3:00 pm ET / 12:00 – 1:00 pm MT. The panel will explore current realities, and the long-term impacts and pathways forward. Panelists will provide insights from their own positions and experiences as leaders in higher education. Register by clicking on: <https://my.aauw.org/event-information?id=a0lQr000001hS25IAE>





Public Policy Day
Higher Ed Under Pressure:
Colorado Meets the Challenge
Sat. Feb. 7, 2026 9:00 - Noon
Zoom Webinar

Keynote Speakers

Challenges Facing the CO Dept. of Higher Ed

Dr. Angie Paccione
Executive Director
CO Dept. of Higher Education

The Legislature's Approach to Higher Ed Challenges

CO State Senator Janice Marchman
Senate District 15
Vice-Chair, Senate Education Committee

More information on Panel Discussions Coming Soon

REGISTER NOW AT

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VKdPPqj7R2KUC3yp7OMMBg

Empowering Women Through Innovative Programs

AAUW's virtual webinar series offers expert-led training in salary negotiation, financial literacy, and career development to help women advance professionally and economically.

- **AAUW Work Smart: Know Your Value and Get Paid** – Training for early and mid-career professionals on negotiating for fair salaries, better benefits, and advancement opportunities.
Webinar: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 2:00-3:00 pm ET [Register Now](#)
- **AAUW Start Smart** – AAUW Start Smart is specifically designed for college women entering the job market, teaching effective salary negotiation techniques to boost your confidence and negotiation skills.
Webinar: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 4:00-5:00 pm ET [Register Now](#)
- **AAUW Money Smart** – The AAUW Money Smart program is aimed at providing all women with the personal finance information they need to ensure their own financial security.
Webinar: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 4:00-5:00 pm ET [Register Now](#)

These programs have already impacted over 190,000 women across the U.S., empowering them with confidence, knowledge, and skills.

AAUW of Colorado Public Policy

Click here to get the 2026 AAUW of Colorado Legislative Priorities
[AAUW Colorado 2026 Legislative Priorities](#)

Click here for final summary of 2025 AAUW of Colorado Legislative updates and here for further recap.

[AAUW-2025-SESSION-RECAP.3.pdf](#)

Click here to get summary of actual and pending cuts in Federal funding for Colorado

[Federal Funding Cuts to Colorado | Federal Funds: Impact for Colorado](#)

Thoughts from Branch President Jane Fitzgerald

What a wonderful Holiday luncheon we enjoyed on December 8 at the home of Lori Wood. Thank you Lori for hosting and for the delicious onion soup. And thanks to all who also brought yummy dishes....who knew we were all so talented.

I did not think to total the amounts you all donated to increase the endowment of our AAUW CMU Tech Scholarship, but I know it was over \$1250. I have turned over the checks to a very happy Rick Adelman at the CMU Foundation office. We will have to wait until after the end of the month for a report on the matching amount.



At our Coffee & Chat Group meeting on December 20th we were provided with some startling statistics via The Center for Children's Fall newsletter. From January 1 through October 31, 2025 there were reported 189 cases of sexual abuse or assault, 48 related to physical abuse or neglect, 35 witness to violence, 13 child sexual abuse material (CSAM). Of the clients served 59 children were ages 0-6; 77 children were ages 7-12; 135 children were ages 13-17; 18 clients were 18-24; 18 clients were over age 24. This information resulted in a spirited discussion as some members have a sociology background and others work with youth.

The Center can be contacted at 970-245-3788 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer. The Center welcomes cash donations at P.O. Box 3978, Grand Junction, CO 81505. And the Center has a wish list for items which may be dropped off at their front door at 2350 G Road, Grand Junction (near Community Hospital)...Monday thru Friday from 8 to 5.

Drinks & Snacks: Individual Chips/Snacks, Individual Juices, Capri Sun, Bottled Water

Gift Cards for Teens: Fast Food, Walmart, Gas Gift Cards (City Market)

Counseling Needs: Journals, Art Pencils, Sketch Books, Coloring Books

Office: Copy Paper 8.5x11, Postage Stamps

Essentials: Cleaning wipes, Air Freshener, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues

Special Interest Groups

Coffee & Chat Group



This fun and nonpartisan group will meet on

Saturday, January 24, 2026 starting at **9:30 AM**

Location: **Be Sweet** – Conference room
150 W. Main St, Grand Junction, CO 81501.

This month's **Discussion Topic** - Student Loan Garnishments/ Loss of Grad Plus and Parent Plus Loans"

Picture This ... Walk & Talk Group



Will be in hibernation until March.

See you in the spring.

THE SUPPER CLUB

Dine in a different local restaurant on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month.

Time with good friends, laughter and wine will enhance the experience.

Spouses & friends welcome.

THIS MONTH WE ARE GOING TO

Namaste Nepal Restaurant

2692 US-50, Grand Junction, CO 81503

January 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Contact Jane 970-241-9684 by Monday January 19th, for reservations or information.

New Member Welcome

Kimala Rein, with a Masters of Education from Northern Colorado

Email: Kimalarein@gmail.com Phone: 907-351-5814



Community Events

Free First Fridays at Museum of the West
Every First Friday of the Month | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Museum of the West | 462 Ute Ave, Grand Junction, CO
FREE Admission to Permanent Exhibits & Observation Tower



Picture this- Downtown Grand Junction Main Street December 13, 2025
The group enjoyed the decorations and meal together afterwards.

