

MESA COUNTY FOSTER, ADOPT & KINSHIP SUPPORT GROUPS

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WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	FOR MORE INFORMATION	NOTES
Adoptive Mom's Bible Study & Support group	Weekly, Thursdays, 9-11am	Canyon View Vineyard Church 736 24 1/2 RD Grand Junction Room T106	Jane Yamaguchi janey@canyonviewchurch.com 970-242-7970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small group, relationship-based for encouragement. • For adoptive/foster moms. • Small fee for workbook. • Childcare available for a fee.
Adoptweens	Monthly, 2nd Saturday, 1-4pm	Location varies	Jane Yamaguchi janey@canyonviewchurch.com 970-242-7970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various activities for adopted kids ages 8-12, ranging from crafting, rafting, adventures and cooking. • Parental attendance is encouraged.
Ariel Adoptive Children Support Group	6-Week Class held 4 times/year	2938 North Ave., Suite G Grand Junction	Shelby Clifford sclifford@arielcpa.org 970-245-1616	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up required. • Therapist-facilitated. • Older adopted kids mentor adolescent children in the process of being adopted.
Ariel Foster Parent Support Group	Monthly, 2nd Monday, 6-8 pm	Fellowship Church 765 24 Rd Grand Junction Room 4640	Shelby Clifford sclifford@arielcpa.org 970-245-1616	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Ariel clients only. • Lots of networking, along with training, meal provided, and free childcare.
Ariel Post-Adopt Support Services (PASS)	2 times/year	Location varies	Carolyn Pierce cpierce@arielcpa.org 970-260-9288	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support gatherings for Mesa County post-adoptive families.
Ariel Post-Adopt Support Services (PASS) Facebook Group	Ongoing, closed Facebook group	Online	Carolyn Pierce cpierce@arielcpa.org 970-260-9288 https://www.facebook.com/groups/1578476759066065/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed Facebook group for Mesa County post-adoptive families. • Ask to join.

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Attachment Center of the Rockies (Online) Support Group	Monthly	Online	Email Deb at deb@attachmentcenteroftherockies.com for more information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For adoptive, foster & kinship parents • Includes a short presentation followed by a discussion.
CAFO (Christian Alliance For Orphans) Prayer Circle/Phone Call	Weekly, Tuesday 12:00-12:15pm	Conference Call	To be added to the Colorado group, email Kari Stewart at karalot9@gmail.com . The Call-in number is (712) 770-4010 and the access code: 488729.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses on praying for Colorado kids in foster care. • You can send requests/praises to karalot9@gmail.com • Send requests by Monday evening and Kari will send out prayer list Tuesday morning. Put CO Prayer in the subject line.
Grand Valley Foster/Adopt Parent (Facebook) Support Group	Ongoing, closed Facebook group	Online	Jody Chelle jodyschelle@gmail.com 970-201-1498 https://www.facebook.com/groups/112268849679/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gets info out to foster/adopt families, tools on how to work with Mesa County DHS, and some info on how to deal with kids. • Ask for permission to join group.
KNO Night – Kids Night Out and KNOwledge for Parents	Monthly, 4th Thursday, 5:30-7pm (Jan-Oct)	Location varies	STRiVE/The Parenting Place mthistle@strivecolorado.org 970-256-8661	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geared to kids with mental health and behavior challenges. • Childcare provided. • A local expert discusses a topic, while the kids participate in activities with the CMU Council for Exceptional Children Club.

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Mesa County Foster Support Group	Monthly, 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm	Northeast Christian Church 2571 Patterson Rd. Family Life Entrance	Jody Chelle jodyschelle@gmail.com 970-201-1498	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring food for you and the kids. • Questions answered about how DHS works. • Lots of families with young kids. • Free childcare offered by volunteers. • Offered to all foster, adoptive and kin homes, but primarily foster families attend. • Receive 2 hours of training.
MindSprings	Days vary. Check out website for details.	Mind Springs 515 28 ¾ Road Grand Junction	http://mindspringshealth.org/treatment/peer-services/ (970) 263-4918	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various peer support groups – depression, bipolar, teen PTSD, anxiety, life after trauma.
PASTA – Parenting A Second Time Around - Project 1.27 Kinship Support Group	Monthly, 4 th Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30pm	Location varies	Kim Lewis klewis@project127.com (970) 639-0009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to any relative that is raising another family member's child; including grandparents, aunts, uncles and older siblings. • Foster/adopt families are welcome, too. • Free childcare (certified, background checked staff), meal, and self-preservation activities for adults provided.

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PASTA (Facebook) Kinship Support Group	Ongoing, closed Facebook group	Online	Kim Lewis klewis@project127.com (970) 639-0009 https://www.facebook.com/groups/1766183740334071/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primarily supports grandparents, aunts/uncles and other family members who find themselves unexpectedly raising young relatives. DHS Foster/adopt families are welcome. Ask for permission to join group.
Woven Families	Quarterly	Location varies	Jane Yamaguchi janey@canyonviewchurch.com 970-242-7970 http://canyonviewchurch.com/woven-families/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For adoptive, foster, and kin families. Fun gatherings to build community and bring families together to network. Sample schedule- November -Orphan Sunday, February- drive-in movie night, May/June- BBQ, Ropes course/water party, Sept- Spin City type gathering
Woven Families (Facebook) Support Group	Ongoing, closed Facebook group	Online	Jane Yamaguchi janey@canyonviewchurch.com 970-242-7970 https://www.facebook.com/groups/1766142123624043/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For adoptive, foster, and kin families. Ask for permission to join group.