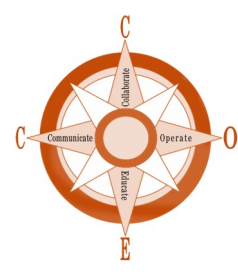


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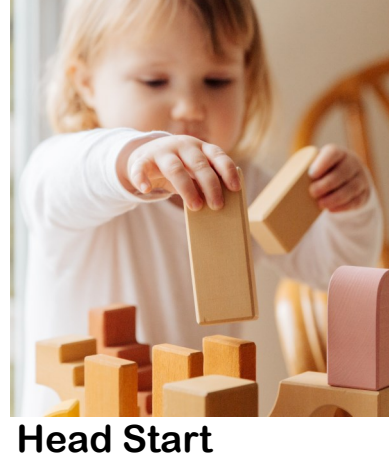


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## Superintendent's Message



Hello Colusa County Community! I am writing to you today to inform you of a development in the Opioid Addiction Epidemic that has plagued the United States for decades. This new crisis involves a potentially fatal drug called "Rainbow Fentanyl." This opioid is highly addictive and potentially deadly, and has been found in at least 18 states, including our own.

What is most disturbing about Rainbow Fentanyl is that it has been deliberately created to look like candy. The pills come in a variety of bright colors, shapes, and sizes. This was done to purposefully target children and young adults. The intention of the drug cartels who produce this product is to begin the cycle of addiction for our community's youth.

Even more troubling, is that Rainbow Fentanyl exposure can lead to death simply by the touch of a hand, or by touching someone who has ingested the drug. This is because fentanyl is 80 to 100 times more potent than morphine and 40 to 50 times more potent than heroin.

My intention of this message is not to evoke fear or panic, but to initiate a conversation about this new trend in the opioid epidemic. With the holiday season right around the corner, this discussion is all the more essential. Any pill, regardless of its color, shape, or size that does not come from a health care provider or pharmacist can contain fentanyl and be deadly. What can we do, as a community, to take precautions?

1. Anyone who encounters fentanyl in any form should not handle it and should call 911 immediately.
2. Speak with your students or your children about this trend, so they know the risks of ingesting or sharing what appears to be candy but may in fact be fentanyl in disguise.
3. If your child went trick or treating this Halloween, check their candy.
4. Contact Colusa County Behavioral Health 24/7 at (530) 458-0520 to get help for a friend or loved one struggling with substance abuse. Colusa County Behavioral Health is located at 162 E. Carson St., Suite A, in Colusa.

As usual, the safety and well-being of our youth is paramount. Let us band together to keep each other safe. Let us work together to fight this epidemic.

-Michael P. West, Colusa County Superintendent of Schools



## RAINBOW FENTANYL

Facts & Statistics



**1 COMES IN MANY BRIGHT COLORS & DIFFERENT SHAPES**

**2 HAS BEEN ENGINEERED TO LOOK LIKE CANDY**

**3 80-100 TIMES STRONGER THAN MORPHINE**

**4 40-50 TIMES MORE POTENT THAN HEROIN**

**5 CAN BE FATAL IF IT TOUCHES YOUR SKIN**

**6 HAS CLAIMED MORE THAN 100,000 LIVES**

**7 HAS BEEN FOUND IN 18 STATES, INCLUDING CALIFORNIA**

**8 TARGET AUDIENCE: CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS**



**If you, or someone you know is struggling with substance abuse, contact Colusa County Behavioral Health 24/7 at 458-0520**

## Bright Vista Youth Center Offering Monthly Activities

Colusa County Behavioral Health, Health & Human Services, Probation, and the Colusa County Office of Education welcome all youth ages 12 to 17 to learn, play, and socially interact in a safe center at Bright Vista! Located at 304 5th Street in Colusa, the center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3:00pm-6:00pm, Wednesday from 2:00pm-6:00pm, and Saturday from 11:00am-3:00pm.

Bright Vista is dedicated to helping Colusa County youth learn techniques that will enhance their social, coping, and leadership skills through supportive workshops and structured daily activities. This drop-in center will explore educational and career interests and prepare participants for independent living to improve confidence and ensure success in their futures.

Bright Vista Youth Center is funded by Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention making this program a free resource for the community. Youth are welcome to access and utilize the youth center once a membership packet is completed with their caregiver. County staff will always be onsite during operating hours to supervise youth, assist with activities and groups, meet with parents, and answer any questions about the program.

For more information about the program, call (530) 458-0755. To view this month's activities calendar, click [here](#).



## Upcoming Events



### JOIN THE CONVERSATION

#### UPCOMING PARENT CAFÉ

ACT Raising Safe Kids

November 3rd, 2022

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Join together with other Parents for a discussion on Raising Safe Kids

400 Theater Rd

Williams CA, 95987

#### THE FIVE PROTECTIVE FACTORS

Parental Resilience • Social Connections • Concrete Support  
Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development • Social and Emotional Competence of Children

Maria Ayala (530) 458-0350- 10309 mayala@ccoe.net

RSVP



## MCKINNEY VENTO & FOSTER 101 WORKSHOP

November 16, 2022  
3:30pm - Zoom

### Overview

- McKinney Vento Program
- Foster Program
- Best Practices
- Resources

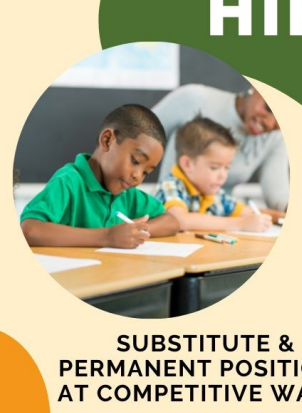
Join us for an overview of McKinney Vento and Foster Youth educational rights, processes, and identification strategies! Scan the QR code to join Zoom meeting. Call (530) 473-1350 for questions or more information.



Colusa County Office of Education  
Prevention Services



## COLUSA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION ON-THE-SPOT HIRING EVENT



**DEC 1  
4:00PM-7:00PM**

Williams Community Center  
860 C Street  
Williams, CA 95987

SUBSTITUTE & PERMANENT POSITIONS AT COMPETITIVE WAGES

Register by scanning the QR code or visiting the Edjoin website.

Contact Human Resources at (530) 458-0350 or hr@ccoe.net for more information

Walk-ins Accepted



Follow CCOE!

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## Head Start Awareness Month

October was Head Start Awareness Month! Did you know that Head Start Programs support learning through play, creative expression, and guided activities? Head Start Programs also help children thrive by making sure they learn healthy habits through the promotion of the physical, social, and emotional well-being of children and their families. Children's strengths are built upon and experiences are individualized to meet the needs of each individual child. Programs also assist families in identifying and reaching goals around employment, training, and parenting. Interested in applying to a local Head Start Program, but not sure if you qualify? Call CCOE's Children's Services Department at (530) 458-0350 or visit the Children's Services webpage [here](#).

## Free COVID-19 Rapid Tests Available Through First 5 Colusa



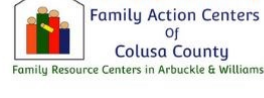
Cold, Flu, Covid?  
Test for one from the comfort of your home. Stop in to pick up kits for your family before you have symptoms.

Available in three locations

Arbuckle Family Action Center  
812 King Street  
Arbuckle, CA 95912  
530.476.0822

Williams Family Action Center  
1404 E Street, Room 102  
Williams, CA 95987  
530.473.4311

First 5 Colusa  
217 9th Street, Suite B  
Colusa, CA 95932  
530.458.5555



Resfriado, Gripe, Covid?  
Prueba por uno desde la comodidad de tu casa. Pasa a recoger kits para tu familia antes de que tengas síntomas.

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