



Integrated Community News

MISSION: Our mission is to proactively promote and support successful integration of immigrant and local community members in Northwest Colorado through education, intercultural exchange, and collaboration to build a more united community where its members can communicate, participate and contribute. Our clients are not only the non and limited-English speakers, they are all of the providers or services and businesses wanting to better communicate and learn the cultural competencies.

Newsletter

April 2017

GOAL: Integrated Community's goal is to strengthen our community through building respectful relationships between immigrant and local neighbors. We strive to create awareness of different cultures within our community and through our programs we break down the linguistic and systemic barriers that

A NOTE FROM SHEILA HENDERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Integrated Community has been busy the past few months helping immigrant and American community members alike with the changes we are experiencing with our new presidential administration. The most significant change has been the fear associated with executive orders and anticipated executive orders that are specific to our immigrant population. We have been joining forces with our schools, community organizations, law enforcement and churches to dispel the fear by focusing on facts instead of possibilities and the fear appears to be subsiding.



Fortunately, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) better known as the "Dreamers", a two year renewable work permit for children raised in the U.S. but born in another country remains intact. We currently have 160 youth who have received DACA and are working in the Yampa Valley. As often happens, many positives have resulted from the changes. For example, we are experiencing a large increase in the number of permanent residents who are applying for citizenship and are helping families put together "Family Plans" with the assistance of several local attorneys.

Regardless of background or ethnicity we are always reminded of what an amazing community we live in and how hard everyone works to take care of their neighbors.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: SEPT 15, 2017 FOR OUR ANNUAL WORLD FIESTA
A celebration of community integration!

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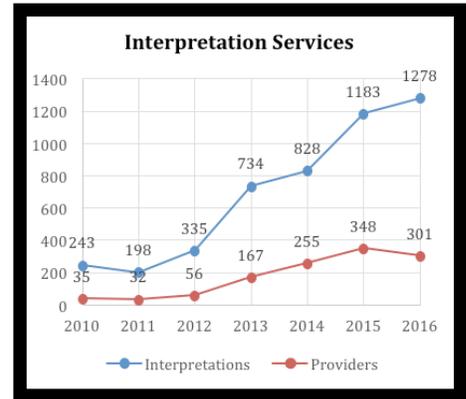


UPDATE from INTERPRETATION/TRANSLATION COORDINATOR, RODDY BEALL

Local Providers Prove their Dedication to their Patients and Clients

Since we restructured our Interpretation Program in 2010, we have experienced incredible growth. Our work has increased five-fold! Why has this happened? Are there five times more immigrants in Steamboat? No, there are not. So what is different?

The biggest factor is that **more Providers than ever** are using our services. Ten times as many doctors are using professional interpreters to talk to their patients. Ten times as many Mental Health counselors are responding to crises. Ten times as many teachers are communicating with parents. Ten times as many Police Officers are responding to calls.



Now, we even serve local Emergency Response Agencies with a 24/7 Interpreter Line.

Our community is **safer** and **healthier** because local Providers are using our services to have accurate, confidential conversations with their patients and clients.

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