



## Peak Vista E-Newsletter

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Greetings!

Thank you for subscribing to Peak Vista's e-newsletter for healthcare updates, recent happenings at Peak Vista or news about healthcare reform. For more information or to sign up as an advocate for Peak Vista, please call 630-6453.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO

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### Peak Vista Board of Directors Support Initiatives

The Peak Vista Community Health Centers' Board of Directors has voted to support the following ballot initiatives and would urge your support of them as well:

**Amendment 59** also known as the SAFE Initiative (Savings Account For Education). This measure will require Colorado's government to function more responsibly, by saving money when times are good instead of cutting essential services when times are bad. Amendment 59 will help Colorado's schools prepare students for the 21st-century economy. What does Amendment 59 do? It dedicates a permanent source of revenue to the State Education Fund, creates a long-term Savings Account For Education, and sunsets the requirement to increase annual spending.

**1A - Safer Community Initiative** would add a one percent sales tax (\$.01 per \$1.00 spent) to transactions in El Paso County, excluding food, fuel, prescriptions and most other routine household monthly purchases. Funding for critical health and safety programs has not kept up with population growth, resulting in higher crime rates and more frequent incidences of infectious diseases that local authorities are woefully under equipped to address. Supporting this measure will help to alleviate the public health and safety crisis facing our community.

### Healthcare Studies

#### New Research Brief Analyzes Access to Preventive Care

The Geiger Gibson / RCHN Community Health Foundation Research Collaborative has released a new research brief, "Uninsured and Medicaid Patients' Access to Preventive Care: Comparison of Health Centers and Other Primary Care Providers." The study finds that despite serving a more vulnerable patient population, community health centers out-perform other primary care providers in the use of preventive care by both Medicaid and uninsured patients. The report clearly underscores the value of health centers in serving hard to reach populations, and the importance of continued support for health centers.

#### High school diploma doesn't lead families out of low-income life, study shows

New poverty data show that in Colorado a high school education isn't enough to lift parents and children out of a low-income life. The study by the National Center for Children in Poverty indicates that Colorado parents without any college education are more likely than not to raise their kids in near poverty. Years ago, it was assumed that high school dropouts were destined for a low-income lifestyle. But the new report finds that a high school diploma alone likely isn't enough anymore for parents to keep their kids out of poverty. The report found that 85 percent of Colorado children whose parents don't have a high school degree live in households where the income is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level. If the parents have a high school diploma, but no college, 54 percent of those kids are at that level or lower. Just 20 percent of Colorado kids whose parents have at least some college experience live in poverty. A family of four living on \$42,000 a year is at 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

### Save 10% at Borders while promoting literacy!

Borders and Peak Vista Community Health Centers are teaming up to raise money while promoting literacy. For every purchase made between November 14 - 16, Borders will donate 10% to Peak Vista's Reach Out and Read program.

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