

New Grant Programs Enhance Respite and Build for the Future



Clyde Hammons enjoys our scooter assortment with some friends at Peace Place.

DONATIONS TO PEACE PLACE NEEDED!!

With so many wonderful foundations supporting us, why would we need your donations now more than ever? Because our new grants are paying for growth projects, but our morning program is still open daily and it takes many administrative hours to hire and train staff, fundraise, and ensure our licensing is current. We are on track to double our operations again in 2019. Please help us do that!

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"A Safe Haven for Special Families!"



Peace Place NEWS

SUMMER 2019



Thanks to a grant from the O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation, Peace Place was able to offer a summer enrichment program for children who did not qualify for summer school. Louisa Libertelli-Dunn reviewed Individualized Education Plan (IEP) goals with parents and worked with their children so that she could offer suggestions for home and school. **BEST OF ALL—we will be continuing this grant work into the fall.** This is an especially good opportunity for parents preparing for their first IEP meeting.



Many parents tell us they would use respite if they could find a good provider. How can we help families find, hire and train more respite workers? We are thrilled to partner with the Montana Council on Developmental Disabilities to develop a Pediatric Respite Worker Training course! The course will be offered in workshop format or online later this fall.

Peace Place understands that even a

licensed childcare facility is not a good match for some families due to medical care needs or behavioral concerns. We are so excited to share that a grant from an anonymous foundation was given to us this summer to pay for the development of policies and procedures so that Peace Place can open an In-Home Respite Program. It is projected to be a private pay service starting in early 2020, with support for low income families.

In-Home Respite!



1st Annual Nature Camp at Giant Springs!

Wesley Skidmore, an Americorps VISTA volunteer at Giant Springs State Park, introduces the kids to a snake. We had a wonderful week and look forward to many more adventures! The camp included a daily hike, crafts, snacks and fun games. We learned how we can help keep our environment healthy for all living things! Thank you, Ranger Wesley!

STAFF UPDATES:

FAREWELL! Mary-Olieta Logan, our joyful and creative morning supervisor moved to Utah with her military family. Nobody paints with toddlers like she did—we miss her every day!

WELCOME: Fay Schwieger joined our staff this summer—she brings an artist’s eye to our crafts and a fresh appreciation of the joys of playing! She works at the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind during the school year, but will be a substitute for us.

Glenda Burton joins us this month as a caregiver in the main room. Glenda has several children with special needs, and experience as the mom of a micro-preemie. She is a mentor to many moms already, and we are thrilled she chose to join our team.

More info on Peace Place!

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