

<p>Jefferson County Health Alliance Culture of Connection Action Team September 28, 2021, 2:00 - 3:15 Zoom</p>	<h2>Agenda</h2>
<p>Meeting Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Define our initiative ● Schedule our next outdoor fun event 	

Culture of Connection General purpose: *We want to create the conditions for everyone to be a part of and belong within our community.*

We will foster a culture of connection in Jefferson County that nurtures safety, trust, belonging, collaboration, personal relationships, listening and empathy, by

- a. *celebrating existing successes,*
- b. *encouraging replication of their environmental, cultural, and physical conditions, and*
- c. *addressing gaps in current efforts.*

The connection of people who are most isolated, whether by geography or identity (including gender, sexuality, age, income, race, language and the like), is our priority.

	Activity	Action
10	<p>Welcome and updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alliance: Provide input on its name - CTC is collecting applications for youth interns (groups of three). - CTC is implementing teen spaces pilots at rec departments 	
40	<p>Flush out initiative: The group agrees that it wants to tell stories of connection that explains a positive experience that makes the path toward thriving doable. These stories may be about experiences with organizational initiatives or informal experiences of connection. They must be first-person narratives. That is, stories told by the person experiencing connection, not the stories retold or witnessed by someone else.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● By telling stories, what benefit do we hope to achieve after 1 or 2 years? What could be the benefit to people telling the stories? To the community? To organizations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commonality. I envision this as a dialogue via a website and social opportunities (people responding to the stories of others, people connecting after reading one another's stories) – creating a web of connection. ○ Opportunity to intermix youth perspectives with others in the community, encouraging perspective-building for more accurate understanding of youth needs. ○ An opportunity for intervention for the person telling their stories by creating a sense of connection. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nurturing new connections across topics, organizations, and people (responses, types of organizations,) stories are reaching new ears. ○ Qualitative data for action - Organizations will take stories and use them to shape communications and services. For example, the Library could discover multiple stories (and responses to them) and make the change happen. Or, members of the LGBTQ community are participating and expressing a lack of gathering space in Jeffco – how can we help? ○ Relieve stress on an overburden system. Relief from service providers as more informal supports are realized. People can plug them in further. ○ Increased participation and increased number of informal connection spaces and connection. ○ Increased knowledge - More people in Jeffco know how to connect to non-traditional support. (# participating in clubs, extracurricular) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If we do this for a year, what would you expect to happen? What are the tangible outputs of what we are proposing, such as number of stories, types of stories, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I think we will have a lot to learn, post-launch. Who is telling stories? What are they about? Can we/should we tag them when they are posted online? ○ Could we eventually categorize “Stories of Arvada?” “Stories of the Mountain Community?” Refugees in Jeffco? Military families in Jeffco? Celebrating commonalities and unique differences in Jeffco by spotlighting specific communities. ○ An interactive website space – ○ Began brainstorming what outputs we could have in the first 6 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Highlight at least 3 places we know about and 2 that we don’t know about. ▪ A certain number of partners re-share the stories ● What questions need answered before we can get started? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How do we start? ○ What can each of us do? What do we need other resources for? ○ What is our timeline and process for “launch”? ○ How to capture stories? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Could a google form with key questions help sort connections, resources they’ve tapped into, type of challenge as they get to the point of sharing. ○ Is there a mechanism or platform for sharing? ○ What is the format – video?, interview? ○ What is the incentive for people to go to this? CTC has found merit in gift cards for participation. ○ Who do we think of when you think of stories? ○ Could this benefit from a social media connection? Ex CTC Instagram posts for keeping happy, healthy, sane during the pandemic. Bite-sized. ○ How? Facebook, news, websites, Instagram ○ How do we curate the stories? 	
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<p>10</p>	<p>Next meeting: October 26, 2021 2:00 to 3:15</p> <p>Topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tangible next steps to move this from an idea to fruition - Template <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Duration - Format (recorded, written) - Targets (where to get the stories and how's going to do that) - 	