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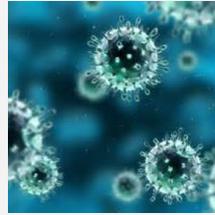
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Douglas County Joint Meeting

DCPC is hosting a joint meeting of all Douglas County Coalitions and Councils to explore ways we can coordinate and collaborate for the benefit of Douglas County citizens. The Senior Council, Substance Abuse Coalition, and Homeless Coalition are just a few of the organizations coming. If you are a member of a Douglas County coalition or council, please [RSVP](#) to dcparenting@usa.com.

March 14, 2013

9:00 AM

Continental Breakfast

Douglas County Sheriff Highlands Ranch Substation
9250 Zotos Drive, Highlands Ranch
(Near Broadway & C-470)

Grandparents' Kinship Planning

In the best of all possible worlds, parents would never outlive their children. In that ideal world, moms and dads would never abdicate their responsibilities, leaving grandparents to take up the slack. In Colorado, 100,000 kids live in households headed by grandparents. Few, if any, of these grandparents ever planned to raise a second family in their golden years. How many grandparents would know what to do if a policeman showed up on their doorstep with news that something had happened to their adult child? Many grandparents would assume they could simply take custody of the grandkids but it isn't necessarily so. Kinship custody can be a legal minefield--and that's just the beginning of what grandparents may face. The Parenting Coalition is currently working on a grant to help grandparents plan for kinship care, should the need arise. If you know grandparents who are currently raising kids, DCPC has many fostering resources on the [website](#) and you can steer them to our friends at [Family Tree](#) who offer great kinship support services.

SibShops



SibShops acknowledge that being the sibling of a special needs person is sometimes wonderful and rewarding... and sometimes not so much. The first of two workshops, sponsored by [Families First](#), will be held on March 15. For more information about siblings' special time, call 303-756-0280.

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