

*June 9, 2010*

## **HEALTH BRIEF**

### **New Crisis Support Team to be Formed**

Grand Junction, CO - A new crisis support team, Colorado Plateau Crisis Intervention Team (CPIT) is being formed by three collaborating agencies, Community Hospital, Mesa County Sheriff's Department and Western Colorado Suicide Prevention Foundation. The CPIT will be serving Grand Junction, Mesa County, the Western Slope and Eastern Utah. They will provide crisis intervention that is specifically designed to help emergency and healthcare workers and other community members as needed to reduce the number of psychological casualties among our citizens.

Through the crisis support process, emergency and healthcare personnel are provided with tools to mitigate emotional and physical symptoms addressing issues that contribute to the loss of valuable employees. The crisis support process can help to salvage careers, resources, knowledge, expertise, and human caring.

Crisis team members are dedicated compassionate individuals from numerous professions who have volunteer to help others. The team may include:

- Mental health professionals/psychologists, LPC, LMFT, LCSW, etc
- EMS Personnel
- Law enforcement officers/Dispatch personnel
- Nurses/Doctors/medical staff
- Search and rescue personnel
- Clergy and lay pastoral individuals (Stephen Ministries)
- Clerical, IT, and administrative personnel

Individuals interested in joining the team are invited to an informational meeting on Wednesday, June 9 from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Lower Level Conference Room at Community Hospital.

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