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NextChapter
Your monthly look into our news & events

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NextChapter
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
456 Bannock St., Denver, CO 80204
(303) 504-1700



**Graduation Party Celebrating
All of 2026 Graduates
Friday August 21, 2026**



**1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Sally's Café**

August Outings

ATTENTION: To protect participant privacy, please meet in the coffee shop and wait for the facilitator for outings rather than gathering at the front desk.

Due to the high demand for our great outings, please limit your sign-ups to **two (2) per month**. You are welcome to join other waitlists for additional events.

NO Sign Ups for Outings and Workshops will be done over the phone. You must come to NextChapter and sign up at the front desk. Thank you.

Coffeegrapph and a Walk August 6 (Thu)

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

5 Spots Available

Go for a walk, then drive to explore and play games at this Indonesian coffee shop.

Facilitator: Hunter

Outings Continued:

Wildflower Hike

August 5 (Wed)

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

5 Spots Available

Location TBD based on blooms.

Facilitator: Alyssa

Harry Potter: The Exhibition Denver

August 10 (Mon)

9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

5 Spots Available

Step into the magic and experience iconic moments, authentic props, and interactive surprises that bring the Wizarding World to life like never before.

Facilitator: Hunter

The Last Friday Afternoon Swim Club of 2026

August 14 (Fri)

12:30 – 4:00 p.m.

10 Spots Available

Sign up is required for anyone wanting to participate.

Facilitators: Kathy and Candice

August Outings

Meow Wolf

August 20 (Thur)

12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

10 Spots Available

Visit multi-sensory interactive art experience.

Explore unique artwork, music, and storytelling.

Facilitators: Kiara and Jessica

Colorado Journey Mini Golf

August 21 (Fri)

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

5 Spots Available

Join us for a fun-filled community outing featuring friendly competition, recreation, and opportunities to build social connections while exploring a unique Colorado-inspired experience.

Facilitator: Pedro

Outings Continued:

Machu Picchu:

Journey to the Lost City

August 28 (Fri)

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

5 Spots Available

A virtual adventure where history, technology, and exploration come together to bring an ancient world to life in an unforgettable way.

Facilitator: Pedro

VEO Ride along Cherry Creek Trail

August 28 (Fri)

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

5 Spots Available

For students already signed up for VEO membership. Come with your own VEO and ride along OR we will take you to pick up your VEO ride. Bring your own helmet if you have one.

(meet at NextChapter at 12:30pm) talk to:

Kathy E. or Steph M.

August Outing

Bicycle to the Park

August 31 (Mon)

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

6 Spots & Bikes available

Forecasted to be the coolest Monday in August—we're going to bike down to the park with a frisbee and enjoy the great outdoors.

Facilitator: Hunter

August Workshops

Draw for Calm

August 12 (Wed)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Art Studio

8 Spots Available

Combining drawing with meditative techniques for relaxation and emotional expression.

Facilitator: Kiara

Workshops Continued:

Poetry Reading Workshop

August 20 (Thu)

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Room 217

A monthly workshop where we'll start reading and reflecting on *save me an orange*. This is a collection of poems by Hayley Grace. For just a taste, "You were put on this earth to live. It's not too late to start now." – *save me an orange*.

Facilitator: Hunter

Using AI to

Organize My Schedule

August 20 (Thu)

9:30 – 10:50 a.m.

7 Spots available

Computer Lab 210

Create a monthly schedule for NextChapter.

**Facilitators: Steph M.,
Pedro & Alyssa**

August Workshops

Paper Flowers

August 26 (Wed)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Art studio

5 Spots Available

Create 3-D flowers using crepe paper.

Facilitator: Kiara

Watches Workshop

August 27 (Thu)

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Room 217

Curious about wristwatches and other timepieces? We'll talk about different types of watches including mechanical watches.

Facilitator: Hunter

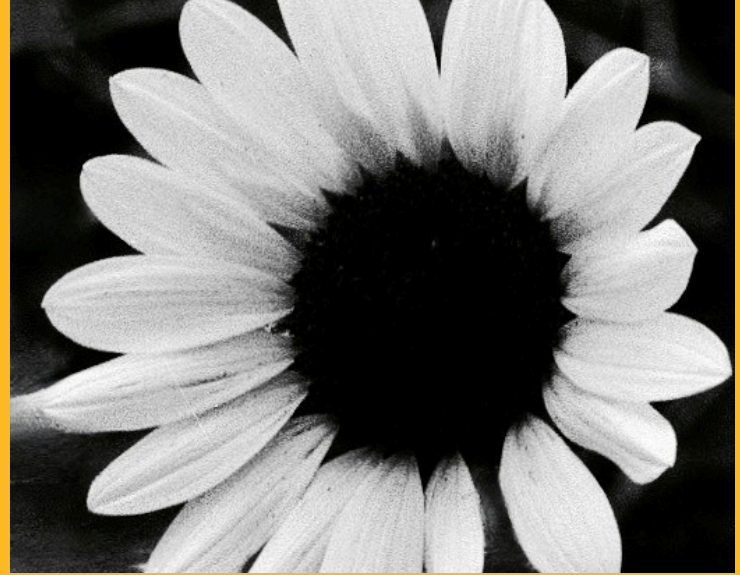


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Summer Picnic

- Thursday, Aug 13
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Congress Park
- Sign up at the front desk

We hope you'll join us

You're invited to NextChapter's Summer Picnic at Congress Park (E. 9th Ave, Denver, CO 80206).

Join us for lunch, games, activities, swimming and ongoing prize raffles. The NextChapter building will be closed all day and transportation is not provided by WellPower. Please see the front desk for bus routes.



Registered ServSafe Proctor & Certified ServSafe Instructor

ServSafe® Food Handler Program

- Join NextChapter to get certified by a certified instructor & registered proctor with ServSafe and the National Restaurant Association.
- We provide instruction for both the 3-year certification (food handler) and 5-year license (food protection manager).
- We offer classes Tuesdays 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. for Food Handlers and Fridays 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. for Managers.
- We offer the ServSafe program, ServSafe training, ServSafe classes and ServSafe testing.
- Contact Vocational Project Coordinator/Instructor & Proctor and Manager Candice Vigil at **(303) 504-1765** or email candice.vigil@wellpower.org



Culinary Training Program



Culinary Training offers an opportunity to gain valuable, paid, on-the-job training while preparing and providing nutritious meals within Sally's Café, an operating restaurant at NextChapter. The training offers participants the chance to see how a functioning food service entity runs and explore different job areas they might be interested in pursuing in the community.

Culinary FAQ

Q: Who do I contact for the culinary referral?

A: Candice Vigil at (303) 504-1765 or candice.vigil@wellpower.org.

Q: How do they get registered?

A: Contact Candice Vigil – they will be added to the waitlist. The follow-up is between referring staff, candidate and Candice Vigil.

Q: How quickly will someone start the program once referred?

A: The waitlist is six months to one year.

Q: How do the referrals know where they are on the waitlist?

A: Referring staff or candidates can call Candice Vigil to see where they are on the list. A call is placed 30 days before the candidate comes into the program.

Q: Can anyone join the program?

A: Individual needs to be receiving services through WellPower.

Q: Do they need to be enrolled with NextChapter Education?

A: Yes.

Q: Why is the wait so long to join?

A: Due to the popularity of the program and the hands-on training provided, we are limited to the amount of students we can bring in.

Q: How do they apply?

A: All applications are online.



Supported Employment

NextChapter will collaborate with you to help you attain your employment goals. Our employment program follows the Individual Placement Support (IPS) model which focuses on your strengths, skills, abilities, interests and how to overcome barriers to help you achieve your employment goals. Our program collaborates with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) to assist participants with additional services and support to attain your employment goals.

If interested in Supported Employment services, contact:

Dalma.Farkas@wellpower.org

Maritza.Ovalles@wellpower.org



If interested in:

- Finding and maintaining a full/part-time competitive job in the community
- Creating a resume
- Writing efficient cover letters
- Learning how to search and apply for jobs online
- Preparing for job interviews
- Learning strategies to maintain job stability

The Intake Process Involves:

- One or two telephone or video appointments to complete an application and a vocational assessment.
- Providing an electronic copy of your current (not expired) State Photo Id, your employment history and if you receive Social Security (SS) benefits, providing an electronic copy of your recent SS benefits award letter.
- Meeting with your Employment Specialist (ES) at least twice a month to work on attaining your employment goals.
- Having a Social Security card and if not a United States citizen, providing a copy of your current (not expired) Authorization card to work in the United States.
- After a job is found, continue meeting with ES to attain job stability and be able to maintain a job for at least three to six months or longer.

Learning & Wellness Overview

NextChapter provides a psychiatric rehabilitation and supported education program that offers adults the opportunity to participate in a variety of classes and activities or receive individual support to pursue one's desired recovery goals. The program is designed to strengthen and broaden a person's knowledge of the physical, intellectual, emotional and social practices that will enhance their wellbeing.

Community Supported Education helps individuals who are interested in pursuing education or training in the community, by providing support and helping navigate the process from beginning to end; identifying strengths and barriers, providing long term support while in school or a training program, celebrating successes and supporting individuals in achieving their academic goals.

Adult Education classes are provided to help build skills for community education or career pursuits. We offer a variety of classes in computers, reading, math, Spanish and writing, as well as tutoring in several subjects. We also assist with both in house and community-based volunteering opportunities to further explore and prepare for careers.

Music and Performing Art gives people the opportunity to participate in a variety of music experiences and groups to enhance skills, quality of life and practice for in house and community-based performances. We provide people of all skill levels and abilities with an environment that promotes their own musical or performing expression.

Studio Art provides people with materials and instruction, as well as a spacious and welcoming art studio to create many different forms of visual art. We assist artists in using art as a creative expression as part of a person's journey in recovery. Working as a bridge to the community, we help our artists show and sell their work at different venues around Denver.

Wellness offerings provide individuals with opportunities to engage in a variety of classes, groups and experiences to enhance one's own physical, spiritual, social and community wellbeing. We offer an in house fitness center and group studio, as well as, several weekly outings to community-based gyms and classes. We offer frequent outings to cultural events, opportunities to connect with nature and explore the community. Other classes and activities you might expect to find assist people with nutrition, budgeting, life skills, leadership or support for a variety of topics.



Details/FAQ for Joining Online Classes

- Participants must be part of NextChapter to attend and fill out Consent for TeleHealth Services.
- If you're interested in joining NextChapter to attend classes, please reach out to your WellPower care team to schedule a virtual orientation.
- Contact the instructor for more class info by calling 303-504-1700 and asking to leave a voicemail or by clicking their name above and email. Your message should be returned promptly.

TO JOIN ONLINE CLASSES ON PC:

- Click Class Name on Schedule you wish to Attend.
- Click "join on the web instead" or "join in this browser instead" or "use teams on Microsoft Edge" or other variant as options vary depending on Browser.
- Allow access to mic and camera if applicable
 - Type Desired Name for meeting and click "Join Now".

TO JOIN ONLINE CLASSES ON MOBILE:

- Install Teams App (via App Store for iPhone or via Google Play Store for Android)
- Click Class Name Above or Join Microsoft Teams Meeting if invite came from an email.
- Allow access to mic and camera.
- Scroll Down Click "Join Meeting" or "Join as Guest".

