

Do you want to get more involved in CPRA?

Attend interest section or group meetings and events! Most of the sections/groups meet on a monthly basis. For more information, please contact the section representative.

Aquatics – The main purpose of this section is to increase the knowledge and professionalism of those involved in all aspects of aquatics through workshops, meetings and special training events.

- The Aquatics Section Representative is: Kris Davison, City of Thornton, 720-977-5919, kris.davison@cityofthornton.net

CARA – Colorado Association of Recreational Athletics promotes the development of athletics and encourages the standardization of rules and classifications in games and competition. CARA holds local, regional, and state competitions in youth and adult athletics throughout the state.

- The CARA Section Representative is: Dana Redford, City of Loveland, 970-962-2450, redfor@ci.loveland.co.us

CASC – Colorado Association of Senior Centers is composed of those persons who work with Older Adults both in recreational and therapeutic settings. Various meetings and workshops are held annually.

- The CASC Section Representative is: Maripat Gallas, City of Commerce City, 303-289-3761, mgallas@c3gov.com

CTRS – Colorado Therapeutic Recreation Society serves therapeutic recreation specialists and those programming for special populations through professional workshops and regular meetings throughout the year.

- The CTRS Section Representative is: Sarah Swain, CTRS, Denver Parks & Recreation, 720-254-8477, sarah.swain@denvergov.org

Directors – Open to members of CPRA who hold the position of director, chief administrator, supervisor or manager of a parks and recreation agency. Bi-monthly meetings are held to share news, ideas and trends. There is a \$35 annual fee to join this section.

- The Directors Section Representative is: Jerrell Black, City of Englewood, 303-762-2681, jblack@englewoodgov.org

Parks – This group provides educational workshops and activities for professionals involved with all phases of park maintenance and operation. Educational workshops and activities are held throughout the year.

- The Parks Section Representative is: Dave Allgood, Widefield Community Center, 719-391-3519, allgoodd@wsd3.k12.co.us

Recreation Services – With several interest areas to choose from, this section applies to just about everyone. If you're interested in cultural arts, special events, outdoor recreation, skate parks, teens or day care licensing this section is for you.

- Contact the CPRA Office for more information about this section.

Small Communities – Open to all members who are employed by agencies or communities serving a population of 15,000 or less. This section addresses those unique issues associated with providing recreation and leisure services in small communities.

- The Small Communities Section Representative is: Scott Ruff, WECMRD, 970-777-8868, scott@wecmrd.org

Western Slope – Open to all members who are employed by agencies located in the Western half of our state, this section addresses unique issues associated with being on the Western Slope through workshops, meetings and social events.

- The Western Slope Section Representative is: Tina Ross, City of Grand Junction, 970-254-3805, tinar@gjcity.org

Fitness Section – A networking group that meets every other month. Also provides trainings and ACE accredited workshops.

- The Fitness Section Representative contact is: Rowan Velasquez, City of Englewood, 303-762-2663 rvelasquez@englewoodgov.org

PLAY Group – The purpose of the PLAY Group (**P**reschool **L**icensing **A**nd **Y**outh) is to provide a network for Recreation Professionals to support licensed programs, such as preschool and school-aged/day camps, where ongoing communication and education will develop a unified group under the Recreation Services Section of CPRA.

- The PLAY Group contact is: Dawn Stipe, City & County of Broomfield, 303-464-5541, dstipe@broomfield.org

Facility Managers Group –A networking group that meets on quarterly basis.

- The Facility Managers Group contact is: Julie Holmgren, Arapahoe Park & Recreation District, 303-269-8400, juliehol@the-trails.org

Teen Team Group – The group offers the Teen Team Youth Summit Retreat in October of every year. The retreat is for youth advisory boards, councils and commissions. In the 2 day retreat, these youth groups & their chaperones will learn how to improve their communication skills and develop organizational strategies.

- The Teen Team Group contact is: Courtney Sibayan, Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District, 303-650-7593, csibayan@hylandhills.org