

NCHD teams up with Peerless to show sensory-friendly film

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Presented with a light agenda during their Dec. 18 meeting, members from the Northeast Colorado Board of Health had time to learn about a program that serves some very special families in northeast Colorado.

Northeast Colorado Health Department's Family Recess Respite Program offers respite to the families of children with special needs in northeast Colorado.

For several years, with the help of generous grant support, local individual support and in-kind partnerships with many organizations and schools in the area, the program has served families of children age 3-21, who are developmentally and physically disabled, usually by offering center-based respite care one Saturday per month during the school year in Sterling and Fort Morgan.

However, thanks to an increase in funding, NCHD has been able to expand their respite offerings, most recently teaming up with the Peerless Theatre in Holyoke to offer a sensory-friendly film showing of "The Polar Express."

According to Sherri Yahn, NCHD's prevention services manager, the Peerless Theatre is the first of the local theaters to partner with NCHD to show a sensory-friendly film for families of children with special needs.

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