

JAWS

Jumpstart Aging Workforce Solutions

"TAKING A BITE OUT OF THE
LTC WORKFORCE SHORTAGE!"

SO LONG SUMMER, HELLO FALL!

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FALLING FOR JAWS HIGHLIGHTS:

- JAWS participated in two intergenerational cooking classes for community members and UCCS students at the Center for Active Living.
- JAWS presented at Networking Education and Research (NEAR) Conference 2023
- JAWS grew the paid internship opportunity for UCCS students to gain 40 hours of internship experience in a long-term care setting. Interest in interns now include intergenerational students with interest in new workforce opportunities.
- JAWS launched a pilot program; a 15-hour curriculum “Welcome to LTC!”. This pilot immersive experience provided Career and Technical Education (CTE) high school students from District 8 with a first-hand opportunity to explore careers in long-term care.
- JAWS welcomes this fall CTE students from D8, D20, and D11 to experience opportunities at JAWS LTC partners Bear Creek Senior Living, Falcon Heights Health & Rehabilitation Center, Liberty Heights, and Cheyenne Village.

Interested in becoming a JAWS community partner?
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**JOIN THE JAWS TEAM AS WE
RECOGNIZE AGEISM AWARENESS
DAY, WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY,
AND ALZHEIMERS WALK!**

AGEISM AWARENESS DAY

Ageism Awareness Day on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, is an opportunity to draw attention to the existence and impact of ageism in our society and how we can reframe aging in our communities.

UCCS IS NOW AN OFFICIAL AFU

UCCS has been designated an Age-Friendly University (AFU), demonstrating its ongoing commitment, dedication and efforts to support the aging population and create an inclusive campus environment.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

10 October is World Mental Health Day. The Day provides an opportunity for all those working on mental health issues to talk about the importance of their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide. JAWS aims to raise awareness of mental health in long-term communities for residents and the workforce.

ALZHEIMERS WALK

JAWS joined the Colorado Springs community “2023 Walk to End Alzheimer’s” at Memorial Park September 30th. Learn more about Alzheimer’s [here](#).