



*Saturday, September 13, 2008, 11a-3p  
at The Ranch, Larimer County Fairgrounds*

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### **“Family Summit – Day for Kids” Offers Fun, Information for Whole Family**

Larimer County, Colorado—Family fun, information and education all in one place. That is what the “Family Summit - Day for Kids” will offer on Saturday, September 13, 2008, 11a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Larimer County Fairgrounds/The Ranch.

Special features of this free event include:

- A volunteer project to help local kids living in poverty. Summit attendees can bring new and gently used books to donate, make bookmarks to be delivered with the books, assemble snack kits and learn about other ways they can help stem the rising tide of Larimer County’s childhood poverty rate.
- A car seat check-up event and safety fair hosted by Safe Kids Larimer County.
- An awards presentation hosted by the mayors of Fort Collins and Loveland honoring 10 local teens who have triumphed over adversity and are setting a positive example for others.
- Nearly 70 booths featuring local child, youth and family serving agencies and businesses, all with fun activities for kids.
- Plus educational presentations and entertainment.

“The main purpose of the Summit is to provide families a one-stop-shop where they can learn about the vast amount of resources available to them in our community to help them make healthy lifestyle choices,” said Kim Sharpe, coordinator of Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County (HCC), one of the Summit’s host agencies. “But the Summit also gives families a fun way to spend time together. There will be entertaining activities for kids of all ages—from birth through high school.”

Realities for Children, the Bohemian Foundation, Poudre Valley Hospital Foundation, Orthopaedic Center of the Rockies, City of Fort Collins, City of Loveland, Regent Communications, *Rocky Mountain Parent* magazine and *Fort Collins Now* are sponsors of the Summit.

In addition to HCC, the Summit’s hosting agencies are the Larimer County Department of Human Services, Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County, Safe Kids Larimer County, United Way 211 Larimer County, B.A.S.E. Camp and Foster and Adoptive Families of Larimer County.

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The Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County (HCC) is a coalition of nonprofit, government, business and citizen leaders focused on improving the health and well-being of our children and youth. HCC does this by serving as a relationship broker, networker, communicator, convener, facilitator, researcher and capacity builder for the family and youth service providers throughout Larimer County. HCC was established in 1994 and is located in Fort Collins, Colorado.



### **2008 Family Summit-Day for Kids**

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