

SYSTEMS OF CARE CENTER NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Systems of Care Center (SOCC) monthly newsletter. As a department, we wanted an additional avenue of getting information out to parents and caregivers in our amazing district. GESD has three school social workers across the district. Keep reading to find out more about us and who we serve!

Jessica Huston

I am the regional social worker for Glendale American, Horizon, Desert Spirit, Glenn F. Burton, & Harold W. Smith. This is my second year working as a GESD social worker. My favorite part of being a social worker is getting to know our students, the families, and getting to know the Glendale community better. I did my internship for my Bachelors at Isaac E. Imes Elementary school. I graduated from Arizona State University with my bachelor's and master's degrees in social work.

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I am the regional social worker for Desert Garden Preschool, Challenger, William C. Jack, Don Mensendick, and Glendale Landmark. This is my second year working in GESD. I graduated from ASU with my master's degrees in Social Work. My favorite part about being a social worker is working with families and providing support to ensure our students are successful emotionally, socially, and academically.

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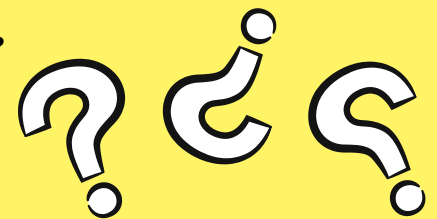
Kristin Taylor

I am the regional social worker for Sunset Vista, Discovery, Bicentennial South, GEO Learning, and Glendale Success Academy. This is my second year with GESD and I'm excited to continue working with my schools to meet the needs of all students, families, and staff. I look forward to building relationships within the GESD community!

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Would you rather be able to read people's minds or be invisible?
Would you rather go to outer-space or dive to the deepest part of the ocean?
Would you rather be a bird or a fish?
Would you rather be as quiet as a mouse or as loud as a lion?
Would you rather not talk all day or not play all day?
Would you rather eat a pizza without cheese or without sauce?
Would you rather be a superhero or villain?
Would you rather be super strong or super fast?



Would You Rather?

Frozen Yogurt Bites



Ingredients

3 to 4 Whole Milk Yogurt Tubes
fresh raspberries and blueberries
granola

Instructions

1. Line a mini muffin pan with mini cupcake liners.
2. Squeeze the whole Milk Yogurt into each liner, filling 3/4th full.
3. Top with fresh berries and sprinkle on a little granola over each one.
4. Freeze overnight and enjoy the next day!

Agency Spotlight



Arizona Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) meets the needs of Arizona's families by connecting them to child care providers. CCR&R ensures that parents and caregivers have the information they need to make informed decisions when selecting a child care provider. CCR&R also strives to improve the quality of care and education by providing child care providers with training, education, and resources.

If you are in need of a child care provider, you may contact 1-800-308-9000.
<https://www.azccrr.com/>

Events and Information

AUG 10TH & AUG 24TH
GESD FOOD DISTRIBUTION

LOCATION: SYSTEM OF CARE CENTER

8:30 AM-10:30 AM

*ID REQUIRED

Need a backpack?

CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL SOCIAL WORKER
FOR A FREE BACKPACK WHILE SUPPLIES
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SOCC/SELS/Counselor Spotlight



My name is Denis Parcels and I am the Director of the new GESD System of Care Center (SoCC)! This is my 12th year in GESD, and I was the principal at William C. Jack the previous 11 years. I should be easy to spot because I always wear two different shoes and two different socks!

Before coming to GESD, I served as an administrator with the Deer Valley District for three years, was a Rodel Aspiring Principal, and taught for seven years in both Washington and Arizona before pursuing administration. I graduated from the University of Washington (I bleed purple) and obtained a Masters in Teaching from the University of Washington and a Masters in Administration from Arizona State University. I was named the Glendale Elementary School District Principal of the Year in 2016 and was named an Arizona Rodel Exemplary Principal in 2017. I love to spend my free time playing and coaching sports, riding motorcycles and bikes, traveling, camping, hiking, juggling, and hanging out with my beautiful wife Lindsey and our three crazy boys Nash, Jace, and Grey.

I am so excited to be part of the new System of Care Center. Our vision is to be a beacon of support that improves and enhances quality of life and positively influences a thriving, connected, and inclusive Glendale community. Our goals are to provide access to an all-inclusive spectrum of community-based services so children and families receive effective care to improve their quality of life, to develop and nurture meaningful partnerships to support a relevant and sustainable framework, and to develop awareness to ensure continuous use of services through collaborative outreach and deepening connections with our local community. Please reach out to me if you or the families we serve ever need support, because we are here to help. And remember GESD, keep smiling and have a YES! kind of day!