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Greetings Facilities Management Team,

Located at Foothills Campus, just north of the Pickett Center, the new Temple Grandin Equine Center is substantially complete! Project Manager Brad Johnson of FM Capital Construction reports that they are working through punch list items and commissioning activities, and occupants are moving into their new home. The center offers Equine Assisted Services including therapy for individuals with physical and neurological disabilities and started seeing patients yesterday, February 1.

The Temple Grandin Equine Center project is unique because the users partnered with FM to carefully consider the impacts of visual and sound stimulation on both clients and horses. They identified a list of inclusive items that needed more deliberate planning than most projects, including choice of paint colors, type of lighting, and equipment noise levels. Brad ensured these were incorporated into project budget, planning, and design. For instance, they were intentional with how they specified mechanical equipment throughout the building regarding sound and comfort of those with sensory disorders and they chose neutral and calm colors for the walls, so as not to be too contrasting or disturbing. This space also shepherds in CSU's first restroom signs to signify an adult changing table and sensory inclusiveness.

Adult Changing Table Signage

Adult changing tables are safe and clean spaces for personal attendants or caregivers to help people with a disability while in the restroom. Tables are permanently located and attached to a structurally sound wall and meet ADA standards so when the table is pulled down the space is fully functional. The movement for adult changing tables is pushing to have them in all public buildings and large event places—for example, at airports, libraries, and state offices. By the end of 2021, CSU should also have portable adult changing



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tables available that can be moved around to various places and events, as the need arises.

FM Environmental Graphics Designer Jessica Kramer received feedback on both signage wording and graphic from people with sensory disabilities and the Inclusive Physical and Virtual Campus Committee, and relied on the expertise of an organization called Universal Changing Places (<https://www.universalchangingplaces.com/>) to create an adult changing table sign standard for CSU. Their signage and symbology utilize a universal design language; as the adult changing tables and universal changing places become more common, the signs and symbols become recognizable to the community.

Sensory Inclusive Signage

Sensory inclusive signs help to indicate that there are no automatic fixtures like auto toilet flushers and auto dryers in the restroom. The Inclusive Physical and Virtual Campus Committee received feedback that most restrooms across campus have automatic features, which is challenging because sudden, loud, and unexpected sounds can sometimes cause a person with sensory or neurological disorders to fall.

Facilities Management advocates Becca Mueller, Megan Gaston, Martha Coleman, Jessica Kramer, and Aaron Fodge recently worked to update Chapter 06 of the CSU Facilities Planning, Design and Construction Standards to make CSU more welcoming, inclusive, and accessible. A provision was added that specifically prohibits the use of automatic fixtures and dispensers in new All Gender Restrooms to support those with sensory disorders. You can expect to see more signs like these appearing as new buildings with All Gender Restrooms are constructed, incorporating these specifications into their design. See the [Chapter 06 Standards document](#) for more information. The All Gender Restroom content is located on page 6 of the document. Changing Table information is located on page 7.

Thanks for all you do,



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