



April 23, 2024



Early Childhood Educators Appreciation Event

The ECE Appreciation Event is upon us!

If you are an early childhood educator or early childhood staff member and have **not** yet received an invitation to the ECE Appreciation event, please reach out to your ECC SLV contact or email Chelle at Office@eccslv.org

****The deadline to RSVP is May 6th****

Universal Preschool Colorado



UPK Updates

We are almost through April and well past Easter, but UPK updates are still hopping!

The Pre-Registration period for the 2024/2025 school year application submission has officially ended and we are happy to announce that across the valley we had more than 100 families returning! Congratulations to all the families and providers for your hard work and attention during this time.

Dates to look forward to:

- **April 22:** First family-to-provider matching round runs.
- **April 23 - May 7:** Providers accept matches for the first matching round.
- **May 8:** Families notified of first round matches. Families must accept or decline by May 15.
- **July 5:** Second family-to-provider matching round runs. Providers must accept or decline matches by July 22.
- **July 23:** Families notified of second round matches.

Families must accept or decline by July 30.

If you have a student that is 3 years of age prior to your local school district cut off age, and **DOES NOT** carry an IEP, you do not need a UPK application this year. These students will contact their local school district directly for placement and availability.

If you have a student that is 3 years of age prior to your local school district cut off age that **DOES** carry an IEP, please submit your application, and your application will be directly handled by the district AU for placement.

Please visit upk.colorado.gov to start your application today!

As always, please reach out to LCOresource@eccslv.org for more information or help with getting started for the 2024/2025 school year.

Always,

SLV LCO Team

Childcare Resource and Referral (CCRR)

About Colorado Association of Family Child Care Foundation.

The Colorado Association of Family Child Care Foundation has received money from the CIRCLE Grant and the Buell Foundation Grant. The money is designed to mentor and provide training to potential new providers at zero cost to them starting in February. Current licensed providers will also be able to participate in trainings at zero cost. Training classes include: Pre-Licensing, First Aid/CPR, Business class for family child care homes.

For more information, please click on the link.

<https://www.cafccfoundation.org/>

If you need further assistance, please contact Amanda Atencio at ecresource@eccslv.org

Early Head Start -

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

Now accepting applications for Early Head Start! Click the link below to complete the interest form.

Click [Here](#) for interest form.



Early Head Start
Free Quality Child Care Services!
Birth to 3
Expectant Families and Teen Parents
• Child Care 28+ hours per week
• Year-Round Program
• Family Services
• Education Services
• Health Services
• Nutrition Services
• Disabilities Services
• Community Resources

Families with children with special needs are encouraged to apply
Military families encouraged to apply
We do not provide daily transportation to & from the center. However, we may be able to provide transportation in certain circumstances in conjunction with other community agencies.

Apply Application Here

Contact us Today!
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401 Santa Fe Ave
Alamosa, CO 81101

Service Areas:
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Costilla
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Rio Grande

Coaching

RESPECT

REFLECT

RELATE

Each child experiences responsive care from care teachers using a process called,

RESPECT

REFLECT

RELATE

"All learning takes place in the context of relationships and is critically affected by the quality of those relationships."-Norman-Murch 1996

The Expanding Quality Coaching Process:

RESPECT-Observe the child.

Care teachers **RESPECT** infants and toddlers by understanding and supporting their learning and development through observation over time and in different situations with openness and high regard for the individuality of each child and family.

REFLECT -Wonder about the meaning and intention of the behavior.

Care teachers **REFLECT** by wondering what the child is experiencing as well as considering their own internal reactions to what is happening.

RELATE-Respond in supportive ways.

Care teachers **RELATE** by responding to what they understand the child needs in that moment in regard to their unique interests, learning goals, and interactions.

Why Do Infants and Toddlers Need a Relationship-Based Program?

Because *"relationships matter critically, consistent relationships with caring adults are essential for healthy development."*

National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, 2024. P. 5

¹Responsive Care Journey Handbook-Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler Care Initiative

Click this link to watch about ways for: Implementing a Responsive Curriculum by Building on Children's Interests

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/video/implementing-curriculum-responsively-building-childrens-interests>

Click this link to read about ways to:

Observe and Learn about Following Your Child's Interests

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/no-search/iss/implement-curriculum-responsively/child-int-05-tips-fam-observe-learn.pdf>

Professional Development

*ECCSLV SCHOLARSHIP

*We still have funds to support you with your education. Please click on the following link to access an application, or email Denise Benavides at pd@eccslv.org.

<https://eccslv.org/scholarship-application/>

May 2024 TAP Upcoming Training Events

View [Upcoming Live Virtual and In-Person Training Events](#) to learn about professional development opportunities happening through June. There are many free and low-cost opportunities, including:

- Family Child Care Home Pre-Licensing Training
- Trauma Informed Practices
- Family Engagement in Outdoor Play and Learning
- Fundamentals for Child Care Businesses
- Developing a Trauma Responsive Care Environment for Early Childhood Program Leaders
- Calming Chaos by Promoting Positive Behavior
- An Introduction to Ages & Stages Questionnaire-3 and Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Social-Emotional-2
- Precautions When Transporting Children
- Implementing Early Childhood Developmental Screening Activities
- Improving Family Experience in Early Childhood Developmental Screening Activities

Click [here](#) for additional details on Professional Development opportunities and resources.

Do you have something you would like to share in our newsletter?

If individuals and organizations in the community want to share relevant information through this email list, ECCSLV will do their best to include the information in the next available e-newsletter.

ECCSLV considers requests based on relevance, capacity, and timeliness. We do not guarantee that all information will be shared.

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