



February 19, 2024



Congratulations to Tiny Hands Day Care Center, Inc. on achieving their Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Rating!

The Early Childhood Council is proud of the hard work and dedication that is put into taking care of our little ones. We were able to ask the director of Tiny Hands Daycare Center a few questions.

“I have been with Eary Childhood for 26 years.”

“My favorite memory of my career was the day that I was offered an opportunity to apply as director of the first Day Care in San Luis, CO.”

“The most rewarding part of providing childcare services is seeing the children grow into responsible and respectful young men and women. A lot of the children to whom I provided this valuable service in Costilla County are now grown and have children of their own. They are graduates from college and have great careers. I am still Miss Tina to them. I am respected and loved by them.”

FAMILY CHILD CARE (FCCH)

Invest in Your Business with up to \$5,000 from the Family Child Care Home Facilities Improvement Grant.

The application window opens on February 12, 2024, and closes on April 22nd, 2024.

Click [here](#) for more information.

FCCH SPOTLIGHT CINDY KHOKETHAM

**“I have been in the childcare business
for 18 years.”**

**The most rewarding part about doing
childcare is I get to witness the children
achieve their milestones, watch them
grow, and see them become their own
person.”**

**“It’s not just one memory, it’s the fact
that I have had children that are all
grown up now and still come by to say
hi”**

Childcare Resource and Referral (CCRR)

Open Your Own Child Care Program



- Do you have a passion for teaching and supporting the healthy development of infants, toddlers, and young children?
- Are you interested in working from the convenience of your home?
- Do you want to start your own business?
- Would you like to teach preschool at YOUR site for the new Universal Preschool (UPK) program

We have a rewarding career opportunity for you!

The Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley can share how to become a licensed family child care home provider.

We will cover the steps in the process, cash incentives, grants, UPK and other key points for licensing. Contact us if you are interested using the information below!



Ready to get started?
Scan the QR code or email Amanda
at ecresource@eccslv.org



 **Wonderschool**

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

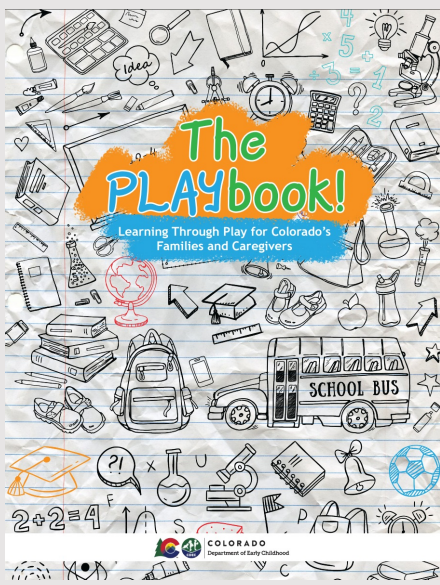
Families with children with special needs are encouraged to apply
Military families encouraged to apply
We do not provide daily transportation to & from the center. However, we may be able to provide transportation in certain circumstances in conjunction with other community agencies.

[Begin Application Here](#)

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

Service Areas:
Saguache
Costilla
Alamosa
Rio Grande





Welcome to the PLAYbook:

Transition Supports

Transition is another way to think about changes that occur in a child's life. To make transitions successful, families and caregivers/educators need to share information. They also need to focus on supportive relationships and ensure consistency and stability. Children, families, caregivers and educators have increased understanding of new expectations when they can practice adjusting to new environments. Helping children manage their feelings as they transition between different learning environments early in life can establish positive coping skills. These experiences will have far-reaching impacts beyond the early years. At any age, consider the following strategies to help children feel safe and supported during transitions

Explore more by clicking the link below for the full Playbook!

- [In English](#)
- [En Español](#)



Coaching

Brain-Building Through Play: Activities for Infants, Toddlers and Children

Play is an important part of a child's life. Simple, playful interactions with adults help develop

- brain architecture
- foundations of lifelong health
- building blocks of resilience

Through games and playful activities, infants and toddlers, can practice and strengthen important executive function skills.

Click [here](#) to view handouts that include games to play with babies.

Professional Development

March 2024 Upcoming Live Virtual and In-Person Training Events announcement with the professionals and programs you support.

- An Introduction to Ages & Stages Questionnaire-3 and Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Social-Emotional-2
- Trauma Informed Practices
- ONE Step Colorado - Secondhand Smoke and Asthma Training
- Disciplina consciente: comience un aprendizaje socioemocional sólido para bebés y niños pequeños
- Calming Chaos by Promoting Positive Behavior
- Combating Bias in Early Education: From Conversation to Practice
- Guiding Children's Behavior: It Starts with Us
- Social-Emotional Awareness: Understanding the impact of Temperament and Emotions
- Gigi's Playhouse Educator Symposium: Teaching Strategies for Individuals with Down Syndrome
- Fostering Inquiry by Scaffolding Curiosity

Click [here](#) for full details

PDIS

ATTENTION DIRECTORS

Our council has scheduled a director specific PDIS session that will cover the new features being implemented next month.

This will take place on Wednesday, February 28th from 2:00-2:30 pm, Ms. Joni Zisman from CDEC will be presenting. Denise Benavides sent the invite through email, and please reach out if you have any questions.

Teach Colorado News

Upcoming Online Info Sessions

February 20th, 4:00 - 5:00 PM Licensure 101:

TEACH Colorado Group Advising Session: Learn how to get licensed to teach in CO and get your questions answered by an experienced local teacher and career coach.

Register here: https://colorado.teach.org/events/licensure-101-teach-colorado-group-advising-session-0?utm_source=partner-share-all&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_content=events

[Licensure 101: TEACH Colorado Group Advising Session | TEACH.org](#)

Learn how to get licensed to teach in CO and get your questions answered from an experienced local teacher and career coach.

colorado.teach.org

*SCHOLARSHIPS

*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/>

*ECCLA also offers several different scholarships you can look

into at the following link:

<https://ecclacolorado.org/scholarshipsandgrants/>

*PDIS

The Colorado Shines Professional Development Information System is being enhanced and the changes will go live in March. Please sign up for PDIS HELP SESSIONS at the following link join a New Demo session if you are interested. Also, the Early Learning Team will be available to support you, please reach out to Denise Benavides at pd@eccslv.org, or call at 719-588-4553.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities!

View [Upcoming Live Virtual and In-Person Training Events](#) to learn about professional development opportunities happening through March.

COMMUNITY JOB BOARD!

APPLY NOW!

Open Positions:

- ECC SLV Board of Directors- **Legal Representative**



For more information:
**SEE DETAILS BELOW WITH
LINKS FOR EACH JOB VACANCY**



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley Governing Board is seeking a Legal Representative to join the Board of Directors. Qualified applicants must be an attorney at law.

Please email letter of interest and resume to sherri@eccslv.org



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

If individuals and organizations in the community want to share

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