



June 17th, 2024

Join Daniel Tiger in Del Norte and watch "Daniel Goes to the Dentist", featuring Daniel Tiger dance parties in between screenings!

In partnership with Rio Grande Child Development & Family Services RMPBS KIDS on the GO brings your family's favorite PBS KIDS characters and shows to life in communities across Colorado by meeting families where they live and play.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN  PBS

KIDS on the GO

Daniel Tiger is coming to Del Norte



**With Rio Grande
Child Development &
Family Services**

925 Oak St, Del Norte, CO 81132

June 21, 2024

3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. "Daniel Goes to the Dentist" screening
3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Daniel Tiger dance party!
4:30 - 5:00 p.m. "Daniel Goes to the Dentist" screening
5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Daniel Tiger dance party!

**For more information visit
rmpbs.org/kids/events**



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DELTA DENTAL OF COLORADO
FOUNDATION

You're Invited!



COLORADO
Department of Education

San Luis Valley Regional Collaborative Conversations: Transformative Partnerships

WHO: Youth and family serving professionals from across the San Luis Valley who work in support of children, youth and families experiencing houselessness, the foster care system and who move across the region for agricultural jobs.

Community-based organizations, school districts and school level staff, city, county, and state agencies are all welcome to attending including but not limited to:

- McKinney-Vento district liaisons
- Migrant Education Recruiters
- Before and After School Providers
- Housing and Human Services Partners
- Early Childhood Leaders
- School Counselors
- Higher Education Administrators
- Family Resource Center Staff
- School Leaders
- **AND any community-based organization, agency or institution who is interested in transformative partnership!**

WHAT: Highly Mobile Youth meet specific barriers to educational access, stability, and opportunities to succeed in school and beyond. As partners across the community work to support children, youth and families, the barriers met by our most vulnerable populations can often be the easiest to overlook and universal support and interventions can assume housing and stability that is just not the case for many youth and their families.

This day-long event will work to broaden perspectives, deepen understanding and begin moving to action on transforming how we think about multi-tiered systems of support for highly mobile youth. The day will focus on:

- Expanding knowledge and understanding of partners, shared goals, shared challenges
- Evaluate the strengths and skills of partners.
- Learn and practice strategies in moving between transactional and transformative partners.
- Create an action plan for ongoing collaboration.

WHEN: Thursday, August 1, 2024, 9:00 am – 3:30pm

WHERE: Adams State University (exact details will be sent out to those who register as we approach the event)

REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/ApiC93fQS1NMJzJL6>

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Save the date!



Enhancing School Safety Regional Training: Integrating Prevention and School Climate Improvement Efforts

DESCRIPTION:

The training will explore the fundamentals of preventing school violence by emphasizing the creation of systems and structures essential for positive school environments. Participants will engage in a collaborative session to identify, integrate, and align evidence-based school violence prevention strategies (e.g., inclusive discipline practices, bullying prevention, proactive social-emotional and positive behavioral supports).

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

District and school-level educators, administrators, mental health staff, school resource officers, family liaisons, and other community partners involved in school safety and violence prevention efforts (e.g., discipline, social-emotional and behavioral development, climate and culture, multi-tiered system of supports). Although not required, it is highly recommended that attendees come as a multi-disciplinary team as content will target systems and structures and activities will include collaborative experiences.

WHEN: Friday, August 2, 2024, from 9:00-3:30 (lunch on your own)

WHERE: Adams State University, 208 Edgemont Blvd, Alamosa, CO 81101

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Explore elements of school safety plans in Colorado and how they connect to school climate improvement.
2. Describe school violence prevention and corresponding evidence-based practices.
3. Investigate contextual variables that impact school safety efforts.
4. Consider the systems and structures necessary to effectively integrate and align school safety efforts.

Please [Register Here](#) for the August 2nd event

Additional 2024 Regional Training Dates/Registration Links

June 20: [Front Range Community College, Westminster](#)

August 21: [5-R High School, Grand Junction](#)

September 20: [Northeastern Junior College in Sterling](#)

(Registration closes 1 week prior to the event)

For more information, contact Preventing School Violence: psv@cde.state.co.us

This is funded by the National Bureau of Justice [STOP School Violence Grant](#). During the training, participants will learn about a two-year funding opportunity made available in fall 2024 to support enhanced safety planning through improvements in school climate and violence prevention efforts.

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Universal Preschool Updates

2024 - 2025

Matching Dates & Deadlines

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UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL

Reminder, if you have already been matched and accepted a placement with a provider, you are good to go.

We are looking ahead to supporting you during the 2024-25 school year.

For School Year 2024 - 25 - Family Support Session for Completing Applications (Show Seat Availability)

- Wednesday, June 5 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm MT
- meet.google.com/wgs-dcvt-uva
- Join by phone: (US) +1 951-901-6073 PIN: 444 439 339#

For School Year 2024-2025 Colorado Universal Preschool Enrollment

July matching closes on July 3, 2024 at 5:00 pm

- Please submit an application to be eligible for the July matching (closes on July 3, 2024 at 5:00 pm)

Celebrating a Successful First Year of Colorado Universal Preschool!

CDEC received countless submissions showcasing the joy and growth of Colorado's little ones in the program. Check out our [video highlighting](#) the incredible affordability and benefits of Colorado Universal Preschool!

Thank you to everyone who made this groundbreaking first year possible. Create more memories – and help your child grow – by registering today for the 2024-25 school year- upk.colorado.gov! We want to hear from you! Share your stories of successes, cherished memories, shout-outs, photos, and videos with us here- <https://bit.ly/Y1Celebration>. Let's continue to celebrate these amazing milestones together!

Resources & Support

- Please see additional information in the updated [Family Handbook](#)
- Families can browse providers and review their eligibility for the program at upk.colorado.gov
- [Program Website](#): Review the estimated enrollment timeline on the website. More information and resources are expected in the coming weeks. For additional support, find your Local Coordinating Organization [contact information](#).
- Have more questions or need help with Universal Preschool Colorado? [Contact us using this short form](#) or call 303-866-5223.
- Subscribe to our [Colorado Universal Preschool Newsletter](#)!

- Families can access a [Printable Family Calendar](#) here!
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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

FCCH

Playful Learning in Family Child Care Webinar
Friday June 21, 2024
3-4 p.m. ET
Register Online Now

Family child care is an important part of the overall early care and education system that supports children and families. Family child care is a first choice for families for many reasons. It offers mixed-age groups where siblings can be cared for together. The provider's schedule, location, culture, and language are often a match for family needs.

Join this webinar to explore how to make the most of mixed-age groups with planned, playful opportunities that foster creativity in infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Let's make the connection between creativity and children's developing analytical thinking, communication, and social skills — all essential for school readiness! Discover ways to get in tune with your own creativity

as an educator to join in playful learning with the children. This webinar is offered with English and Spanish captioning.

Key Topics

In this webinar, we're discussing:

- Ways to promote creativity and learning in mixed-age groups
- How creativity promotes school readiness across all [Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework](#) domains
- Practical strategies for nurturing children's curiosity, interests, and creativity to extend learning

Target Audience

This webinar benefits:

- Family child care providers and teachers
- Education managers, coaches, and child development specialists
- Support staff

Click on the link below to register:

<https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/4320941/BB0EB47F99DF166F2AA8DD1FBB5EFF26>

Certificates of completion are available for this webinar.

The Family Child Care Connections webinar series was formerly called Meaningful Makeover.

Watch the [Meaningful Makeover](#) webinars on-demand.

Related Resources

Explore related resources on the Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (ECLKC) to learn more.

- [Supporting Initiative and Curiosity in Preschoolers](#)
- [Play Promotes Early Development: It's Time for Play!](#)

- [Playful Learning Environments for Infants and Toddlers](#)

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**

CCCAP Changes are COMING!
Expect improved rates this October...and the next...and the next!

Colorado sees CCCAP changes as a significant way to stabilize the industry. They've received Federal approval to base CCCAP

rates off of an alternative rate method. That's GREAT NEWS for programs. The down side? With the Stimulus roll-off and implementing the new rates will eventually result in a decrease of 22% of existing CCCAP slots for families. Additional funding will be needed to fill the gap. In addition to that, the implementation of new Federal mandates for CCCAP will dramatically increase the cost to operate the program. The Feds believe it's a necessary step to stabilize the industry and that it had to be done. ECEA advocated this week with Congresswoman Pettersen for the Feds to fund the new mandates so that states have fewer dollars they have to raise legislatively within their state. With all the changes...Colorado Legislators are going to need to proactively work to minimize the loss of slots for families.

For programs, changes include paying in advance of care based on enrollment, reimbursement for holidays, and payment for reasonable registration fees. Rates for Infant/toddler care will increase the most and are looking to be about a 40% increase in the 3 year timeline. Increases each year will be 1/3 of the increase and next year and going forward will include the actual cost of care in that year. That means when we get to October 2026, your rate will be based on quality in 2026. An operational memo for counties will be published on June 12.

Find more details about pending CCCAP changes here:

<https://www.coloradoecea.org/post/cccap-and-hb24-1223-summary>

Early Head Start Free Quality Child Care Services

**NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS
for Rio Grande County and
Center, CO!**

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

Click [Here](#) for interest form.



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!
(719) 937-4010
401 Santa Fe Ave
Alamosa, CO 81101



Service Areas:
Saguache
Costilla
Alamosa
Rio Grande

Coaching

Each child experiences responsive care from care teachers using a process called, **RESPECT-REFLECT-RELATE**

Caregiving for Healthy Relationships

The following three social and emotional childhood needs are helped to develop by ensuring care teachers use certain responsive caregiving strategies with infants and toddlers.

Relationship-Based, Responsive Care Experiences Infant Toddler Coaches Encourage:

Each child feels valued, and lovable, and develops a sense of self-worth.

Strategies:

- Smile and show affection to each child.
- Use kind and gentle words and touch.
- Show each child you enjoy being with them.

Each child trusts adults to be reliable, supportive, responsive social partners.

Strategies:

- Engage frequently with each child.
- Be on child's physical level much of the time.
- Be emotionally present when interacting with each child.

Each child experiences care throughout the day that is interactive and responsive.

Strategies:

- Respond to each child's sounds, movements, gestures, and words.
- Follow the child's lead while interacting, playing, and engaging in daily care routines.
- Encourage the child to take frequent turns in the interaction.

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

Professional Development

PDIS

Did you know you can find professional development programs & scholarships when you login to your PDIS account? All you have to do is click on the RESOURCES tab at the top of the page, then under the drop-down menu you will click on programs & scholarships. This is available to **ALL PDIS** users. If you need any PD support please reach out to Denise Benavides at pd@eccslv.org.

*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/>

June 2024 Upcoming Live Virtual and In-Person Training Events announcement with the early childhood professionals you

support.

There are several new sessions including two from Assuring Better Child Health & Development on developmental screening activities and another from Denver's Early Childhood Council on precautions when transporting children.

Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance

Please see the following link for scholarship opportunities:

[Scholarships and Grants - Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance \(ECCLA\)](#)



Get to it! Apply to a prep program today and enter to win \$1,000. *If you weren't selected for a previous scholarship

application, you can apply again. - The TEACH Colorado Team
Upcoming trainings by Early Childhood Investigations Webinars
in August 2024 and beyond! NEW WEBINARS ADDED
FREQUENTLY! Bookmark our upcoming webinars page

Nurturing Play and Creativity in Young Children Through
Everyday Conversation, by Rebecca Rolland, Ed.D. August 7,
2024

[REGISTER NOW](#)

A Calm Brain is a Thinking Brain: Designing calm, engaging early
learning environments, by Dr. Kathryn Murray August 8, 2024

[REGISTER NOW](#)

The Power of Leadership: Transform Yourself to Transform Your
Team, by Ben Poswalk August 14, 2024

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Getting and Keeping Insurance for Your Early Childhood
Program, by Samantha Phillips August 15, 2024

[REGISTER NOW](#)

>>>NEW<<< Large Physical Art Activities for
Energy Release to Calm Squirming Bodies and Minds, by Anna
Reyner, MA, ATR, LMFT September 18, 2024

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Rethinking Relationships and Bias in Early Childhood, by Olga
Lacayo and Eliana Elias October 17, 2024

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Beyond the Shelves and Manipulatives: Learning Environments
That Nurture Young Children, by Berna Artis, MA. Ed. October
30, 2024

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Building a Financial Framework for Your ECE Program's Future,
by Kathy Ligon November 6, 2024 6

[REGISTER NOW](#)

>>>NEW<<< The Happiest Preschool: The
Transformation and Future of Early Childhood Education, by

COMMUNITY JOB BOARD!

APPLY NOW! Open Positions:

- Center Head Start - **Director, Education Manager and Family Services Manager**
- Reach out and Read Colorado - **Regional Coordinator**
- Sargent Early Learning Center - **Lead teacher (Fall of 2024)**

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

Center Head Start

Director:

The Director works to support the mission and values of the Head Start while providing a high quality educational experience for all of our families and students.

Qualifications include ability to work collaboratively with families and staff, planning and organizing, strong problem solving skills, time management, patience, and strong leadership and

interpersonal skills. Any applicant must have, at a minimum, a baccalaureate degree and experience in supervision of staff, fiscal management, and administration. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, review and assess curricular needs, collaborate with parents, maintain effective record keeping of laws, policies, regulations, fiscal needs, and child and employee files.

In order to submit an application, please visit our website, email your application to amasterson@centurytel.net or apply in person at our office: 301 E Third Street in Center.

Education Manager:

Center Head Start is searching for an Education Manager. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent, experience working with diverse children and families, knowledge of Early Childhood development and ECE reports. Highly advised that applicants have good communication skills, leadership skills and ability to plan and problem solve. Applications can be picked up the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions please call the office at [719-759-9259](tel:719-759-9259).

Family Services Manager:

Center Head Start is looking for a highly motivated Family Services Manager. Applicants must have strong interpersonal and communication skills. Required to have a degree, certificate or credential in social work, human services, family services, or counseling related field at hire or within 18 months of hire. This position works closely with our families to help them reach their goals and create community partnerships. Highly preferable if bilingual (English/Spanish). Applications can be picked up the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions please call the office at [719-759-9259](tel:719-759-9259).

Reach Out and Read Colorado

Regional Coordinator:

Reach Out and Read Colorado is in the process of hiring a part-time, remote Regional Coordinator in Southern Colorado. This position is just 5-8 hours per week for someone living in Southern Colorado. Please click on the link below for more details.

Job details: <https://reachoutandreadco.org/hiring/>

Sargent Early Learning Center

Lead Teacher:

Is hiring for a Lead Teacher beginning in the fall of 2024. Lead Teacher salary begins at \$22,000 per year depending on experience and PDIS level.

The lead teacher must hold a minimum of a level 2 in PDIS and must have the ability to be flexible, open to learning, and to take on new tasks/problems as they occur. He/she must also be able to pass the CBI/FBI/TRAILS background checks.

Benefits include paid holidays, sick pay, vacation time, and a simple IRA.

Learn more about the SELC at

<https://sargentearlylearning.wixsite.com/selc/programs>.

To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume to sargentearlylearningcenter@gmail.com.

Position open until filled.

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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