



June 3rd, 2024

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## **Alamosa Public Library**

For the second year, we will be hosting a half-day, four days a week outreach program in Zapata Historic Park starting June 10. This free program will provide activities, free books, breakfast and lunch.

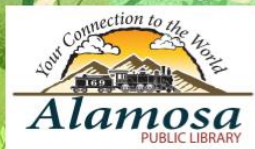
Students who read over the summer have been shown to do better in school, and the Library is happy to encourage reading. All ages - children, teens and adults - can get prizes for reading over the summer! We have free events all summer long. Be sure to join in on all the fun!



# SUMMER — IN THE — PARK

**9:00–12:30** | **Zapata  
Mon–Thu Park**

Join us at Zapata Park **Monday–Thursday** from **9–12:30** for free books, art activities, games, breakfast and lunch! There will be pizza and ice cream on **June 10** to celebrate our **Opening Day!**



**ADVENTURE** *BEGINS AT YOUR* **LIBRARY™**

Sign up for Summer Reading at [alamosalibrary.org/summer!](http://alamosalibrary.org/summer!)

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**Del Norte Public Library's Summer Reading Program**





01  
**BEGIN**  
june 17

**Don't forget**  
Del Norte Library 2024  
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**Activities**  
PICK UP PACKETS JUN 17  
WATCH FOR ACTIVITIES  
SIDEWALK CHALK RELAY  
FIELDTRIP!!

02  
**READ!**

03  
**END**  
july 30

**CELEBRATE!**  
This August is SMOKEY THE BEAR'S  
80th BIRTHDAY! Read books to earn  
BADGES and prizes along with  
learning outdoor ADVENTURE safety.

Universal Preschool Colorado



## UPK Updates

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) is offering a one-time financial opportunity to registered Universal Preschool providers this spring.

Any registered 2024-25 Universal Preschool provider who enters into a new Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) fiscal agreement with a county between January 1, 2024 and June 15, 2024 will be eligible to receive a one-time \$2,000 bonus. Applications for the bonus will be sent directly to all eligible providers in March.

This funding is intended to increase CCCAP family access to additional low-cost hours of child care through their Colorado Universal Preschool provider. CCCAP providers are crucial partners in reducing barriers to child care for families that are homeless, working, searching for work, or in school. Providers work with county administrators to assist families find child care services that meet the needs of the family and support healthy development as well as school readiness.

CDEC has used smart policies and targeted support to ensure equitable access to quality care for CCCAP families throughout the state. CDEC is also committed to creating greater financial stability for child care providers. The Department has developed an alternative rate methodology that aligns reimbursement with the true cost of providing quality care, reimburses infant and toddler providers based on enrollment rather than attendance, and has lowered the maximum family co-pay from 14% to 10%. CDEC is committed to building a strong, comprehensive birth-through-five early childhood system, and will continue expanding access to high-quality, whole-child and whole-family programs for all.

For additional information on eligibility and how to become a CCCAP provider, please read the information on the following link.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EZR0B\\_F209S8e1NN2UQV21kaFOMjbcPj/view?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EZR0B_F209S8e1NN2UQV21kaFOMjbcPj/view?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).

Providers with questions about these incentives should contact their Local Coordinating Organization.

For media requests, please contact Ian McKenzie at [ian.mckenzie@state.co.us](mailto:ian.mckenzie@state.co.us).

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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](mailto:ecresource@eccslv.org)

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# 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](mailto:ecresource@eccslv.org)**



 **Wonderschool**

## ECCLA's new early childhood career pathways tool

The Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance (ECCLA) has created an [Early Childhood Career Pathway Tool](#) that is easily translatable in multiple languages, user-friendly, and straightforward.

The goal is to provide a resource that enhances the career development of professionals in early childhood education by making the pathway to various roles both clear and accessible.

# 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**

## Care of the Spirit

The major task of emotional development in the first three years of life is to develop a **STRONG SENSE OF SELF** by managing emotions and reactions with the help of trusted adults. Infants and toddlers meet their emotional needs through interaction and relationships.

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

- Each child experiences pleasurable, kind, encouraging, and comforting interactions and relationships.
- Each child experiences a strong sense of themselves as being lovable, competent, and safe.
- Each child experiences care that understands their

individual temperament that leads to a relationship of attachment.

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

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Martha Heineman Pieper and Kelly Perez November 7, 2024

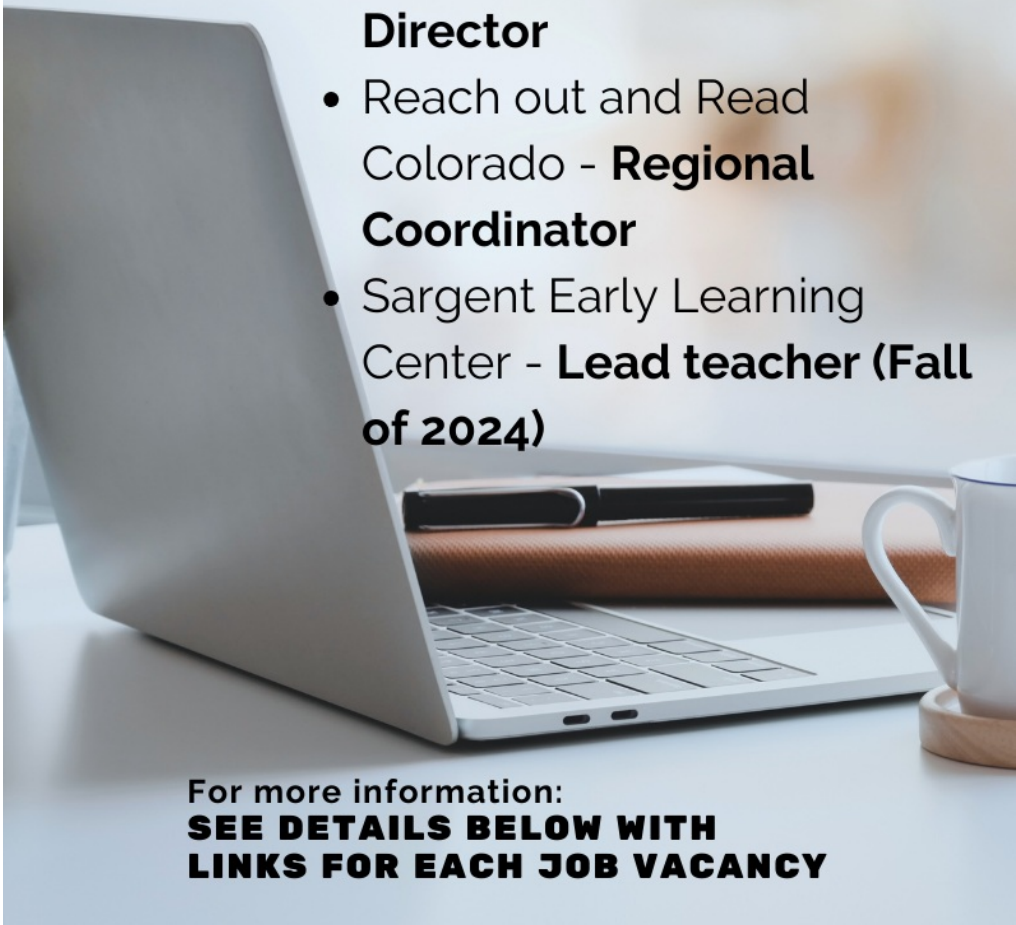
[REGISTER NOW](#)

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# COMMUNITY JOB BOARD!

APPLY NOW! **Open Positions:**

- Center Head Start and Early Head Start Project - **Director**
- 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**

## The Center Head Start and Early Head Start Project

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](mailto:amasterson@centurytel.net) or apply in person at our office: 301 E Third Street in Center.

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## 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/>

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## Sargent Early Learning Center

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](mailto:sargentearlylearningcenter@gmail.com).

Position open until filled.

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