



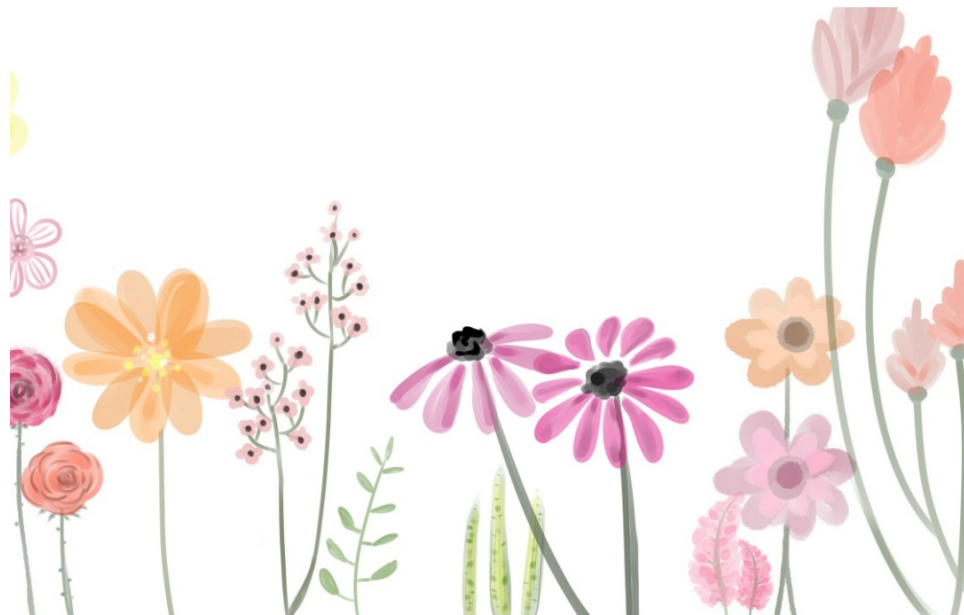
March 18, 2024



HELLO
Spring

The ECC SLV Office is closed for Spring Break.

**We will return to Normal business hours on
Monday, March 25th.**





UPK Updates

UPK year two is now open! The first round of matching will occur in Early April.

Visit <https://upk.colorado.gov> to start a 2024/2025 school year application. For assistance or questions please contact 719-214-6202 or Lcoresource@eccslv.org for help. [CDEC March Newsletter](#)

Providers – please double check the documentation deadline for 3/15/2024. Communication from CDEC should have been sent to you about required documents especially regarding insurance requirements. Please contact 719-214-6202 or Lcoresource@eccslv.org for help. [Colorado Universal Preschool Program Insurance Requirements](#)

Looking for employment? There is a link for the Executive Director position open at Sargent Early Learning Center on their Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057287716157>

Family Child Care Home Updates

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 on the link for more information.

Click [here](#) for full details.

SPOTLIGHT ON
SHELLIE GRIEGO-ROMERO
TINKHAM LANE DAYCARE

"I HAVE BEEN IN EARLY CHILDHOOD FOR 37 YEARS"

"MY FAVORITE MEMORY IS BEING ABLE TO STAY HOME
WITH MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN WHILE
PROVIDING QUALITY CHILD CARE FOR OTHER FAMILIES
THROUGHOUT THE SAN LUIS VALLEY .

"THE MOST REWARDING PART OF MY CAREER IS BEING
ABLE TO STAY HOME AND RAISE MY CHILDREN AND HELP
RAISE MY FAMILY AND FRIEND'S CHILDREN AS WELL"

"IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH
DIFFERENT CHILDCARE PROGRAMS SUCH AS ADELANTE,
HEAD START, MIGRANT PROGRAM AND BE A FOSTER CARE
PROVIDER."

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.

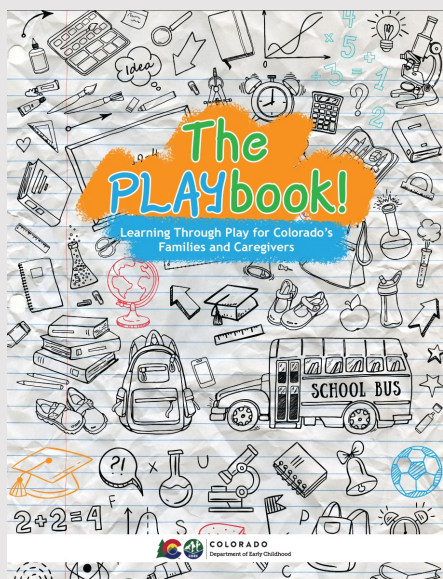
<https://www.cafccfoundation.org/>

If you need further assistance, please contact Amanda Atencio

Free ECE Professional Development - ONE Step Colorado training

Early Childhood Educators, teachers, administrators, and staff are invited to attend a free Early Childhood Educator training (in person and Zoom options available).

Click [here](#) for more details.



Welcome to the PLAYbook:

Resources for Families and Caregivers/Educators

It is essential first and foremost that your family has what they need to ensure a positive, safe and well-resourced environment for you and the children you are caring for. There are many resources available in Colorado to support you, whatever your needs may be.

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

- [In English](#)
- [En Español](#)

Early Head Start -

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

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

Early Head Start^x

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

Have you ever wondered why children bite?

Biting can be alarming and often thought of as a violent act, however as upsetting and as wrong as it might feel, it is not unusual toddler behavior. Toddlers bite for many reasons, most of which is related to the development and age of the child.

Three general categories must be considered when wondering about the reasons toddlers bite.

Development

- Toddlers are naturally driven to try out their new abilities, for instance they might be trying to get other people to understand what they are saying, and they want to be independent.

Expressing Feelings

- Toddlers do not have much self-control and are more likely to bite due to frustration, anger, excitement, and even being anxious about situations they don't understand.

Environment

- Toddlers may bite when environments are overstimulating, overcrowded, have schedules that don't meet their needs or inappropriate expectations such as having to wait long

periods of time without anything engaging to do.

What to do when a toddler bites.

Approach the situation with:

- Observation of the situation.
- Understanding for the child that was bitten.
- Teaching a new skill to the child that bit in order to get their needs met.
- Consider Environmental Change by reflecting on what is working and what is not working in the environment.

When Toddlers Bite There is Always a Reason!

Professional Development

PDIS NEWS Directly from CDEC

The PDIS will be unavailable for planned updates on Sunday, March 10th, while they change to the new user interface.

PDIS estará inactivo para las actualizaciones planificadas el domingo 10 de marzo, a medida que hagamos la transición a la nueva interfaz de usuario.

New Look Coming March 11th to the PDIS

The Colorado Shines PDIS is getting a new look! Coming March 11, the PDIS will have an updated look and feel. The PDIS team collected feedback and made focused updates to the site. The updates are the three primary areas: 1) a cleaner, more organized menu, 2) a more useful home dashboard, and 3) a more useful learner home. All your information will stay the same, but hopefully it will be easier to find.

We're excited to share this new look with you. The PDIS Help Desk team is holding weekly demos of the new look. [View the schedule of demos](#) and sign up to see a sneak peak!

ESPAÑOL: ¡El PDIS de Colorado Shines está obteniendo una nueva apariencia! A partir del 11 de marzo el PDIS tendrá una apariencia diferente, pero toda su información seguirá siendo la misma. El equipo de PDIS recopiló comentarios e hizo actualizaciones específicas en el sitio. Las actualizaciones son las tres áreas principales: 1) un menú más limpio y organizado, 2) un panel de inicio más útil y 3) un inicio más útil para el alumno.

Estamos emocionados de compartir esta nueva apariencia con usted. El equipo de la mesa de ayuda de PDIS realiza demostraciones semanales de la nueva apariencia. [¡Vea el calendario de demostraciones](#) y regístrese para ver un adelanto!

Directors: A Wealth of New Training, Just For You

We see you, directors, and we see the many, many hats you wear in your role. Which is why we are pleased to announce a set of four new self-paced eLearning courses on the PDIS—the Director’s Sequence!

The free courses are available in English and Spanish, and can be taken in any order you find helpful. They are designed with new directors in mind, although there is plenty in there for those who are considering becoming a director, who have been a director for years, or who hold other administrative and leadership roles. The four courses are:

- 1. Director Foundations (2 hours): an introduction to basic business concepts and the role of state licensing in child care programs*
- 2. Navigating Early Childhood Systems, Services and Subsidies (1 hour): a toolkit that summarizes information about systems, services and subsidies available to early care and learning programs in Colorado, as well as how they can support building a quality program for staff and families.*
- 3. EDI-Focused Leadership in Early Childhood Settings (1.5 hours): This course defines equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) and why it is important to early childhood programs. It explores being an EDI-focused leader and three ways to build a culture of EDI to benefit staff and families.*
- 4. Trauma-Informed Early Childhood Organizations (1.5*

hours): This course explains what a trauma-informed organization is and why it is important. It identifies tools and resources to create a trauma-informed organization and explores how staff well-being and self-care are necessary.

ESPAÑOL: Los vemos a ustedes, directores, y vemos las muchas, muchas funciones que desempeñan en su papel. Es por eso que nos complace anunciar un conjunto de cuatro nuevos cursos de aprendizaje electrónico a su propio ritmo sobre el PDIS: la secuencia del director!

Los cursos gratuitos están disponibles en inglés y español y se pueden tomar en el orden que considere útil. Están diseñados pensando en los nuevos directores, aunque hay muchas opciones para aquellos que están considerando convertirse en directores, que han sido directores durante años o que desempeñan otras funciones administrativas y de liderazgo. Los cuatro cursos son:

- 1. Fundamentos del director (2 horas): una introducción a los conceptos básicos de negocios y el papel de las licencias estatales en los programas de cuidado infantil*
- 2. Navegar por los sistemas, servicios y subsidios para la primera infancia (1 hora): un conjunto de herramientas que resume información sobre los sistemas, servicios y subsidios disponibles para los programas de cuidado y aprendizaje temprano en Colorado, así como también cómo pueden apoyar la creación de un programa de calidad para el personal y las familias.*
- 3. Liderazgo centrado en EDI en la primera infancia (1.5 horas): este curso define la equidad, la diversidad y la inclusión (EDI) y por qué son importantes para los programas de la primera infancia. Explora cómo ser un líder centrado en EDI y tres formas de construir una cultura de EDI en beneficio del personal y las familias.*
- 4. Organizaciones de primera infancia informadas sobre el trauma (1.5 horas): este curso explica qué es una organización informada sobre el trauma y por qué es importante. Identifica herramientas y recursos para crear una organización informada sobre el trauma y explora cómo el bienestar y el autocuidado del personal son*

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities!

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

- 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

Program Directors and Professional Development Coordinators: Visit [Colorado Shines PDIS Instructor-Led Training Events Recognized by TAP](#) to view a list of opportunities you may arrange for your program.

ESPAÑOL: Vea [los próximos eventos de capacitación virtuales y presenciales en vivo](#) para conocer las oportunidades de

desarrollo profesional que tendrán lugar hasta abril. Directores de programas y coordinadores de desarrollo profesional: visite [los eventos de capacitación dirigidos por instructores de Colorado Shines PDIS reconocidos por TAP](#) para ver una lista de oportunidades que puede organizar para su programa.

ECPC Applications

The Early Childhood Professional Credential is currently maintaining a two-week turnaround on submitted applications. If your credential is expiring within the next 30 days, please consider submitting an application to update your credential. Please note that PDIS 2.0 Early Childhood Professional Credentials will expire on or before June 30, 2024. Your credential expiration date can be found on your PDIS home dashboard. If there is no credential level showing on your dashboard, you do not have an active credential. Please visit [Learn about Credential Offerings](#) to read more.

ESPAÑOL: La Credencial Profesional de Primera Infancia mantiene actualmente un plazo de entrega de dos semanas en las solicitudes presentadas. Si su credencial vence dentro de los próximos 30 días, considere crear y enviar una solicitud para su revisión. La fecha de vencimiento de su credencial se puede encontrar en el panel de inicio de PDIS. Si no se muestra ningún nivel de credencial en su panel, no tiene una credencial activa. Visite [Más información sobre las ofertas de credenciales](#) para leer más.

Una nota sobre las traducciones al español: pedimos disculpas por las malas traducciones. Estamos trabajando para implementar un servicio de traducción. Los futuros boletines deberían tener un contenido mejor traducido. Gracias por su paciencia.


The Early Childhood Educator Income Tax Credit

The CDEC reported each professional's highest active 2023 Early Childhood Professional Credential (ECPC) to the Colorado Department of Revenue. This income tax credit will also be available for tax years 2024 and 2025. Please see [Colorado Department of Revenue Taxation Division](#) to check your eligibility and find more information.

For free tax filing help, go to [GetAheadColorado.org](#).

ESPAÑOL: Para respaldar el Crédito Fiscal para Profesionales en la Primera Infancia, el CDEC informará la Credencial Profesional en la Primera Infancia (ECPC) más alta de cada profesional que estuvo activa en cualquier momento de 2023 al Departamento de Ingresos de Colorado. Puede encontrar más información sobre este crédito fiscal a través de la [División de Impuestos del Departamento de Ingresos de Colorado](#).

Para obtener ayuda gratuita para la presentación de impuestos, visite GetAheadColorado.org.



TINY
TOUR IN ALAMOSA
Roy G Biv

FRIDAY MARCH 22, 2024

10:30 AM (25 MINUTES)
FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND @ 10:30AM
EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL OF THE SAN LUIS VALLEY
401 SANTA FE AVENUE | ALAMOSA, CO 81101

FRIDAY MARCH 29, 2024

5:00 PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH @ 5:00PM (25 MINUTES)
EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL OF THE SAN LUIS VALLEY
401 SANTA FE AVENUE | ALAMOSA, CO 81101

Tiny Tour is an engaging, interactive 25min performance for our youngest learners (ages 5 and under).

Jee is an Artist. Jee LOVES the color Green. Jee paints green SQUARES, green CIRCLES, and even green SQUIRCLES! But when a new artist comes to share Jee's space, his world is turned upside down, as he is introduced to all colors of the rainbow.

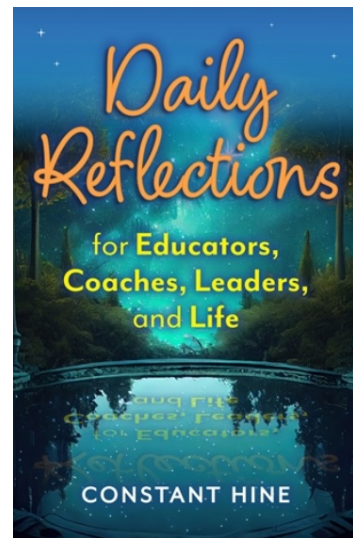
Daily Reflections

Available April 15, 2024

Build a practice of daily reflection to transform your teaching and leadership

Coaches, leaders, and all agents of change need to hone their reflective practices to gain self-awareness and make mindful decisions, so that in turn they can better facilitate reflection with the people they support. Reflection is the best way to bring “sticky” sustainable change. Through reflection, we make intentional choices to achieve the success we desire. Reflection is not an event, not just an activity, but a lifestyle.

This book offers twelve reflective themes for cultivating both personal and professional self-realization and becoming a transformational change agent who helps others do the same. There are 365 entries, one for each day of the year. Each entry features a thought-provoking quotation with a commentary to feed the day’s reflection, followed with a suggestion for reflective practice. Developing a reflective mindset helps us become self-empowered, lifelong problem solvers who create meaningful and fulfilling lives both personally and professionally.





About the Author:

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COMMUNITY JOB BOARD!

APPLY NOW! **Open Positions:**

- ECC SLV Board of Directors - **Legal Representative**
- Del Norte Head Start- **Receptionist (Full time)**
- Tiny Hands- **Toddler Teacher Substitute AND Cook.**



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



Now Hiring

Del Norte Head Start-Receptionist (FT)

Rio Grande Child Child Development & Family Services / Del Norte Head Start is currently accepting applications for a full-time Receptionist. Applications can be picked up and dropped off at 440 Sixth Street Del Norte CO 81132. Resumes can be sent to rgcds@gmail.com or donnamarie5659@gmail.com. The position will be open until filled.



Tiny Hands Day Care Center, Inc
922 Main St., P.O. Box 272
[Blanca, CO 81123](http://www.tinyhandsdaycare.com)



Tiny Hands Day Care
in Blanca, CO is
seeking to hire a
Toddler Teacher, Substitutes,
and a Cook

For more information contact
Christina Medina @ 719-379-2607



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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