

**Early Childhood Council of Boulder County (ECCBC)
Expanding Quality in Infant & Toddler Care Giving (EQIT)
Training Program Information & Application
Spring 2012**

Applications must be postmarked by January 5, 2012

The goals of the training program are:

- INCREASE the number of qualified Infant Nursery Supervisors in Boulder County.
- INCREASE the number of infant toddler care qualified family homes in Boulder County.
- CREATE accessible and affordable training for all child care providers in Boulder County.
- IMPROVE the overall quality of care giving practices in a variety of settings where infants and toddlers are receiving childcare. Directors and caregivers both are encouraged to participate!

Training will aim for a maximum of 25 participants per cohort & will provide:

- 48 hours of training and up to 8 hours of on-site coaching.
- A training notebook and other resources.
- A final certificate documenting completion of 48 hours of state approved training.
- The opportunity to receive three (3) early care and education (ECE) credits through Front Range Community College (FRCC). *Participants are responsible for FRCC tuition and associated costs.*

Mandatory Orientation:

- There is a mandatory, separate orientation for each cohort. See below for dates and times.

SPRING 2012 CLASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY COHORT:

Front Range Community College
2190 Miller Drive, Longmont

Jan 21; Feb 4, 18; Mar 3, 17, 31; Apr 14, 28;
(snow date: May 5)

Mandatory Orientation for Participants and their Directors:

Thursday, January 12 from 5:30pm – 8:30pm, at Front Range Community College

THURSDAY COHORT:

BVSD Education Center
6500 Arapahoe Road, Boulder

Jan 19, 26; Feb 2, 9, 16, 23;
Mar 1, 8, 13*, 15, 29; Apr 5, 12, 19, 26;
May 3 *(snow date: May 7)*
**Mar 13 is a Tuesday*

Mandatory Orientation for Participants:

Thursday, January 12 from 5:30pm – 8:30pm, at the Front Range Community College

Opportunity to receive college credit for EQIT

You can receive three (3) college credits for the EQIT course. Contact the EQIT Instructor of Record, Marcia Seegers at 720-304-8877 or Marcia.Seegers@frontrange.edu for more information.

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Attend the mandatory orientation and all training sessions. Applicants must complete all training requirements in order to receive their certificate of completion.
- Turn in a complete application, including his or her Director's signature acknowledging the Applicant's participation in the EQIT course.
- The home or center in which the Applicant is employed must be free of serious licensing violations for at least the past two years.
- The Applicant must demonstrate a strong commitment to improving the quality of care for infants and toddlers.
- Any and all Applicants are welcome; however, priority will be given to applicants providing infant toddler child care in Boulder County.

Training Fee: \$50.00 per participant

- Since Fall 2010, early childhood councils have been allowed to charge a small fee for enrollment in EQIT course. This fee is used for materials to help offset the costs of providing training. The fee is kept as low as possible and no infant toddler teacher or family child care provider will be refused participation due to inability to pay the fee.
- Fees are due with the application and are non-refundable. The fee will be waived for those taking EQIT for college credit or for providers experiencing financial hardship. If you have a case of financial hardship, please contact the ECCBC Programs Director, Danielle Butler, Ph: 303-895-3409 or dbutler@eccbouldercounty.org. All matters will be kept confidential.

Questions about this training?

Contact the ECCBC EQIT Coordinator, Jane Wilkinson, at 303.931.9177 or jen2846@comcast.net

Steps to Complete the Application:

1. Please complete all three pages of the application, including any applicable signatures and provide any required documentation.
2. Make your \$50.00 check or money order payable to *The Early Childhood Council of Boulder County (ECCBC)*. Please do not send cash.
3. If you are taking the course for college credit, or have applied for financial hardship, no payment is necessary at this time - skip to step 4.
4. Mail or deliver your completed application including the payment to:

Jane Wilkinson
ECCBC EQIT Coordinator
1285 Cimarron Drive, Suite 201
Lafayette, CO 80026



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On a separate piece of paper please answer the following questions.

1. Why are you interested in participating in the infant & toddler training program?
2. Please tell us about the children you currently care for, ages, ratio, special needs etc.
3. What are your long term plans for working in the field of child care and early education?

What is your first language? _____

Do you read and write English? Yes No

Please check all that apply:

- I am currently employed in a licensed child care center.
- I am currently a licensed family child care provider.
Type of license? _____
License Number: _____
- I am currently providing exempt childcare for children from only one family.
- I am interested in obtaining 3 college credits for this class.

Family Child Care Providers Only – I am currently in the process of applying for:

- Standard family childcare license
- Infant/toddler license
- 3 under 2 license
- Large home license
- Experienced provider license

Please provide the following information about the children in your care:

How many infants and/or toddlers is your home or classroom licensed to care for?

Infants (0-12 mo) _____ Young toddlers (13-24 mo) _____

Older toddlers (25 - 36 mo) _____

How many infants and/or toddlers are in your immediate care? _____

Will you take this class for ECE 111 college credit at Front Range Community College,
Boulder County Campus?

Yes No (if Yes, the \$50.00 fee will be waived)

Which cohort are you applying for?

Saturday Cohort Thursday Cohort

~Please continue to the last page of the Application~

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If you have special needs due to a disability and wish to request accommodations in order to participate in this training activity, please notify Danielle Butler, ECCBC Programs Director at 303-895-3409 at least six (6) weeks in advance of the first class meeting so that appropriate arrangements for reasonable accommodations can be made.

IF YOU ARE EMPLOYED BY A CHILDCARE CENTER, YOUR DIRECTOR MUST SIGN THIS APPLICATION AND AGREE TO ATTEND THE MANDATORY ORIENTATION ON JANUARY 12, 2012

I _____, give my support for the employee named on this application to participate in the Expanding Quality Infant Toddler Training Program. I understand that the employee will receive approximately 6-8 hours of on-site coaching and agree to allow the employee to meet with the coach during working hours. I understand that if the employee becomes Infant Nursery Supervisor qualified as a result of this training I am encouraged to provide a salary increase in recognition of this accomplishment.

I WILL ATTEND THE ORIENTATION WITH THE APPLICANT

ON JANUARY 12, 2012 FROM 5:30PM - 8:30 PM

Director's Signature

Date

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT:

I _____, agree to attend all sessions of the Spring 2012 EQIT training program, including the mandatory orientation and to complete all assignments to the best of my ability.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant's Printed Name