PLEASE POST FOR STAFF AND PARENTS

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*See flyer for more details!
If you have any questions about your program’s eligibility to apply, please contact Jessica at jknight@eccbouldercounty.org.

About the Training Calendar
The Training Calendar is sent via email to all licensed sites as well as to individuals who request it. We also send out updates, additional training information, etc. on an as-needed basis. If your site is not receiving the monthly Training Calendar via email, or if you would like it sent to your personal email address, please email jknight@eccbouldercounty.org.

Find the Current Training Calendar and flyers online at www.eccbouldercounty.org. Click on “For Providers,” then on “Professional Development,” and then on “Training Calendar.”

ECCBC-Sponsored Trainings

Wednesday, September 23
Quality Nights With ECCBC:
Promoting Positive Peer Interactions

Using our ability to model and promote positive interaction amongst peers. Approaches to building children’s skill sets within day-to-day relationships with peers. Supporting the child peer-to-peer relationship.

Time: 6:30 pm–8:30 pm
Where: Online—Zoom meeting
Cost: $5, FREE for providers in our 2020-2021 Grant Cohort.
Training credit: 2 hr., guidance & social emotional development

Preregistration required: Visit https://www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/professional-development/quality-nights/
For information: Contact Nicole Malone at 303-895-3419 or nmalone@eccbouldercounty.org.

Looking for current flyers?
This symbol indicates a flyer is physically mailed with the Training Calendar.

*To take advantage of these online trainings through the Professional Development Information System (PDIS), you must first register on the PDIS system. If you have any questions or need help navigating the PDIS website, please contact Nicole Malone at nmalone@eccbouldercounty.org or 720-548-3985.

Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)
(For Licensed Programs)
http://coloradoshines.force.com/home
Colorado Shines QRIS tracks information on your program and is where you apply for a Level 2 rating.

Professional Development Information System (PDIS)
(For Individuals)
http://ecpd.costartstrong.org/ets/home
PDIS tracks training, education and employment information for individuals who work at licensed programs, centers and homes, and it is linked to QRIS. After you register, you can apply for the EC Professional Credential 2.0 and more.

ECCBC’s Quality Support Navigator, Nicole Malone, can provide personalized assistance with QRIS or PDIS. If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Nicole at 720-548-3985 or nmalone@eccbouldercounty.org.

Professional Development Trainings Available Online on PDIS!
Make sure to check the PDIS Course Catalog frequently for recent updates or new training opportunities!
https://ecpd.costartstrong.org/ets/store/
Community Trainings

Wednesdays (ongoing)
Virtual Workshops
We invite you to join us virtually for a new series of workshops. These workshops are designed to engage thinking around early childhood education concepts that can be broadly interpreted and applied, no matter your current professional setting.

**Presenter:** Boulder Journey School

**Time:** TBA

**Where:** Online

**Cost:** $50

**Training credit:** 3 hr., professional development


Wednesdays (ongoing)
Free Virtual Dialogues:
Messing About With Ideas
Join us to discuss the particular challenges associated with early childhood education in the time of the coronavirus.

**Presenter:** Boulder Journey School

**Time:** 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

**Where:** Online

**Cost:** FREE

**Training credit:** 2 hr., professional development

**To register:** The weekly Zoom link is posted here: [http://educators.boulderjourneyschool.com/virtualdialogue.html](http://educators.boulderjourneyschool.com/virtualdialogue.html).

T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships!
[https://ecclacolorado.org/teachscholarship/](https://ecclacolorado.org/teachscholarship/)
Check your eligibility and apply!

September 14–January 11
Online Pyramid Plus Approach Training (Zoom & Google Docs)
*Sponsored by The Acorn School*

This training provides applicable tools to support ALL children, birth–age 5, in gaining social emotional competence and addressing challenging behaviors. You must have access to a computer with video. We will be using Zoom and Google Docs. Technical assistance is available.

*See flyer for complete list of dates/times and registration form!*

**Trainer:** LJ Werner, MA-ECSE

**Where:** Online via Zoom

**Cost:** $395 per participant

**Training credit:** Pyramid Plus Approach qualifies as a series training for EC Professional Credential 2.0 on Colorado Shines, Professional Development Information System (PDIS). Completion of all 18 sessions (60 hours CEU) will satisfy licensing requirements for Child Guidance Strategies (ECE 103) and qualify you to train to become a certified PPA trainer and coach.

**Preregistration required by September 8:**
Complete registration form or email kidzwithease@gmail.com.

**For information:** Contact LJ Werner, MA-ECSE at 303-330-8277 or kidzwithease@gmail.com.

ECHO Training Opportunities

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To see our upcoming webinar and in-person training offerings, please visit [https://www.nwf.org/ECHO/Connect/Professional-Development](https://www.nwf.org/ECHO/Connect/Professional-Development) or to request a training, please email echo@nwf.org.

Blue Sky Bridge
Child Abuse Intervention & Education

Are you in need of continuing education units (CEUs) or training hours? Blue Sky Bridge is an approved instructor for CEUs for licensed child care providers and early childhood educators in Colorado. We can bring Stewards of Children & You Are a Trusted Adult training sessions virtually to your team to meet your training hour needs for your professional licenses. Safely get your training hours while practicing social distancing!

*See flyer for more information about these other training sessions available.*

**Interested in scheduling a training session for your staff? Contact us at training@blueskybridge.org.**

For more information about your local child advocacy center, Blue Sky Bridge, please visit our website at [https://blueskybridge.org/](https://blueskybridge.org/).

Health & Safety Trainings

HeartSmart CPR/AED & First Aid Remote/Online Training

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, where onsite group training sessions are not safe, we have developed a new remote training option for you to obtain your initial training or maintain certifications for yourself or your employees.

*For more information, please visit [https://coheartsmart.com/](https://coheartsmart.com/).*

**Where:** Remote learning

**Preregistration required:** To register or for additional details, please contact heartsmart911@msn.com or 303-506-8182.

More Health & Safety Trainings
Wednesday, September 16
Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL)
Live Online/Virtual Learning Series
Enhance your HEAL practices by diving deeper into what is known and regarded as best practice, as well as learn practical tools and gain resources.
Each topic is a 1.5-hour online learning session, except for the movement and learning session, which is 2.5 hours. Register and attend all six sessions for a total of 10 CEU’s or choose the topics that interest you most. Those who attend all sessions in the learning series will receive 1 hour of coaching upon completion and HEAL materials for your child care program.
*See flyer for ALL dates, times & topics.

Time: Wednesday, September 16, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm
(First training in fall series)
Where: Live online/virtual.
Cost: FREE
Training credit: 1.5 hr., professional development
For information: Contact Tori Lee at vlee@bouldercounty.org or Jane Wilkinson at jawilkinson@bouldercounty.org.

Virtual Nutrition Presentations and Services with Child Health Promotion Dietitian, Boulder County Public Health
FREE services: staff and parent nutrition trainings, nutrition questions, menu reviews, etc.
Time: Choose an evening or weekend time.
Where: Live online/virtual.
Cost: FREE
Training credit: Available as needed for staff who participate in training.
For information and/or to register: Contact Tori Lee at vlee@bouldercounty.org.

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Emergency Preparedness for Child Care
Are you confident in your program’s emergency preparedness plan? Does it suit your needs and is it complete? Do you need to update it?
For questions: Contact Jane Wilkinson at 303-413-7501 or jawilkinson@bouldercounty.org.

Reporting Requirements for Directors
Directors are required reporters for pertussis (whooping cough), measles, mumps, animal bites, chickenpox, salmonella, etc. Also, any fever over 100.4°F or COVID-19 symptoms are reportable during this pandemic.
Even if a doctor has reported it, the director must report these items and many more to Boulder County Public Health at 303-413-7500. For a full list of reporting requirements, visit www.BoulderCountyDiseaseControl.org.

Kid Connects Warm Line 303-245-4418
Brief phone or on-site consultation regarding concerning or challenging behavior of children birth through 7 years of age. Referrals can be made by parents, providers or community partners.
https://www.mhpcolorado.org/about/services/specialty-early-childhood-services/.

Health Department
Child Health Screenings: Vision, Dental and Hearing
Centers interested in providing these free screenings can get started by contacting Jane Wilkinson at 303-413-7501 or jawilkinson@bouldercounty.org.

Child Health Promotion Dietitian, Boulder County Public Health Dept.
FREE services: nutrition questions, menu reviews, staff and parent trainings, etc. Contact Tori Lee at 303-413-7549 or vlee@bouldercounty.org.

FRCC
Make a Difference With Early Childhood Education
The mission of the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program at Front Range Community College (FRCC) is to provide a strong, student-focused, research- and standards-based education program that ultimately has a positive impact on children, families and the community. Early childhood professionals make a difference in the lives of young learners and their families. At FRCC, we offer coursework, certificates and degrees that advance professional skills and knowledge in early childhood education.
Length of program: one to four semesters, depending on degree or certificate path
Semester of entry: fall, spring, summer
*See flyer for more information and a complete list of contacts.

FRCC ECE Pathways Advisor: Brooke McKinney, Pathways Advisor 303-678-3921 or brooke.mckinney@frontrange.edu.
CCAP Update: For comprehensive resources during COVID-19 visit www.boco.org/COVID-19Resources.

IMPORTANT RULE CHANGE: CCAP is now able to authorize full day care for school-age children. Care requested should reflect the actual care that is being used. Please tell parents to send authorization requests to ccap@bouldercounty.org.

Non-school days (School Days Out) are NOT the same as a hybrid or online school day. If children need full-time care when school is in session Monday–Friday due to a hybrid or online school schedule, parents must submit a request to CCAP to have those days covered. Parents may request non-school days, as well, which are the days when the school is closed due to holidays, teacher in-service, and breaks.

Kindergarten-age children may attend full-day child care. Programs that add a kindergarten classroom or have a mixed-age group that includes kindergarten-age children may enroll CCAP children.

As of August 1, 2020, parent fees were capped at 7% of family income. Parent fees above 7% of family income were reduced. Providers were notified about these changes through ATS Correspondence. If you have any questions regarding parent fees, please contact CCAP by email.

For information for parents and providers, links to community resources, FAQs, and the CCAP Application in English and Spanish, visit the CCAP website at www.bouldercountychildcare.org.

If you need assistance with anything related to CCAP, please contact the Boulder County CCAP team by email at ccap@bouldercounty.org. One of us will get back to you as soon as possible.

For Providers

Reerrals: Visit our website and find the form to report slots on the “For Providers” tab OR report openings to 720-548-3982 or email ccrr@eccbouldercounty.org.

Services: Providers can contact ECCBC for technical assistance, training information including pre-licensing training for new family child care providers, Professional Development Information System (PDIS) support or assistance with Colorado Shines profile updates.

For Families

Reerrals: Families looking for child care can visit our website and click on “For Families” to find the intake form for their area OR
• call 720-548-3982 or
 • email ccrr@eccbouldercounty.org or
 • conduct online searches for child care at www.coloradoshines.com.

Services: Families can contact ECCBC about child care in Boulder County, the child care referral process and licensing.

Questions? Contact Jessica Bernett Knight at 720-548-3980 or jknight@eccbouldercounty.org.

Both Providers and Families

Need help connecting to community services or resources? Help is available through:

Colorado 2-1-1: Dial 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211 to reach a Community Referral Specialist.

Items Translated Into Spanish
Now available on the ECCBC website!
• Child Care Resource Packet Materials
• Rules Regulating Family Child Care
• General Rules
• Special Activity Rules
• Forms

Need forms for Spanish-speaking families?
Many forms are the same for both family child care homes and child care centers, and the Spanish translation is already done!
For forms in Spanish: Please visit http://www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/child-care-spanish/.

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To receive the Training Calendar and electronic updates via email, contact jknight@eccbouldercounty.org.

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ECCBC will be implementing this grant support to approved programs with the following timeline:

- July & August 2020: 2019-20 Grant Cohort participants will submit their applications and obtain approvals to begin supports
- September & October 2020: New applications will be reviewed for approval to begin supports as available
- November-March 2020: Late submissions will be reviewed for approval or placement on a waitlist for supports

We look forward to continuing our work of partnering with programs and providers in their most important work supporting the families of Boulder County!

Sincerely,

Your Quality Support Team

Jessica Bernett Knight, MS
Programs Director

Nicole Wells, AA
Early Childhood Coach

Nicole Malone, AA
Sr. Quality Support Navigator

Tracy Youngdahl, MA
Early Childhood Coach
Quality Nights
With the Early Childhood Council of Boulder County

Receive 2 clock hours of professional development training for each session.

Participants that attend at least 6 sessions may qualify for 2 additional points for the series when applying for an EC Professional Credential 2.0 on PDIS.

Early childhood Directors, Teachers, & Family Home Providers - Join us to develop a supportive community of sharing stories, ideas, and resources! This year’s theme is supporting relationships in early childhood, with each monthly session highlighting a different essential relationship within our work.

**Snow Date** - May 19, 2021

**September 23, 2020**
Promoting Positive Peer Interactions
Guidance & Social-Emotional

**October 21, 2020**
The Respectful Adult-Child Bond
Child Growth, Development, and Learning

**November 18, 2020**
Collaborating with Families
Family and Community Partnership

**December 16, 2020**
Embracing Your Environment
Program Planning and Development

**January 20, 2021**
Engaging Early Educators
Professional Development and Leadership

**February 24, 2021**
Connecting to Your Local Community
Family and Community Partnership

**March 17, 2021**
Relating to Regulations
Health, Safety, and Nutrition

**April 21, 2021**
Replenishing Your Self
Teaching Practices

Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

$5 a person per session
FREE for Providers in our 2020-2021 Grant Cohort

Participants must live or work in Boulder County.

For information or questions please contact:

Nicole Malone, Senior Quality Support Navigator, at 720-548-3985 or nmalone@eccbouldercounty.org

www.eccbouldercounty.org
Wednesday Evenings
3pm Pacific
4pm Mountain
5pm Central
6pm Eastern

Join us to support each other and continue the demanding and rewarding work of advocating for the rights and capabilities of young children, families, educators, and our profession.

Messing About with Ideas: A Free Virtual Dialogue Series for Early Childhood Educators

bit.ly/virtualdialogue
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**Training Information**

**Audience:** Administrators, coaches, trainers, teachers, board members, child care providers, mental health consultants, early intervention providers, and other health professionals

**Location:** ZOOM & Google Docs – online platform

Participants must be comfortable using these platforms or willing to learn 😊

**To Register:**
Complete Registration Form and return to LJ by mail or email. Information on registration form

**Payment Options**
1. $395/Participant paid with registration
2. Contact trainer for payment plan options with $150 deposit

After registration participants will receive a Google document file to participate in class activities along with a zoom link & password.

To make up a session there is a $35 fee. You must complete all 18 sessions to receive certificate, No refunds.

**Contact Certified Trainer for Questions**
LJ Werner, MA – ECSE
Colorado Early Childhood Approved Advance Trainer & Level 1 Coach
Pyramid Plus Certified Trainer & Coach
303-330-8277
kidzwithease@gmail.com

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**In the event that the teacher cancels class:**
Make Up Date: 01/18/2021
Please complete form and submit electronically to: Kidzwithease@gmail.com or
Mail and payable to: With Ease, LLC. 12590 Ute Hwy Longmont, CO 80504 (This is NOT the training location)

Upon registering you are committing to attending all 18 sessions. Each person’s registration information must be filled out completely. Please contact LJ Werner at kidzwithease@gmail.com or call 303.330.8277 with any questions. No refunds

Please fill out COMPLETELY & CLEARLY

Today’s Date ________________

First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________

Agency ________________________________ Agency Address ___________________________

Job Role / Title

☐ Administrator  ☐ Teacher  ☐ Child care Provider  ☐ Family Member  ☐ Early Interventionist  ☐ Service Coordinator

☐ ECSE  ☐ Service Provider (SLP, OT, PT)  ☐ Consultant / Coach  ☐ Trainer / TA  ☐ Quality Rater  ☐ Licensing Agent

☐ Health Provider  ☐ Foster Parent  ☐ Faculty  ☐ Other (specify)__________________________

City ____________ County ________ State _____ Zip ________

Personal Phone _______________________________ Fax __________________

Participants Email (required for confirmation and materials) please print clearly________________________________________

Number of children you serve______________ Age group of children you Serve _________

Affiliation (check as many as apply)

☐ Child Care Center  ☐ Family Child Care  ☐ Early Childhood Council  ☐ Resource and Referral

☐ Mental Health

☐ El Colorado  ☐ School District / BOCES  ☐ State Agency  ☐ Early / Head Start  ☐ Higher Education

☐ Child Welfare System  ☐ Public Health / Health Care  ☐ Other (specify)__________________________

How did you hear about this training? ________________________________

Dates and location of previous Pyramid Model module training(s)____________________________

Do you have any special needs I should be aware of? ________________________________

Form of payment

☐ Full Payment $395 Check included (mailing address above)

☐ Credit Card via Paypal (you will receive an invoice via email + $10 processing fee)

☐ Payment Plan agreement with trainer. $150 deposit included

YOU MUST HAVE A COMPUTER/TABLET WITH VIDEO AND SOUND TO PARTICIPATE

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “WITH EASE”
ECHO Training Opportunities

Are you looking for new ways to enhance or use your outdoor spaces at your child care facility? ECHO offers a variety of training opportunities for early childhood professionals, directors, child care health consultants, and family child care providers. The training menu below is a sampling of the training we are able to offer. To request a training or if you have specific training needs, please reach out to the ECHO team at echo@nwf.org.

Outdoor Learning Environment Design Guidance

Design Workshop
In this 6.5-hour face-to-face interactive workshop, programs will learn about the Best Practice Indicators of the Preventing Obesity by Design Model and ways they can create an outdoor learning environment that not only engages children but leads to positive cognitive and physical benefits. Participants will collaborate with landscape design experts to design an outdoor learning environment they can implement in their program.

Design Clinic: Intensive
In this 2-hour face-to-face interactive workshop, programs will learn about Best Practices in outdoor learning environments. They will also work with landscape design experts to begin to re-imagine outdoor spaces to promote positive physical, social, and cognitive benefits for children.

Best Practice in Outdoor Learning Environments
Educators often spend hours ensuring the indoor classroom is engaging and enriching for young children. However, what about outdoor spaces at child care facilities? Often overlooked, outdoor learning environments can offer various learning and activity settings that have positive outcomes for children. In this 1.5-hour face-to-face interactive workshop, participants will learn about best practices in outdoor learning environments, why “green is good,” and identify one way they can begin to re-imagine their outdoor spaces.
Engaging Children Outdoors

Brrr…It’s Cold Outside. Let’s Go Out and Play!
So often cold temperatures and snow deter us from taking our children outdoors in Winter. Join us for this 1.5-hour face-to-face training to learn hands on and fun ways to engage children outdoors in Winter. We will discuss barriers, guided activities, and ways your outdoor space can support play year round. Let’s bundle up with hats, mittens and scarves, and play.

My First Garden: Growing Plants with Young Children
Not everyone needs to have a green thumb to learn how to grow plants with young children. In this 1.5-hour face-to-face training, participants will gain the confidence and skills they need to support container gardening in an early childhood setting. Participants will learn best practices in plant care and how to shop for plants at a local garden supply store. Participants will also be able to learn firsthand how to successfully plant a seedling and support its growth. Finally, participants will discuss appropriate ways to engage young children in gardening. Break out your tools, and let’s get messy! Participants will receive gardening resources and materials, and they will leave with their own container garden.

Encouraging Messy Play in the Early Childhood Classroom
Eww, yuck, wow that texture is unique! Sensory experiences are critical for child development, but sometimes educators avoid providing them because they are messy. In this 1.5 hour face-to-face training, participants will learn about the value of messy play, different types of messy play, and how to safely encourage messy play in the classroom and outdoor environments. Participants will also leave with recipes for safe messy play and get to experience hands on textures and opportunities for children.

Water, Wind and Weather: Engaging Infants and Toddlers in Outdoor Spaces
Our youngest learners are natural scientists. They crave opportunities for exploration, and discovery. However, did you know that many outdoor activities for infants and toddlers also promote critical physical development? In this 1.5-hour face-to-face training, join us as we explore positive and engaging ways to support infant and toddler growth and development through outdoor settings. We will explore how to create a safe and welcoming outdoor space for young children and engage in hands-on activities you can take back to your program.
Engaging Children Outdoors

Grass, Dirt, and Concrete: Engaging Preschoolers in Outdoor Settings
The outdoor learning environment is an integral part of any early childhood program. It provides opportunities for children to develop gross motor skills, engage in social interactions, and take appropriate risks. Playing in a more naturalized outdoor learning environment is more engaging for children, and small changes can positively impact children, staff, and families. In this 1.5-hour face-to-face training learn how adding loose parts to the outdoor learning environment can create new opportunities for cognitive growth and development, creativity, and language. By reimagining the outdoor learning environment as a dynamic and variable space, educators will gain new insights into ways to ensure no two days outdoors are ever the same.

Jump, Run, and Dig: Embracing Physical Activity in Nature
Outdoor time that promotes and supports physical activity is critical for child development. However, how can you embrace active play beyond a traditional play structure? In this 1.5-hour webinar, learn ways nature can create and promote opportunities for active play. Participants will plan for different types of movement including climbing, kicking, throwing, and lifting, and strategize how unique play elements including stumps, water, and ribbon can promote whole body development. Participants will also learn from examples of intentionally designed outdoor spaces that support the physical development of children.

Curriculum and Program Support
Taking Cues from Your Children: Emergent Curriculum in Action
Teaching is an art. It takes the ability to grow and learn with the children in the classroom. Utilizing emergent curriculum, a teacher is able to build upon a child’s interest and create an environment that embraces the journey for knowledge. In this 1.5-hour face-to-face training, participants will learn how emergent curriculum can be embraced in the classroom to not only help children achieve their academic goals, but also create an atmosphere of learning, collaboration and exploration. Participants will be able to plan for their own program and to understand simple first steps to implement emergent curriculum.
Curriculum and Program Support

Fundraising and Community Mapping
Very rarely do we have all the tools and materials we need for the children in our classrooms. In this one-hour interactive webinar or face-to-face training, we will dive into the world of fundraising and provide easy ways to start approaching those in your community to gain monetary or material donations for your program. Participants will receive sample materials to start making the ask and learn how to no longer fear hearing “no.”

Community Engagement: Sharing your Journey
Engaging your families and the community creates the networks and supports you need to support the children in your care. As you reimagine and rethink your outdoor spaces, find your champions to help you bring your vision to life. In this 1.5-hour webinar, learn how to share about your journey with your families, identify local community supports, and learn how to lead a volunteer event for families and the community. Participants will also learn easy to build projects that can lead to big changes in outdoor spaces for children.

For Coaches, Directors, Child Care Health Consultants and Program Support Staff

Creating Dynamic Outdoor Spaces for Young Children: Supporting Implementation
As early childhood professionals, we recognize the importance of the outdoors for the cognitive, physical, and social emotional development of young children. However, in many child care programs the outdoor play space for young children is often overlooked and underutilized. In this 3-hour face-to-face training, you will learn how to assess and analyze an outdoor space, be able to identify best practices in outdoor learning environments and begin to reimagine the outdoors into a dynamic, flexible and natural environment that engages children. The tools and experiences from this training will allow you to support child care programs in various settings and help ensure young children have access to high quality outdoor learning environments.
For Family Child Care Providers and Families

Nature Play at Home
Are you interested in learning natural and affordable ways you can engage children in outdoor spaces in your home? Join us in this 1.5-hour face-to-face training to learn how to implement a naturalized outdoor learning environment in your own backyard. Participants will gain hands on knowledge of different play settings they can add to their outdoor spaces and easy ways to create a dynamic and engaging outdoor space. Each participant will leave with materials to start implementing right away.
ARE YOU IN NEED OF CEU'S OR TRAINING HOURS?

Blue Sky Bridge is an approved instructor for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Licensed Child Care Providers and Early Childhood Educators in Colorado.

We can bring Stewards of Children & You Are a Trusted Adult training sessions virtually to your team to meet your training hour needs for your professional licenses. Safely get your training hours while practicing social distancing!

Read more about these and other training sessions available HERE.

Interested in scheduling a training session for your staff? Contact us at training@blueskybridge.org

For more information about your local child advocacy center, Blue Sky Bridge, please visit our website at blueskybridge.org
In response to the Covid crisis where onsite group training sessions are not safe, we have developed a new remote training option for you to obtain your initial training or maintain certifications for yourself or your employees. The new program is detailed below.

To register or for additional details, simply contact us at the email or phone number below.

**GROUPS** (Businesses, State/Municipal Agencies, Police Departments, Child Care Centers)
- Contact HeartSmart for an Online Service Agreement. Complete the agreement and return with a class roster of student names. You will be invoiced at this time for the number of staff on the roster. Cost will be determined by what course(s) are requested and number of students. **Cost will be less than the cost of onsite group trainings.**
- You will be sent a “Student Packet” with texts, exams, PowerPoint, and our new CPR/AED demo video which you will distribute. The registered students will work through the program at their own pace and time, complete and turn-in the written exams| to HeartSmart for grading. Students need to receive 80% or better on the exam to pass.
- Students will be sent an email confirmation of successful completion which qualifies them to attend a CPR Skills Checkoff session to finish their CPR/AED certification. *(Please see Checkoff Session below.)*

**INDIVIDUALS** (Home Child Care Providers, Foster Parents, Anyone Interested)
- Contact HeartSmart to register. You will be sent the “Student Packet” to complete.
- Once you pass all exams, you will be able to attend the CPR Skills Checkoff. *(Please see Checkoff Session below.)*

*First Aid Certification does not require* the “hands on” short CPR Skills Checkoff.

**CPR Skills Checkoff Session** – To obtain CPR/AED certification, students will need to complete a short “hands on” one-hour skills checkoff. This will be conducted in groups of six or less following all current CDC sanitation guidelines. Your employer will arrange this session at your workplace. Individuals will attend a site (locations state-wide) to complete this portion. This “hands on” session is modeled after American Heart Association and Red Cross guidelines for certification. You will have one year to complete this requirement.

**CONTACT**

heartsmart911@msn.com or 303-506-8182
NEW! Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Live Online/Virtual Learning Series

Enhance your HEAL practices by diving deeper into what is known and regarded as best practice, as well as learn practical tools and gain resources. Each topic is a 1.5 hour online learning session, except for the movement and learning session, which is 2.5 hours. Register and attend all 6 for a total of 10 CEU’s or choose the topics that interest you most. Those who attend all sessions in the learning series will receive 1 hour of coaching upon completion and HEAL materials for your child care program.

Register now (https://boco.org/HEALseries) for one or more HEAL learning series sessions listed below.

Fall 2020 HEAL Learning Series:

1. Creating a Culture of Health at your Child Care Program  
   Wednesday, September 16 from 6:30-8:00pm

2. Movement & Learning  
   Saturday October 3 from 9am-11:30am

3. Infant Feeding & Responsive Care  
   Tuesday, October 13 from 6:30-8:00pm

4. Toddler & Preschool Mealtime is More than Food  
   Wednesday, November 4 from 6:30-8:00pm

5. Menu Makeover  
   Wednesday, November 18 from 6:30-8:00pm

6. Safe Outdoor Learning Environments and Eco-Friendly Child Care  
   Wednesday, December 2 from 6:30-8:00pm

For more information contact or questions:

Tori Lee at vlee@bouldercounty.org OR Jane Wilkinson at jawilkinson@bouldercounty.org

Register on line here: https://boco.org/HEALseries
The mission of the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program at Front Range Community College is to provide a strong, student-focused, research and standards based education program that ultimately has a positive impact on children, families, and the community.

Early childhood professionals make a difference in the lives of young learners and their families. At FRCC, we offer coursework, certificates, and degrees that advance professional skills and knowledge in early childhood education.

Can I get a job?
Over the next nine years, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment forecasts:

- 446 job openings per year for preschool teachers, not including special education.
- 51 job openings per year for preschool and child care center directors.
- 772 job openings per year for child care workers.

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Early Childhood Education

Degrees

• Associate of Arts for Transfer – A 60-credit transfer degree for students who want to teach preschool through third grade. Transfer as part of the statewide Early Childhood Teacher Education Articulation Agreement. This degree is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Offered on campus and online.

• Associate of Applied Science – A 60-credit, non-transferrable degree for students who want to work with children from birth through age eight. You will earn two certificates with this degree — Foundations in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Director.

Certificates

• Early Childhood Director – 31 credits. This certificate prepares students for leadership and administration of early childhood programs.

• Foundations of Early Childhood Education – 16 credits. This certificate provides entry-level skills in early childhood care and education.

• Infant-Toddler Nursery Supervisor – 13 credits. This certificate prepares students for teaching children birth to age three and supervision of other infant/toddler staff.

• Early Childhood Education for Paraeducators – 21 credits. This certificate prepares students to support early childhood teachers in inclusive classrooms.

Early Childhood courses are provided in a variety of delivery formats: on campus, online, and hybrid.

Early Childhood programs are designed to meet or exceed the education requirements outlined by the Colorado Department of Human Services for early childhood professionals. Speak with an ECE advisor today for more information.

Length of Program

1 to 4 semesters, depending on degree or certificate path.

Semester of Entry

Fall, Spring, Summer

Gainful Employment Disclosure Information

frontrange.edu/gainfulemployment

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(Job and salary information: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment 2014)