**Professional Development Training Calendar December 2020**

**ECCBC-Sponsored Trainings**

**January–May 2021 (Online) Expanding Quality in Infant & Toddler Care (EQIT) Training Series**

EQIT is a 48-hour intensive training series for caregivers working with infants and toddlers. There will be two online cohorts offered on either Tuesday evenings or Thursday evenings in spring 2021.

**General online application opens:** Monday, November 30!

*See the EQIT brochure accompanying this Training Calendar for more information and details on how to apply! Or visit [www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/professional-development/financial-incentives/](https://www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/professional-development/financial-incentives/).

**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.

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**Pyramid Plus Approach Incentive Program 2020**

**INCENTIVES STILL AVAILABLE!**

The 2020 Pyramid Plus Approach Incentive Program may reimburse course fees ($395) for a limited number of individuals who have completed the 18 Pyramid Plus Approach training sessions on evidence-based practices that support social emotional competence and address challenging behavior in young children, birth–age 5.

**Applications accepted November 1 through November 30**

*There are a limited number of incentives available. Incentives are awarded on a first come, first serve basis!*

**For more information:** Visit [https://www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/professional-development/financial-incentives/](https://www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/professional-development/financial-incentives/).

**For questions:** Contact Emily Robbins at erobbins@eccbouldercounty.org or 720-548-3984.

**Wednesday, December 16 Quality Nights With ECCBC: Embracing Your Environment**

Looking through the lens of a child on how the environment can impact their ability to play, absorb, and explore. Communicating the importance of adapting, adjusting and rethinking how this space can best meet the needs of the educators and our littlest humans. Supporting the relationships of the environment with the child, family and provider.

**Presenters:** ECCBC Quality Team

**Time:** 6:30 pm–8:30 pm

**Where:** Online via Zoom

**Cost:** $5, FREE for providers in our 2020-2021 Grant Cohort

**Training credit:** 2 hr., program planning and development

**Preregistration required:** Visit [https://www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/professional-development/quality-nights/](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.

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**September–December 2020 Infant Toddler Huddles**

Infant Toddler Huddles provide an online venue for participants to learn, share, support and motivate one another. Topics discussed include mental health, emotional wellness and trauma-informed practice.

*See flyer for specific dates & times.*

**Facilitators:** Infant Toddler Specialists of the Early Childhood Council of Boulder County.

**Time:** See flyer for details.

**Where:** Online via Zoom. See instructions for joining when you register.

**Cost:** FREE

**Training credit:** 1 hr., social emotional development per Huddle attended.

**Preregistration required:** Visit [https://www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/professional-development/infant-toddler-huddles/](https://www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/professional-development/infant-toddler-huddles/).

**For questions:** Contact Emily Robbins at erobbins@eccbouldercounty.org or 720-548-3984.

**Apply for the ECCBC Financial Incentive for ECE College Courses Completed During Summer or Fall 2020**

College courses completed in either summer or fall 2020 may be used to apply for the Financial Incentive in January/February 2021!

**Applications accepted January 15 through February 15**

*See the Financial Incentive brochure accompanying this Training Calendar for more information! Or visit [https://www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/professional-development/financial-incentives/](https://www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/professional-development/financial-incentives/).

**For questions:** Contact Emily Robbins at 720-548-3984 or erobbins@eccbouldercounty.org.

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More ECCBC-Sponsored Trainings
Grupo “Huddles” Para Cuidadores De Infantes y Niños Pequeños

El grupo “Huddles” para cuidadores de infantes y niños pequeños, que se ofrece online, es una oportunidad para compartir recursos, apoyarse y animarse mutuamente. Los mítines serán facilitados por especialistas del ECCBC en el Cuidado de Bebés y Niños Pequeños y serán estructurados, y basados en el método “Touchpoints” y en la investigación basada en los resultados de la Iniciativa EQ del Estado de Colorado. El Grupo “Huddles” está abierto a cualquier persona del Condado de Boulder que cuida infantes y niños pequeños para familias que trabajan. Temas de discusión incluirán la salud mental, bienestar emocional, la resiliencia y cuidado informado en el trauma.

*Favor de ver el folleto para fechas y horarios específicos.

Facilitadores: Especialistas en el Cuidado de bebés y niños pequeños del Consejo Para La Primera Infancia del Condado de Boulder (ECCBC).

Horas de formación: Favor de ver el folleto para más detalles.

Lugar y Costo: Los grupos serán sin costo y se darán online a través de “Zoom”. Regístrese para tantos o tan pocos sesiones de “Huddles” que desee.

Horas de formación: Los participantes recibirán una hora de crédito de entrenamiento socioemocional por cada sesión de “Huddle” atendida.

Se requiere registrarse: visitar https://www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/professional-development/infant-toddler-huddles/.

¿Preguntas? Ponerse en contacto con Emily Robbins: erobbins@eccbouldercounty.org o 720-548-3984.

Community Trainings

Self-Paced (Ongoing) Virtual Workshops

We invite you to join us virtually for a new series of workshops. These self-paced, asynchronous workshops are designed to engage thinking around early childhood education concepts that can be broadly interpreted and applied, no matter your current professional setting.

**Presentador:** Boulder Journey School

**Hora:** TBA

**Lugar:** Online

**Costo:** $50

**Crédito de formación:** 3 hrs., desarrollo profesional

**Inscripción:** Visite http://educators.boulderjourneyschool.com/virtual-workshops.html.

Alternating Wednesdays (ongoing) Free Virtual Dialogues: Messing About With Ideas

Join us to discuss current topics in early childhood education. Join a community of collaborative educators to share what has been working for you, where you need support and what’s on your mind.

**Presentador:** Boulder Journey School

**Hora:** TBA

**Lugar:** Online

**Costo:** GRATIS

**Crédito de formación:** 2 hrs., desarrollo profesional

**Inscripción:** Visite http://educators.boulderjourneyschool.com/virtualdialogue.html.

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.”

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 and 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.

ECHO Training Opportunities

Are you looking for new ways to enhance or use your outdoor spaces at your child care facility? Early Childhood Health Outdoors (ECHO) offers a variety of training opportunities for early childhood professionals, directors, child care health consultants and family child care providers.

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

More Community Trainings
November & December Colorado Shines PDIS Training Alignment Process (TAP) Upcoming Live Virtual Training Events

Check out the upcoming virtual, instructor-led professional development training events that have been recognized as aligned to Colorado’s Competencies for Early Childhood Educators and Administrators and that meet best-practice standards for adult learners through the Colorado Shines Training Alignment Process (TAP).

*See flyer for complete list of events, dates, times and cost.

Presenters: Varied
Time: Varied
Where: Online via PDIS
Cost: Varied
Training credit: Varied
Preregistration required: See flyer for registration details, or visit the Colorado Shines PDIS course catalog at https://ecpd.costartstrong.org/ets/store/.

For information: Contact Mary Heffernan at 303-866-6307 or Heffernan_M@cde.state.co.us.

Webinars From the National Association for Family Child Care

The National Association for Family Child Care has numerous webinar opportunities coming up, with topics including how to enforce your contracts and policies and how to raise your rates.

Visit: https://www.nafcc.org/upcomingwebinars.

January 18–April 9, 2021
Colorado Interpretation of The Reggio Emilia Approach to Early Childhood Education

Throughout this course we will encounter the philosophy, foundational ideas and practices from the infant toddler centers and preschools of Reggio Emilia, Italy. While exploring the deeply-rooted yet innovative Reggio Emilia Approach, in each module we will make connections to the Reggio-inspired work at Boulder Journey School, a school for young children and a teacher education program in partnership with the School of Education and Human Development at the University of Colorado Denver.

Presenter: University of Colorado Denver & Boulder Journey School
Where: Online
Cost: $520
Training credit: 2 CEU

January 18–April 9, 2021
Observation, Documentation & Assessment

This course will focus on how observation, documentation and assessment can be used to inform understandings about children and the practice of teaching. Specific attention is given to learning how to observe and document children’s thinking and learning processes so that useful documentation can be produced and later analyzed for new understandings and insights. Ecological and child development theories are combined with documented observations and assessments to make informed decisions in the classroom. Additionally, you will learn that understanding children’s strengths, competencies, cultures, races, languages and family experiences is essential to teaching and learning.

Presenter: University of Colorado Denver & Boulder Journey School
Where: Online
Cost: $520
Training credit: 2 CEU

January 25–May 25, 2021
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 flyers 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: Complete registration form or email kidzwithease@gmail.com.

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

Check your eligibility and apply!
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 heartsmt911@msn.com or 303-506-8182.

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.

Wednesday, December 2
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: December 2 from 6:30 pm–8:00 pm (Safe Outdoor Learning Environments and Eco-Friendly Child Care)
Where: Live online/virtual.
Cost: FREE
Training credit: 1.5 hr., professional development
Preregistration required: Visit [https://boco.org/HEALseries](https://boco.org/HEALseries).
For information: Contact Tori Lee at vlee@bouldercounty.org or Jane Wilkinson at jawilkinson@bouldercounty.org.

Find the Current Training Calendar and flyers online at [www.eccbouldercounty.org](http://www.eccbouldercounty.org).
Click on “For Providers,” then on “Professional Development,” and then on “Training Calendar.”

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?

- Sign up for a face-to-face training on Emergency Preparedness: [https://bouldercounty.wufoo.com/forms/emergency-preparedness-for-child-care/](https://bouldercounty.wufoo.com/forms/emergency-preparedness-for-child-care/). Training is free, approved by the OEC and will be offered as community need dictates. Training credit: 1.5 hr. health, safety & nutrition.

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](http://www.BoulderCountyDiseaseControl.org).

FYI: CPR and First Aid training hours do not count toward the 15 clock hours required by Licensing annually.

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

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/.

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.

Looking for current flyers?

This symbol indicates a flyer is physically mailed with the Training Calendar.
This symbol indicates the presence of a flyer for this event. To locate the flyer, visit our website at www.eccbouldercounty.org. Click on “For Providers,” then on “Professional Development,” and then on “Training Calendar.” Once you are on the Training Calendar page, click on the current Training Calendar and scroll down until you see the flyer you are looking for.

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/
*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.
CCAP Update: For comprehensive resources during COVID-19, visit www.boco.org/COVID-19Resources.

ABSENCE PAYMENTS CHANGED IN OCTOBER: New CCAP rules allow for payment of 2 absences per month for Level 1 & 2 programs and 3 absences per month for Level 3, 4 & 5 programs. Absences are paid automatically through the ATS system.

Full-day child care for school-age CCAP children. Child care is covered by CCAP even on days when parents choose to opt out of in-school classes. Care requested by parents 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. If needed, parents may also request non-school 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.

Information for parents and providers, links to community resources, FAQs, and the CCAP Application in English and Spanish, are all available on 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.

For Providers

Referrals: Visit our website and find the form to report slots on the “For Providers” tab OR report openings to 720-548-3982 or email ccr@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

Referrals: 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
Get Connected. Get Answers.

• 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/.

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.”

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

This publication is funded through a grant provided by the Buell Foundation to the Professional Development Committee of the Early Childhood Council of Boulder County. For more information, go to www.eccbouldercounty.org.
## Spring 2021 Online EQIT Class Schedule

### Tuesday Cohort (Online):
(Tuesday evenings)

January 5, 12, 19, 26  
February 2, 9, 16, 23  
March 2, 9, 16, 30  
April 6, 13, 20, 27  
May 4  

*Snow date: May 11*

All classes are 6:00 pm–9:00 pm online via Zoom. A Zoom link will be provided once enrollment has been confirmed.

*Mandatory Orientation*  
For participants and their directors, Tuesday, January 5, 6:00 pm–9:00 pm online via Zoom. A Zoom link will be provided once enrollment has been confirmed.

### Thursday Cohort (Online):
(Thursday evenings)

January 7, 14, 21, 28  
February 4, 11, 18, 25  
March 4, 11, 18  
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
May 6  

*Snow date: May 13*

All classes are 6:00 pm–9:00 pm online via Zoom. A Zoom link will be provided once enrollment has been confirmed.

*Mandatory Orientation*  
For participants and their directors, Thursday, January 7, 6:00 pm–9:00 pm online via Zoom. A Zoom link will be provided once enrollment has been confirmed.

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### Materials & Administration Fee:
Applications must include a $50.00 nonrefundable materials and administration fee (unless waived).

The Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services will pay the fee for those employed in a center/home with a current CCAP agreement.

Fee may also be waived for financial hardship. Please contact Jessica Knight at 720-548-3980 to waive the fee.

### To Apply:
General online application opens: **Monday, November 30, 2021!**
Visit our website: [www.eccbouldercounty.org](http://www.eccbouldercounty.org) navigate to the EQIT section of the “Professional Development” webpage and click on the Spring 2021 Online EQIT application link.

*Priority enrollment is given to those who are currently providing licensed infant toddler care in Boulder County.*

Contact Emily Robbins by email for assistance: [erobbins@eccbouldercounty.org](mailto:erobbins@eccbouldercounty.org)

### For Questions about the Course:
Contact Jane Wilkinson on 303-931-9177 or email: [jen2846@comcast.net](mailto:jen2846@comcast.net)

EQIT may prepare you for  
Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit for community college course ECE 111: Infant/Toddler Theory and Practice.  
Contact Alison Thielke@frotrange.edu for more information.

Sponsored by the Professional Development Program of the Early Childhood Council of Boulder County.

For more information go to [www.eccbouldercounty.org](http://www.eccbouldercounty.org)  
Funded by the Expanding Quality in Infant/Toddler Care Program, Colorado Department of Human Services.
What Is EQIT?

EQIT is a 48-hour intensive training series for caregivers working with infants and toddlers.

**There are 16 training modules:**
1. Wonder of Infancy
2. Care of the Spirit
3. Responsive Caregiving for Healthy Relationships
4. Our Partners: the Families
5. Cornerstone of Quality: Safety, Health and Nutrition I
6. Cornerstone of Quality: Safety, Health and Nutrition II
7. Power of Places and Spaces
8. Curriculum for Infants & Toddlers
9. Exploring Early Learning
10. Nurturing Language and Discovering Literacy I
11. Nurturing Language and Discovering Literacy II
12. Babies in Motion
13. Gifts of Culture
14. Welcoming Children with Special Needs
15. Relationship-Based Care
16. Celebrating Our Profession

Free, **On-site, strengths-based, reflective coaching is available to all infant toddler caregivers!**

*Generously funded by the Colorado Department of Human Services.

**Virtual coaching offered due to COVID-19 limitations.

What Can the EQIT Training Certificate Be Used For?

**Toward Licensing Requirements:**
- Director’s Qualification
- Early Childhood Teacher Qualification (formerly Group Leader)
- Assistant Early Childhood Teacher
- Infant Nursery Supervisor Qualification
- Infant/Toddler License
- 3 under 2 License
- Large Home License
- Experienced Provider License
- Family Child Care licenses

**Toward Early Childhood Professional Credential 2.0:**
- Can receive 19 of possible 30 points (63%) in Ongoing Professional Development area of the Early Childhood Professional Credential 2.0 (valid for three years.)
- Receive maximum 15 points for total number of Early Childhood related training hours.
- Plus two additional points for a training completed as a series.
- Plus two additional points if trainee participates in 8hrs of EQ Relate coaching as part of the training (only available to infant toddler caregivers including directors and family child care homes).

**Toward Colorado Shines High Quality Rating:**
- Completion of EQIT training and 8 hrs EQ Relate Coaching results in 3 points per classroom toward center or home’s Workforce Qualifications and Professional Development (within 12 months before the rating assessment).

Expanding Quality in Infant and Toddler Care

**Vision:**
All infant/toddler caregivers act from an appreciation and understanding of their impact on each infant and family they serve.

**Mission:**
Expanding Quality in Infant/Toddler Care Initiative will expand the quality and availability of responsive group care for infants and toddlers in Colorado by:

- Strengthening the skills and knowledge base of caregivers in infant and toddler development, responsive caregiving, working with families and respecting cultures.
- Facilitating professional development for infant/toddler professionals.
- Supporting leadership and collaboration at the community level.
- Promoting systematic change that will provide support for increasing quality.
The 2020 Pyramid Plus Approach Incentive Program may reimburse course fees ($395) for a limited number of individuals who have completed the 18 Pyramid Plus Approach training sessions on evidence-based practices which support social emotional competence and address challenging behavior in young children, birth-5 years old.

*There are a limited number of incentives available. Incentives are awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

Pyramid Plus Approach Incentive Requirements:

- Must complete all 18 Pyramid Plus training sessions in 2020.
- Must live and/or work in Boulder County at the time the training is taken, and when applying for the incentive.
- Must presently be employed at least 20 hours per week as an ECE professional at a licensed center or family child care home.

Application packets will be posted on ECCBC’s website beginning November 1.

https://www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/professional-development/financial-incentives/.

Applications must be postmarked by November 30!

(Faxes and emailed applications are not accepted!)

*There are a limited number of incentives available. Incentives are awarded on a first come, first serve basis!

For more information or questions: Contact Emily Robbins at 720-548-3984 or erobbins@eccbouldercounty.org
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

Visit our Quality Nights webpage & Professional Development Training Calendar for detailed training descriptions and registration information. Registration is required each month to receive the online meeting link and resources.

www.eccbouldercounty.org

For information or questions please contact:

Nicole Malone, Senior Quality Support Navigator, at 720-548-3985 or nmalone@eccbouldercounty.org
In an effort to provide opportunities of support for infant & toddler caregivers during COVID-19, ECCBC introduces community “Huddles.”

Huddles provide an online venue for participants to learn, share, support, and motivate one another.

These trainings are facilitated by Infant Toddler Specialists of the Early Childhood Council of Boulder County and are structured and influenced by the Touchpoints Approach and the evidence-based EQ Initiative with the state of Colorado.

Infant Toddler Huddles are open to anyone in Boulder County caring for infants or toddlers on behalf of a working family. Discussion topics include mental health, emotional wellness, resiliency, and trauma informed practice.

Receive 1 clock hour of social emotional training for participating.

For questions: Contact Emily Robbins erobinseeccbouldercounty.org

Huddles are provided at no cost and will take place online via Zoom. Register for as many or as few Huddle sessions as you want!

“Wednesday Huddle”
Wednesdays, September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18 & December 2
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Preregistration required:
Click here to register!
College Information

- The school must be a **regionally accredited college or university**. Front Range Community College (FRCC), University of Colorado at Denver (UCD), University of Colorado at Boulder (CU), Colorado State University (CSU), University of Northern Colorado (UNC), University of Denver (DU) and Naropa are among the accredited institutions in Colorado.
- If you are taking an online course, make sure the school is accredited by a **regional accreditation institution**.
- Montessori Institutes are accredited by Montessori organizations. This is not the same as the regional accreditations for colleges and universities; therefore, these classes do not qualify for the Financial Incentive.

Professional Experience

For the purpose of this incentive, professional experience is considered to be work overseen by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Early Care and Learning.

**Accepted types of work with children:**

- Licensed family child care provider
- Having worked with children in a licensed child care center or preschool

**Not accepted:** nanny; Sunday school teacher; parenting; cook; bus driver; or working in an exempt or unlicensed center, unlicensed preschool or unlicensed family childcare home.

For more information:

Contact Emily at erobbins@eccbouldercounty.org

Or visit ECCBC’s web site: www.eccbouldercounty.org (click on “For Providers”, “Professional Development” and then “Financial Incentives”)

ECCBC

The Early Childhood Council of Boulder County

A collaboration of individuals and community agencies that represent early childhood interests in Boulder County.

**This program is generously funded by grants from:**

Boulder County Department of Housing & Human Services, CCAP

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The Buell Foundation

ECCBC Financial Incentive for Early Childhood Education

Earn money for completing college courses in Early Childhood Education

October 2020
The Professional Development Financial Incentive of the Early Childhood Council of Boulder County (ECCBC) is a program designed to reward individuals for completing college courses in Early Childhood Education (ECE).

Studies have shown that the amount of formal education a preschool child's teacher has completed is positively correlated to the child's later academic achievement. This incentive is designed to encourage and reward individuals who work in the field to pursue college courses in ECE. It is funded by one or more grants received by ECCBC specifically for this purpose.

What Are the Requirements for the Financial Incentive?

- Must live or work in Boulder County at the time the course is taken, and when applying for the incentive.
- Must have a minimum of three (3) months in the ECE field.
- Must presently be employed at least 20 hours per week as an ECE professional (e.g., licensed family child care provider, licensed child care center, preschool or Head Start).
- Courses must be in the ECE field or a closely related field.
- Courses must be at an associates or bachelors degree level (Master's-level and doctorate course work are not eligible).
- Course grade must be B or better as documented by official transcripts (pass/fail, incompletes, or grades less than B are/will not be accepted).
- Up to three (3) credit hours may be used toward the incentive for each application window. The maximum amount awarded is $600.
- Colorado Early Childhood Professional Credential 2.0 holders are awarded at a higher rate, up to the $600 maximum per application window. Credential must be listed in PDIS by January 14, 2021 to apply.
- Official transcripts must accompany the application.
- No double-dipping of education funds provided by ECCBC. For example, you cannot use both the Financial Incentive and the Colorado Shines Quality Improvement grant funds for the same college course.

How Does It Work?

The Financial Incentive is set up on a semester basis. This means that college courses taken and completed in either summer or fall 2020 may be used to apply for the Financial Incentive in January/February, 2021.

Applications are only accepted from January 15 through February 15, 2021. A postcard is mailed out to acknowledge receipt of the application. Applications and transcripts are reviewed in February/March, 2021. Those that meet the requirements are put into the accepted application pool.

The number of accepted applications is then matched against the amount of money available for that semester's Financial Incentive. Checks are mailed to individuals no later than April 30, 2021.

Courses taken during spring 2021 may be used to apply for the Financial Incentive in June/July, 2021. Receipt of two Financial Incentives in one calendar year is encouraged. Please contact Emily Robbins at erobbins@eccbouldercounty.org for important information and instructions regarding the receipt of multiple awards.

Colorado Early Childhood Professional Credential 2.0

A credential awarded to ECE professionals who meet education and experience criteria set by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). For more information visit http://ecpd.costarstrong.org/ets/pages/?p=credential_2.0 or contact Nicole Malone at nmalone@eccbouldercounty.org.

What Is the Financial Incentive?

The Financial Incentive application packets for courses taken in either summer or fall 2020 are posted on ECCBC’s website beginning January 15, 2021. www.eccbouldercounty.org They are also mailed with the January 2021 Training Calendar.

Financial Incentive application packets for courses taken in spring 2021 will be available on ECCBC’s website beginning June 15, 2021 and are also mailed with the Summer 2021 Training Calendar.

Financial Incentive application packets for courses taken in either summer or fall 2020 must be postmarked by February 15, 2021.
ECCBC ofrece a la comunidad el siguiente grupo: “Huddles”, una oportunidad para los proveedores de cuidado infantil temprano durante el COVID-19.

El grupo “Huddles”, que se ofrece online, es una oportunidad para cuidadores de bebés y niños pequeños aprendan, compartir recursos, apoyarse, y animarse mutuamente.

Los mítines serán facilitados por Especialistas en el Cuidado de bebés y niños pequeños del Consejo Para La Primera Infancia del Condado de Boulder (ECCBC) y serán estructurados, y basados tanto en el método “Touchpoints” como en la investigación basada en los resultados de la iniciativa EQ del estado de Colorado.

El Grupo “Huddles” está abierto a cualquier persona del estado del Condado de Boulder que cuida infantes y niños pequeños para familias trabajadoras. Temas de discusión incluirán la salud mental, bienestar emocional, resiliencia, y cuidado informado en el trauma.

Los participantes recibirán una hora de crédito de entrenamiento socioemocional por cada sesión de “Huddle” atendida.

Los grupos serán sin costo y se darán online a través de “Zoom.” Regístrese para tantos o tan pocos sesiones de “Huddles” que desee.

**martes “Huddles”**
martes, 22, 29 de septiembre, 6, 13, 20, 27 de octubre, 3, 10, 17 de noviembre y 1, 8, 15 de diciembre de 6:00 a 7:00

**Se requiere registrarse:**
Haga [clic aquí](#) para registrarse ahora.

¿Preguntas? Ponerse en contacto con Emily Robbins: erobbins@eccbouldercounty.org.
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 atmailto:training@blueskybridge.org

For more information about your local child advocacy center, Blue Sky Bridge, please visit our website at blueskybridge.org
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.
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.

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 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.
Colorado Shines PDIS Training Alignment Process

Upcoming Live Virtual Training Events

Below are upcoming virtual, instructor-led training events you may register for through the Colorado Shines PDIS. Most are free but please see course descriptions for any fee and other information.

November

7  Cooking Matters: Creating Positive Mealtime Attitudes  9:00 am – 11:00 am
7  Cooking Matters: Partnering with Parents on Healthy Eating  11:15 am – 12:15 pm
9  Grass, Dirt, & Concrete: Engaging Preschoolers in Outdoor Spaces  6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
9/10  Calming Chaos by Promoting Positive Behavior  6:00 – 8:30 (2 nights – fee)
10  Biblioteca Pública de Denver: Todos los Niños Listos Para Leer  6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
12  An Introduction to Project Based Learning  4:30 pm – 6:30 pm (fee)
12  Cooking Matters: Menu Management on a Budget  2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
16  ONE Step Colorado – Secondhand Smoke and Asthma Training  1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
17  Denver Public Library: Every Child Ready to Read  6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
17/18  Calming Chaos by Promoting Positive Behavior  6:00 – 8:30 (2 nights -fee)

December

4  Denver Botanic Gardens: The Classroom and Nature Play  2:30 pm – 4:30 pm (fee)
   (Register through Denver Botanic Gardens site with certificate available in PDIS after event)
10  ONE Step Colorado – Secondhand Smoke and Asthma Training  10:00 am – Noon

To register:

Click on the training titles above or visit the Colorado Shines PDIS course catalog and search by training name. You may also link to the PDIS course calendar to view events. Certificates will be available through your Colorado Shines PDIS account within seven days after the training event.

If you’d like to offer a training through the Colorado Shines PDIS, contact us to learn more about TAP.
Completion of all 18 sessions of Pyramid Plus Approach will satisfy licensing requirements for Child Guidance Strategies ECE103 & PDIS Series Training

**ONLINE (zoom) Pyramid Plus Approach Training, Winter/Spring 2021**

Registration Closes January 18, 2021

**Evidence Based Best Inclusive Practices on Supporting Social Emotional Development & Addressing Challenging Behaviors. Birth through 5 years old**

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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 – on line platform

**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.

**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

**Sponsored by:** The Acorn School Training & Consulting
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

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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 or food allergies I should be aware of? ________________________________

Form of payment
☐ Full Payment $395 Check included
☐ 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 WITH VIDEO AND SOUND TO PARTICIPATE
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “WITH EASE”
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 training hours 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
MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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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Mernie Rosenberg
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(303) 404-5523
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)