

# THE OPEN DOOR



April/May 2021 Newsletter

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Jefferson County Child Care Association Meetings  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month 6:30~9:15 P.M.

### MEETING INFORMATION

Meetings will be held via Zoom through June 2021.

Zoom is a very easy format to use, even for those without expert computer skills.

If you haven't previously attended a JCCCA meeting, now is the perfect chance!!  
JCCCA members will receive a Provider Times email with registration information.

Advance registration is required to access the meeting.

Certificates will be emailed to members who attend the entire live training.



*JCCCA will be hosting a special 30-minute Social Emotional training with Lisel Von Duyke, MS, LPC; Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant, JCMH at 6:30 pm each month prior to the business meeting and main training.*

### Wednesday, April 28, 2021

#### **Advocacy & Speaking up on Legislation that Impacts Child Care and Other Child-Related Issues**

Presented by Jacy Montoya Price;

Advocacy Director, Colorado Children's Campaign

1 ½ hours Professional Development & Leadership (PDL 10.2, PDL 5.1)

### Wednesday, May 26, 2021

#### **Healthy Sexual Development**

Presented by Jennifer Kniffin-Turner, M.A., LPC, EMDR, IMH-EIII;  
Wonder Years

1 ½ hours Health, Safety & Nutrition (HSN 1.3)

**Zoom link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZluf-2ppj4oGNIEC4yDirh7By2CuL6pUPsg?fbclid=IwAR2oN-vmAJ8mo2wzOXJQ5wWmwLwkUqB9Un778bwiwMEMLiHNMI03MqmH780](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?from=addon&url=https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?from=addon&url=https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZluf-2ppj4oGNIEC4yDirh7By2CuL6pUPsg?fbclid=IwAR2oN-vmAJ8mo2wzOXJQ5wWmwLwkUqB9Un778bwiwMEMLiHNMI03MqmH780)

### JCCCA's "PURPOSE"

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- To act as a liaison between providers.
- To further educate providers in all areas of child care.
- To have a voice in family childcare rules.

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FUTURE JCCCA MEETINGS**

JUNE 23, 2021

AUGUST 25, 2021

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

OCTOBER 27, 2021

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

*Happy  
Provider  
Appreciation  
Day!  
May 7, 2021*

**YOUR SMILE IS YOUR LOGO,  
YOUR PERSONALITY IS YOUR  
BUSINESS CARD, HOW YOU  
LEAVE OTHERS FEELING AFTER  
AN EXPERIENCE WITH YOU  
BECOMES YOUR TRADEMARK.**

— Jay Danzle

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/positiveoutlooks/photos/a.152811358094903/5471350676240918/> 3/12/2020

## REFERRAL CORNER

Submitted by Tisa Smith

This is a list of the calls referral providers have received from families looking for child care January and February 2021.

<b>NORTH AREA</b>	<b>Under 2</b>	<b>Over 2</b>	<b>School Age</b>	<b>Total Calls</b>
80002, 80003, 80033, 80212	7	2	0	6
80004, 80005, 80007, 80021	7	5	0	8
80020, 80030, 80031, 80034	1	0	0	1
<b>CENTRAL AREA</b>	<b>Under 2</b>	<b>Over 2</b>	<b>School Age</b>	<b>Total Calls</b>
80401, 80402, 80403, 80419	2	0	0	2
80232, 80225, 80219	2	2	0	3
80227, 80235	2	1	0	2
80226, 80214, 80215, 80204	2	0	0	2
80228	0	0	0	0
<b>SOUTH AREA WEST / MOUNTAINS</b>	<b>Under 2</b>	<b>Over 2</b>	<b>School Age</b>	<b>Total Calls</b>
80127	4	2	0	6
80123, 80128	5	2	0	6
80465	4	2	0	6
Mountain	0	0	0	0
<b>NIGHTS &amp; WEEKENDS</b>	0	0	0	0

## Treasurer's Report

February 1 to February 28, 2021

Submitted by Kim Roby



<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$25,525.76</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$618.54</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,144.30</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Income/Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,144.30</b>

## JCCCA Board Meetings

JCCCA Board Meetings  
are held on the  
first Monday of each month.  
Please call Carrie Kennedy if  
you would like to attend.

303-432-7979

All members are welcome!



# PRESIDENT'S NOTES

This newsletter is JCCCA's special "annual mass mailing" that goes out to all licensed family child care home providers, whether you are a current member or not. JCCCA uses this time of year to reach out to providers who may not be current members to introduce our organization to them, give a "sneak peek" of our newsletter which is just one of many membership benefits, offer valuable information and our support, promote our Provider Appreciation meeting which is held in April, and of course help to build our association's membership. Because let's be honest, any organization is NOTHING without its AMAZING MEMBERS!! And, of course, JCCCA has some amazing members!

This year has been a tough one. A really tough one. Personally, and professionally, for many of us. We are still navigating the first, and hopefully last, pandemic any of us has ever experienced. Some of us have lost loved ones. Some have seen their business struggle, or even unfortunately close due to effects of COVID-19. Others have been more fortunate and been able to sustain, or even grow, their business during this time that it became even more apparent just how IMPORTANT OUR WORK IS. We do more than just provide a place for children to go while their family members are working. We provide safety, education, love and care, nutrition, social and emotional support, reliability, security and stability. Not just children, but their families as well. We are the foundation so many families rely on.

So...how do we approach this work and responsibility? I have seen many JCCCA members really step up and continue to be and grow as professionals. It's this word "professional" that grabs my attention. What is a "professional"? A quick [Google search](#) pulls up: **professional adjective**

**1a:** of, relating to, or characteristic of a [profession](#)

**b:** engaged in one of the learned [professions](#)

**c(1):** characterized by or conforming to the technical or ethical standards of a profession

**(2):** exhibiting a courteous, conscientious, and generally businesslike manner in the workplace

**2a:** participating for gain or livelihood in an activity or field of endeavor often engaged in by amateurs—a professional golfer

**b:** having a particular profession as a permanent career—a professional soldier

**c:** engaged in by persons receiving financial return—professional football

**3:** following a line of conduct as though it were a profession—a professional patriot

**professional noun**

one that is professional especially: one that engages in a pursuit or activity [professionally](#)

It's those highlighted areas that really stick out to me. The areas that I pay extra attention to when planning and operating my own business. A fellow colleague of mine (who I consider and respect as a "professional" in the field) and I were recently having this very conversation, and we were discussing how as child care providers we can set ourselves apart as "professionals". We both felt the first step was to become licensed; the action that sets us apart from "amateurs". Joining and becoming active in professional associations would be the next step. How we present ourselves and run our businesses is what others see. Do we follow licensing rules and regulations, public health orders? Do we open our front door each day welcoming children with smiles while being physically and visibly prepared? Do we keep up with and follow current research and ideas in our field through ongoing education and practices? But the thing that we both agree that sets "professionals" apart is the following of ethical standards in theory and practice. For the Early Childhood Education field, the gold standard of ethics is [NAEYC's Code of Ethical Conduct and Statement of Commitment](#). If you're not already familiar with it (or even if you are—it's always good to review and reflect on), I highly recommend you take the time to read it. More than once and often. My colleague and I picked out the following two we felt were most important in our work.

**Principles P-1.1—Above all, we shall not harm children. We shall not participate in practices that are emotionally damaging, physically harmful, disrespectful, degrading, dangerous, exploitative, or intimidating to children. This principle has precedence over all others in this Code.**

**P-1.11—When we become aware of a practice or situation that endangers the health, safety, or well-being of children, we have an ethical responsibility to protect children or inform parents and/or others who can.**

JCCCA as an organization is committed to these statements. We are committed to helping educate our members through training opportunities and communication on current recommended practices in our field. We are committed to advocating on the behalf of our members, our field, and the children and families we work with. The JCCCA board is currently working on defining exactly what our expectations of each other and ourselves are as board members. And we promote and encourage all of our members to always follow NAEYC's Code of Ethics in their business and personal practices. Please let us know what we can do to help you be PROFESSIONALS in Early Childhood Education.

NEVER STOP LEARNING!



# Provider of the Month

*Being a child care provider isn't always easy! We want to recognize the special providers who go above and beyond for their kids!*

## January 2021—Anna Orrino

### Words from Anna:

Dear JCCCA and Providers,

This nomination comes as a wonderful surprise and I so appreciate the honor of this recognition. It is especially meaningful given how the last months of my career came to a close. As many of you know, I was set to retire in March 2020 and had planned a goodbye party with the families in my care, but all that was cancelled due to COVID-19. In fact, my families and I never got to even physically say good-bye to each other, much less experience the emotional closure of a goodbye. When quarantine closed child care facilities, we didn't know it would extend past the point at which I had planned my last day; eventually I had to leave the children's belongings that had been at my house on the porches of their homes, and we said goodbye through zoom. Instead of holding a business estate sale, I sold my business of 35 years slowly through porch pick-up little by little for two months. And compounding this lack of closure was that because we were moving out of state, I experienced sorrowful feelings of leaving JCCCA at perhaps the most difficult time for providers and the families and children we care for.

Yet, I am confident that JCCCA and licensed providers throughout our nation are standing stronger than ever before as you work together during this pandemic. Your efforts to implement new protocol from the CDC to provide safe care are inspiring. I'm so proud of you as you persevere together for yourselves, your families, and your work with children. One day you will have great stories to tell!

This kind of dedicated support is what JCCCA did for me my whole career! We work "alone" with children in our home but we are made better together through JCCCA's support – and that is so needed. If you can find time to serve on the board - even if only for one or two years - I want to encourage you to do so. The JCCCA board amplified my professionalism and buoyed my confidence in work that is often unappreciated and minimized. I felt a sense of accomplishment giving back to the community. The board also yielded friendships with other professionals in the field that brought encouragement, inspirations, different perspectives, and laughter. Being a member of JCCCA, participating in the organization's offerings, and serving on the board will help guide your journey working alone day-to-day with the strengthened foundation that comes from the energy of a community . . . better together!

Finally, I would like to encourage you to visualize your goals for your life and work. What's your personal self-care, emotional & spiritual growth? What are your goals with children and their families? What do you want your business to look like in two years, five years, and ten years? Someday, your own family will grow up and your children will live their own lives. So, make plans now for your future. Get professional help to plan your retirement. When you make goals, if you can also identify how to implement them and what supports you need, the sooner you can achieve them. I have been retired for nine months now and I love it! Some day it will be your turn!

Better Together,  
Anna Orrino  
[annaorrino@gmail.com](mailto:annaorrino@gmail.com)  
January 1, 2021

**Are you interested in joining the JCCCA board?**

**Elections for vice president and secretary will be held in June 2021.**

**Don't be afraid to throw your name in or nominate someone!**

**Nominations and letters of intent are now being accepted and due no later than Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and may be emailed to JCCCA President Carrie Kennedy ([misscarries@yahoo.com](mailto:misscarries@yahoo.com) or [jeffcochildcare@gmail.com](mailto:jeffcochildcare@gmail.com))**



Jefferson County Child Care Association (JCCCA) is an active professional association that strongly supports licensed family child care home providers, enhances and promotes professionalism among child care providers through education, networking, and many valuable resources and activities.



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# Jefferson County Child Care Association

A professional association for  
licensed family child care  
home providers

## About Us

### Mission Statement

Jefferson County Child Care Association is a professional non-profit organization that supports, enhances and promotes licensed family child care home providers in Jefferson County, Colorado. We advocate for quality care and early education by assisting providers in their efforts and providing valuable training and resources.

### Purpose

The Jefferson County Child Care Association for the promotion of social welfare including for such purposes:

1. To offer a support system for licensed providers in Jefferson County.
2. To enhance and promote professionalism among child care providers.
3. To act as a liaison between providers and associated or interested parties, including the Department of Human Services.
4. To further educate providers in all areas of childcare and to offer a complete resource of the continuing education available.
5. To have a voice in family child care rules and regulations at both the county and state levels.
6. To affect pertinent legislation at both state and national levels.
7. To provide referrals to parents seeking licensed family home child care in Jefferson and surrounding counties.

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"Not only does JCCCA offer free trainings and referrals, they also provide an entire network for support. Even though child care is a solitary business, providers are never alone."

-Kerry, Lakewood Provider

"With the help of JCCCA, I have a high quality program for the children in my care that continues to improve into a program I can be so very proud of."

- Littleton Provider

"JCCCA has helped me grow as a provider in many areas. They have provided me support with referrals, classes, and connections with their members. They are a true sounding board for all of us."

- Sarah, Arvada Provider

"I am so glad I found JCCCA! I have benefited so much both professionally and personally. My business is thriving with the help of JCCCA."

-Jenny, Arvada Provider

## What We Offer

### ADVOCACY & SUPPORT

We are the voice of licensed family child care home providers in Jefferson County.

JCCCA is an active affiliate of Colorado Association of Family Child Care and National Association of Family Child Care. We stay closely connected to child care issues and resources through the Colorado Office of Early Childhood, Child Care Innovations, TRIAD Early Childhood Council, Jefferson County Public Health, Triad PTA, and Red Rocks Community College to name a few. JCCCA members attend these organizational meetings and calls to gain information and have a voice through collaboration for its members' benefit.

**MENTORING & NETWORKING** opportunities for providers to share their ideas, experiences, techniques, and support one another.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"WHAT IT TAKES!" yearly conference  
Monthly Business Meetings & Training

### REFERRALS & WEBSITE PROFILE

These services help members build their child care clientele and fill openings.

Personal connection for families looking for a licensed family child care program and all it has to offer children and their families.



# Jefferson County Child Care Association

## Membership Application



The Membership Application and Fee will cover renewals and new memberships for the fiscal year July 1, 2021– June 30, 2022. Please read and fill out the following information completely.

_____ JCCCA NEW APPLICATION (New Members-not a member last year)	\$40_____
_____ JCCCA RENEWAL APPLICATION (Member last year-must be received before June 30th)	\$35_____
_____ 15 MONTH JCCCA APPLICATION (New Members April 1 – June 30)	\$40_____
_____ 18 MONTH JCCCA APPLICATION (New Members January 1–June 30)	\$55_____
_____ CAFCC MEMBERSHIP (Colorado Association Family Child Care)	\$45_____
JCCCA Members get a discount if they belong to CAFCC (Please enclose a SEPARATE check payable to CAFCC)	\$40_____
_____ NAFCC MEMBERSHIP (National Association Family Child Care)	\$45_____
CAFCC Members get a discount if they belong to NAFCC (Please enclose a SEPARATE check payable to NAFCC)	\$40_____

**Jefferson County Child Care Association membership application and fees are due June 30.**  
**All Membership Renewals must be received before June 30 to avoid interruption of membership benefits or the new membership fee will be due to reinstate.**

- Make checks payable to JCCCA.
- Online registration and other payment options available at our website [www.jeffcochildcare.org](http://www.jeffcochildcare.org)
- Mail your application, copy of current child care license, membership fee and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the JCCCA Membership Processor/Treasurer: Kim Roby, 12296 West Ohio Place, Lakewood, Colorado 80228  
*For questions on membership or fees please call Kim 303-988-8368*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE# \_\_\_\_\_ CHILD CARE ANNIVERSARY DATE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDAY MONTH \_\_\_\_\_

**JCCCA MEMBERS are asked to ACTIVELY support and participate in their professional organization (JCCCA) by volunteering in some respect. I would like to participate in the following:**

_____ JCCCA BOARD POSITION	_____ HOSPITALITY (help in the kitchen and/or bring food to meetings)	
_____ NEWSLETTER STAFF	_____ REFERRAL PROVIDER	
_____ CRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA	_____ "WHAT IT TAKES" CONFERENCE (March)	_____ OTHER

**I agree to abide by the current Jefferson County Child Care Association Bylaws.**  
 (Copies of JCCCA BYLAWS are available upon request at JCCCA association meetings and online).

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

*For information and resources visit the Jefferson County Child Care Association website: [www.jeffcochildcare.org](http://www.jeffcochildcare.org)*

# CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

THIS CERTIFICATE IS GOOD FOR A  
FREE JCCCA MEMBERSHIP



Free membership is for newly licensed programs.  
Certificate must be redeemed within 6 months of  
receiving a new Family Child Care Home license.  
Membership application and information can be  
found at [www.jeffcochildcare.org](http://www.jeffcochildcare.org)

*Carrie Kennedy*

CARRIE KENNEDY

JCCCA president

NAME OF PROVIDER

license number & issue date

## **Volunteer Opportunities with JCCCA**

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTOR**

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR\***

**PARENT PAGES NEWSLETTER**

**BENEFITS COORDINATOR\***

**HISTORIAN\***

**Share Your Talents with Others!**

\*Board Position



# NEWS FLASH!!

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, the **Regulation of Family Child Care Homes bill** ([HB21-1222](#)) was introduced to the Colorado Legislature. The bill requires that family child care homes be classified as residences for purposes of licensure and local regulations, including zoning, land use development, fire and life safety, and building codes. Please see the fact sheet below for more information and the above link to track the bill's progress and developments.

**Visitor Guidelines for Child Care Programs:** The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) have clarified and updated [guidelines](#) for visitors in child care programs based upon the dial level your county is currently at (effective 3/9/21). Part of the guidance still states, *"It is not recommended at this time to allow visitors who provide extracurricular services not essential to the child care operation. It is still recommended that children are dropped off and picked up using a curbside method."*

**Triad Supply Distribution:** Supply distributions are listed on [the Triad website event calendar](#). Advanced registration required.

**Child Care COVID-19 & Illness Questions:** Please send all JeffCo child care COVID-19 related inquiries and/or outbreak reports to [HealthEPREpiLiaison@co.jefferson.co.us](mailto:HealthEPREpiLiaison@co.jefferson.co.us)

**Child Care COVID-19 & Illness Resources:** Programs are to use the following documents in determining when to exclude children from care for illness symptoms. These documents should be used in conjunction with each other.

[How Sick is Too Sick?](#), [At-Home Symptom Screener](#), [Return to Learn Guidance](#), [Face Covering Guidance for Child Care](#)

**Save the Date:** The Triad "Linking Communities for Success" conference will be held virtually April 30 from 10:00-4:00 and May 1 from 9:00-3:00. More information to come. Know of a possible presenter? Have them complete [this presenter interest form](#).

**Immunization Information:** [SB20-163 \(School Entry Immunization\)](#) has changed some of the immunization reporting and recording requirements for child cares and families. **All child cares** are now required to share the 2021 [Parent Letter](#) with families on or before February 15th yearly. Starting in the 2021-22 school year, MMR immunization and exemption rates are required to be included on page 2 of the letter. Programs can include this information in the letter by downloading the [2021-2022 Parent Letter](#). There have also been some substantial changes to the Nonmedical exemption process, and it is recommended you review the [vaccine exemption](#) page. You can find more information in [this PowerPoint Presentation](#) prepared for CAFCC by CDPHE.

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**House Bill 21-1222: Bill to Increase the Supply of Family Child Care Homes**  
Sponsors: Reps. A. Valdez and Van Winkle / Sens. Smallwood and Winter

Colorado's family child care home (FCH) and infant child care shortage crisis prompted the state legislature to pass Senate Bill 19-063 Infant and Family Child Care Action Plan to examine and address the reasons for the decline through a strategic action plan. This action plan identified that a major contributing factor to the shortage of family child care homes is conflicting regulation between state licensing allowances and local regulations, including zoning, fire, life safety, and building codes. State licensing regulations already require FCHs to meet health and safety standards to ensure the wellbeing of all children in care. Therefore, to reduce burdensome and unnecessary regulations, this bill requires local regulatory entities to treat family child care homes as residences for regulatory purposes such as zoning, fire, life safety, and building codes.

The Problem: Quality child care is a necessity for Colorado's economy and working families with young children, yet the number of licensed child care facilities has declined over the last decade. Between 2002 and 2018, Colorado has lost more than 11,600 licensed slots in family child care homes, and the loss of child care for working families has only worsened with the pandemic. Due to COVID-19, 10 percent of child care providers have permanently closed their doors and 44 percent of families with young children are without child care plans for 2020-2021.<sup>1</sup> Colorado's child care supply gaps continue to worsen, and without efficient policy solutions, Colorado cannot increase the number of quality child care options to meet the needs of all working families.

Child care is provided by informal care providers such as family, friends, and neighbors, or by formal licensed providers in centers, homes, or school districts. Licensed child care offered in a provider's primary place of residence is commonly referred to as a family child care home. FCHs may be the preferred option for families due to their smaller group sizes, in-home learning environments, accessibility, and flexibility to accommodate nontraditional work schedules. Historically, most of the infants and toddlers in licensed child care are cared for in FCHs.

What is contributing to a shortage of Family Child Care Homes in Colorado? The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) regulates child care operations in licensed facilities to ensure quality, health, and safety standards are met for all children in care. Even though OEC regulates health and safety standards, some localities and municipalities categorize the "use" of a child care provider's home as a commercial "use," a categorization with increased requirements that limit the viability and operations of FCHs.

Local regulations that conflict with OEC's licensure allowances can often lead to:

- Reduced number of children that can attend a FCH (below levels authorized under OEC regulations).
- Increased costs due to commercial fire and zoning requirements such as retrofitting homes with sprinkler systems estimated to cost tens of thousands of dollars.
- Outright prohibitions of FCHs in certain homes because of zoning restrictions, or
- Failure to open new programs as providers are discouraged and/or cannot afford to navigate the additional hurdles.

<sup>1</sup> Early Milestones Colorado. COVID-19 EC Research Partnership. Accessed Fall 2020 from <https://earlymilestones.org/project/covid-19-ec-research/>

Providing quality child care is expensive and the costs are often inaccessible for Colorado families who, on average, spend 20 percent of their household income on child care. Despite the high costs to provide quality child care, providers are unable to set tuition rates high enough to cover their expenses because many families cannot afford the higher rates. Local regulations too often lead to financial costs that make FCHs unsustainable and result in closures.

Economic impacts of the gaps in Colorado's child care sector on working families, employees, and taxpayers costs our state \$2.2 billion annually in lost earnings, productivity and revenue.  
- Ready Nation, Council for Strong America 2020

What can be done? Policymakers can support this bill to reduce burdensome regulations simply by requiring local regulatory entities to treat family child care homes as residences for regulatory purposes such as zoning, fire, life safety, and building codes. Given that state licensing regulations already require FCHs to meet health and safety standards to ensure the wellbeing of all children in care, this change will prevent additional or conflicting regulations from being placed on FCH providers above state licensing requirements. In doing so, the legislature can help increase the availability of quality child care within communities throughout Colorado and boost the economy by enabling working families to maintain employment.

**List of Supporters**  
A Caregivers Network  
Boulder County Family Child Care Association  
Clayton Early Learning  
Colorado Association of Family Child Care  
Colorado Children's Campaign  
Colorado Head Start Association  
Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition  
Council for a Strong America - Colorado Chapter  
Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance  
Early Childhood Council of Larimer County  
Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County  
Executives Partnering to Invest in Children  
Florence Crittenton Services  
Huerfano-Las Animas Counties Early Childhood Council  
Illuminate Colorado  
Jefferson County Child Care Association  
MyVillage  
Raise Colorado  
Save the Children Action Network  
Small Business Majority  
Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning  
The Bell Policy Center  
Women's Foundation of Colorado

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**Stressed? Virtual learning and changing plans wearing you down? Want support around COVID chaos?**

**We're here for you.**

# **Teacher/Educator Well-Being Support Line**

# **303-724-2500**

**Call or text.**

Talk to a trained Crisis Counselor volunteer who can listen and support you.  
8 a.m.-8 p.m. 7 days a week via telephone or text message.  
Free & immediate access to mental health services available as needed.

The Well-Being Support Line is a free service for all educators and school employees including ECE, K-12 programs, and higher education. The support line is available to any educator across the state including teachers, administrators, para-professionals, health care teams, and support staff.



**BRAIN HEALTH** for all, for life.

In collaboration with the University of Colorado Department of Psychiatry and  
CDPHE Colorado Spirit's Crisis Counseling Program

# Don't Miss These Opportunities!!!

**Small Business Development Center Child Care Business Trainings:** Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) across the state will offer business training courses to licensed child care providers at no cost. The following SBDCs will offer training in 2021: Aurora South-Metro, Boulder, Denver Metro, East, Pikes Peak, North Metro, and West Central.

The training courses will be offered virtually to providers around the state, but may include content specific to the community in which the SBDC is housed. **Each training will be focused on one of the following target populations: child care centers, family child care homes, or programs interested in starting up or expanding.** Additionally, at least one training will be conducted in Spanish. Trainings will include 4-6 sessions covering business best practices. At least 11 training series will be offered throughout the calendar year of 2021. The [OEC webpage](#) will list upcoming trainings under the "Available Training, Scholarship, Grant, and Other Opportunities" section.

**Budgeting, Cash Flow, and Taxes for Child Care Providers (West Central SBDC):** Learn how to leverage cash flow as a financial planning tool, start making better business decisions, and begin planning your vacation while earning professional development hours in the PDIS system! 9-session, self-paced webinar series with one-on-one support from SBDC consultants. Free! Participants can earn professional development hours through the Professional Development Information System (PDIS) by completing all 9 modules and checking their understanding at a minimum of 2 consultation sessions. Participants who meet these requirements will receive a survey to capture their PDIS user information. This training is designed for in-home and small facility providers. [Click here to register!](#)

**Entrenamiento de Negocios para Centros de Cuidado de Niños (Spanish Language Business Course for Family Child Care Home providers):** Este curso es para Centros de Cuidado de niños basados en Casa. En esta clase, usted aprenderá técnicas y estrategias para manejar las finanzas, el mercadeo y las operaciones de su negocio. Si es que asiste a todas las 6 clases, esto le contará como Desarrollo Profesional a través del sistema Professional Development Information System (PDIS). ¿Preguntas? Contáctese con Elena a [evascone@auroragov.org](mailto:evascone@auroragov.org) o llame al (303) 326-8808. Seminarios Virtuales: Miércoles, 7, 14, 21, 28 de abril y 5, 12 de mayo (6:00 - 8:30 PM) Registración previa requerida (en línea): [www.Aurora-SouthMetroSBDC.com/training](http://www.Aurora-SouthMetroSBDC.com/training) Costo: Talleres Gratuitos

**Business Fundamentals for Child Care Centers:** This seven-week program is designed to help child care providers improve their business practices to both better serve their customers and promote their business's success with increased revenues. This course is designed for owners and staff of child care centers in the state of Colorado with fewer than 75 children and owners of family child care homes. Child care providers can earn professional development hours through the Professional Development Information System (PDIS) by attending all training sessions. A recorded option and follow up with the trainer is available if you have to miss a live class. [Click here to learn more or to register!](#)

In addition to the training, SBDC consultants around the state are available to work with licensed providers for one-on-one consultation on business needs, such as building a budget or seeking financial support (e.g. grants, PPP loans). Consultation is now available at no cost in English and Spanish. [Click here to register for an appointment today!](#)

## **Child Development Associate Scholarships/En curso: Becas para asociados en desarrollo infantil**

The Office of Early Childhood, in partnership with Red Rocks Community College and Mesa County Public Health, has released [the application](#) for Child Development Associate (CDA) Scholarships for new CDA candidates and renewal candidates. Funding will support training costs and assessment fees for approximately 220 new CDA candidates and assessment fees for approximately 70 candidates. Advisors will be available to help candidates find a training program that meets CDA requirements and assist with the creation of their portfolio for final assessment. [Visit the Red Rocks Child Care Innovations website](#) or contact Julia Brink ([julia.brink@rrcc.edu](mailto:julia.brink@rrcc.edu)) for more information. Second application period: Information Meeting on April 29, 2021, 7:00 PM; Application Opens: May 3, 2021



**Attention teachers and parents:**  
Early Learning Ventures is so excited to announce the roll out of our Conscious Discipline self-paced course.

Did you miss the LIVE ZOOM sessions?  
Have you heard about the amazing tools to support social emotional development?

**Amy Spidel**, a certified Conscious Discipline presenter will facilitate these self-paced sessions

**SIGN UP HERE**

Each participant will have up to 12 weeks to finish the series (nine 1-hour sessions). The first cohort of 200 participants will receive log in information in early January.

If you have any questions please email [jrosendo@earlylearningventures.org](mailto:jrosendo@earlylearningventures.org)

 



"The beautiful spring  
came, and when Nature  
resumes her loveliness, the  
human soul is apt to  
revive also."

-Harriet Ann Jacobs

## Quick Huevos

1 c. fresh salsa or Pico de Gallo  
2 Tbsp. olive oil  
1 can black beans, drained/rinsed  
4 large eggs  
4 6-inch corn tortillas, warmed  
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese  
Pepper to taste  
Fresh, chopped cilantro

Heat a medium skillet over low heat and add 1 Tbsp. olive oil. Add the beans and heat until warmed through, smashing slightly with a fork. In a separate pan, fry the eggs sunny-side up in the remaining olive oil. Season with pepper. Place 1 warm tortilla on each plate. Divide the beans among them, then top with a fried egg, some salsa and feta cheese. (15 min, Serves 4)

Parent Page Edited by Carrie Kennedy  
& Vera Ananda



## Vaccines and Child Care: What Should Parents Know?

A few years ago, a major scientific study<sup>†</sup> out of Denmark gave further evidence that there is **no link** between autism and the vaccine for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR.) Still, many parents are choosing not to follow the recommendation from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP.) They are choosing not to vaccinate their babies and children with the MMR vaccine.

You may be wondering: What are the vaccination requirements for my child? What can I do to ensure my child is safe and healthy? Here are the facts to consider as you do your best to make healthy decisions for your child:

- Child care providers collect immunization records for every baby and child in their care on an ongoing basis.
- Child care providers are trained to read immunization records, and compare them with AAP recommendations. They notify parents if a child has not received the vaccinations that are due.
- If a child is behind on vaccinations, parents have 14 days to get the required vaccine(s), or submit a written plan to get caught up.
- If a child cannot receive a vaccine due to medical reasons, the child's pediatrician must fill out a Medical Exemption Form<sup>‡</sup>.
- Parents who choose not to vaccinate their children for personal reasons must submit a Non-Medical Exemption Form<sup>‡</sup> at every interval when vaccines are due.
- Child care providers will notify the families of non-immunized children if a vaccine-preventable disease occurs in their child care home.

If you would like to see which vaccines are recommended, and at what age, you can visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-o-6yrs.pdf> Please feel free to talk to your child care provider or your pediatrician if you have further questions about vaccines and child care.

<sup>†</sup> Hviid, Anders, et al. "Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccination and Autism." *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 2019, doi:10.7326/m18-2101.

<sup>‡</sup> To find exemption forms, please visit:  
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/vaccine-exemptions>





## Clickety Clack (by: Mother Goose Club)



Clickety clack, clickety clack,  
What's that coming down the track?

### A freight train!

Freight train coming down the track  
Clickety, clickety, clickety clack!

(Repeat for steam engine, flat car,  
tank car, passenger car, and caboose)

Happy  
Mother's  
Day!  
May 9th



## Pasta Primavera

25 min. prep, 20 min. cooking, serves 6

### Ingredients:

3 carrots  
2 yellow squash  
2 medium zucchini  
2 red bell peppers  
1 large onion  
¼ c. olive oil  
Kosher salt and fresh black pepper  
1 Tbsp. Italian seasoning  
15 cherry tomatoes  
½ c. grated Parmesan

### Directions

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F.  
Chop carrots, squash, zucchini, and bell peppers into matchsticks, and thinly slice the onion. Toss with the oil, salt, pepper, and dried herbs. (Can prep night before)  
Transfer veggies onto 2 large baking sheets. Bake until the carrots are tender and the veggies begin to brown, about 20 min.  
Meanwhile cook the pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water about 8 minutes. Drain.  
Toss the pasta with the veggies in a large bowl, season with salt and pepper, and sprinkle with the Parmesan.

## Health and Wellness Resources

May is **Health and Wellness Awareness Month**. Here are some wonderful resources for you and your family, to help you stay healthy:

### **Connect for Health Colorado** (Ph# 855-752-6749)

Colorado resource to help individuals understand and purchase health insurance. <http://connectforhealthco.com>

### **PEAK: Medical/Food/Cash/etc. Assistance** (Ph# 800-536-5298)

A website for Coloradoans to apply for Medicaid, food assistance (SNAP), child care assistance (CCAP), and other public assistance programs. <https://coloradopeak.secure.force.com/>

### **Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program** (Ph# 303-692-2400)

A Colorado program to support women, infants, and children to receive adequate nutrition, and also breastfeeding support.  
<https://www.coloradowic.gov/>

### **Colorado Crisis Services** (Ph#844-493-8255)

A free resource which can provide support with urgent or non-urgent behavioral health issues, including suicidal thoughts, substance abuse, family crises, relationship problems, and much more.  
<http://coloradocrisiservices.org/>



## Child Care Insurance Options

Assure 855-818-5437

[www.assurechildcare.com](http://www.assurechildcare.com)

Child Care Insurance Professionals

1-888-812-9992

Daycare Defender 1-800-410-6333

[www.dcdefender.com](http://www.dcdefender.com)

Markel 1-888-515-8537

[www.markelchildcare.com](http://www.markelchildcare.com)

New England Insurance Services, Inc

1-888-845-8288

[www.neisinc.com](http://www.neisinc.com)

### American Family Insurance

Aaron Turner Agency, Inc 720-941-5833

### Farmers Insurance

Doug Draper 303-985-8800

Michelle Yardeny 720-499-0021

Mike Boling 303-979-0315

### State Farm Insurance

Dave West 303-790-4333

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## County Associations

### Adams County ~

<http://www.childcareinadamsco.org/>

Arapahoe County ~ <http://www.acfcca.org>

### Broomfield County

Boulder County ~ <http://www.bcfcca.org/>

### A Caregiver Network ~

<http://www.caregivernetwork.org>

### Colorado Association of Family Child Care

<http://www.coloradochildcare.com>

Denver County ~ <http://www.dafcc.com/>

### Douglas County ~

<http://www.douglascountychildcare.com/>

### Northeast Denver Child Care Network ~

<http://ndccn.org/>

### Licensed Family Child Care Association

(Larimer, Weld, Boulder counties)

<https://licensedfamilychildcareassociation.com/about-us/>

### Pikes Peak Region Family Child Care Assoc

<https://cosfamilychildcare.com/>

### Weld County Family Child Care Association ~

<https://www.facebook.com/Weld-County-Family-Child-Care-Association-181887175233058/>

## CAFCC Colorado Association Of Family Child Care

**CAFCC is the professional voice of Colorado's 4000 licensed child care providers. Since 1972 CAFCC has promoted:**

- \* The positive professional image of Family Child Care according to current Colorado rules and regulations.
- \* The promotion of positive working relationships with the child care community at local, state and national levels.
- \* The education of the community about the benefits of family child care.

### MEMBERSHIP

Only through membership can the voice of one be heard by many! Dues are \$40.00 per year.

Join the state association today by contacting:  
The CAFCC President, Amber Bilby, 303-921-1277

### MEETINGS AT:

***In person meetings currently suspended  
Meetings are being held via Zoom***

Bear Valley Church

1001 West Jewell Avenue—Room 202

Lakewood, CO

9:00 am –12:00 pm; Pot Luck, Bring a Dish.

### CAFCC Calendar of Events

April 24, May 22, June 26

Trainings from 9-11

Board meeting from 11-1

**Please check the CAFCC website for additional meeting information and dates.**

### CAFCC BOARD

President—Amber Bilby

Vice President—Stacey Buzbee

Secretary—Rosemarie McFate-Regan

Treasurer—open

## CHECK OUT OUR NEW RE-DESIGNED WEBSITE:

<https://coloradochildcare.com/>

## Training

For a list of the most current training requirements by child care licensing, go to JCCCA's website [jeffcochildcare.org](http://jeffcochildcare.org) or the Colorado's Office of Early Childhood's [website](http://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com).

### A Caregiver Network ~

<http://caregivernetwork.org/training/>  
Pre-Licensing, Standard Precautions

**Advanced Care** ~ 303-384-3696

### Child Care Education Institute ~

<https://www.cceionline.com/catalog/>

### Child Care Innovations ~ 303-914-6307

<http://www.cciproviderpost.org/>

### Child Care Training ~

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

### Care Courses ~ 1-800-685-7610

[www.carecourses.com](http://www.carecourses.com)

### Childcare Educational Opportunities ~

Judy 303- 886-8077

CPR, First Aid, Standard Precautions,  
Medication Class and Correspondence  
Courses.

### Early Childhood Investigations Webinars ~

<https://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/>

### Pro Solutions Training ~

<https://www.prosolutionstraining.com/content/?id=61/Colorado/>

### Red Rocks Community College ~ [www.rrcc.edu](http://www.rrcc.edu)

### Smart Horizons ~ 1-800-261-6248

<http://www.smarthorizons.org/naccrra/rrcc/>

### Wildwood Resources, Inc. ~ 303-730-0460

[www.wildwoodonline.org](http://www.wildwoodonline.org)

Standard Precautions Training and  
Continuing Education Correspondence  
Courses.

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*It is each individual's responsibility to confirm  
the training is accepted by licensing and fulfills  
the needed requirement.*



*\*\*Updated March 2021\*\**

## First Aid, CPR & Medication Training Courses

To find a full list of Division of Early Care and Learning  
approved training vendors for First Aid and CPR;  
Medication Administration; and Standard Precautions visit  
[www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com](http://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com)

### A Caregiver Network ~ 303-916-2530

[www.caregivernetwork.org](http://www.caregivernetwork.org)

### Advanced Care ~ 303-384-3696

### Child Care Innovations ~ 303-914-6307

<http://www.cciproviderpost.org/>

### Childcare Education Opportunities ~

303-886-8077

### The Child Health Connection ~

303-431-2446

### Colorado CPR Pros ~ 720-605-0605

<https://coloradocprpros.com/>

### Front Range CPR LLC ~ 720-524-6447

[www.frcpr.com](http://www.frcpr.com)

### Heart Smart ~ 303-456-8543

<https://coheartsmart.com/>

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## CHILD CARE INNOVATIONS

Developing Creative Solutions for Meeting  
the Complex Needs of Young Children  
And Their Caregivers.

Red Rocks Community College

13300 W. 6th Ave.

Campus Box 22B

Lakewood, CO 80228-1255

Child Care Referrals 1-877-338-CARE

Provider Updates 303-969-9666

\*Assistance in developing marketing and business  
plans for your child care business.

\*Information regarding resources for start-up.

\*Mentor support

\*Seminars and Workshops that carry college credit  
and offer timely information for today's child care  
professional.

\*Free referrals for you child care business.

\*Staffed by experts in the business of caring for  
children.

**Provider Support Line**

**303-914-6584**



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## **METRO REFERRAL NUMBERS**

### **Child Care Associations**

JCCCA	jeffcochildcare.org
Child Care Referrals ~	1-877-338-CARE
Adams County ~	720-883-6777
Arapahoe County ~	303-246-5146
Caregiver Network (Arapahoe)	720-767-1862
Boulder ~	www.bcfcca.org
Broomfield ~	303-460-9490
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North-East Denver	303-981-4079
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Acres Green, Centennial	303-791-3386
Parker, Elizabeth	303-805-0824
Weld County ~ Cindy Ververs	970-302-0703

*\*\*Information updated January 2020*

## CHILD CARE INNOVATIONS

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inspections may be completed by other child care  
licensing specialists as assigned.*

## OTHER RESOURCES

Div of Early Care & Learning — 303-866-5948  
Director — 303 866-5943  
Advisory Committee on Licensing 303-866-5110  
Child Care Complaint Line — 303-866-5958  
Jeff. County Public Health — 303-232-6301  
JeffCo Immunization Info — 303-232-6301  
CAFCC Amber Bilby — 303-403-4262  
COAEYC Office — 970-633-2294  
CO Children's Campaign — 303-839-1580  
Kid's Nutrition — 303-987-4852  
Wildwood Resources — 303-730-0460  
24 Hrs. Child Protection Hot Line -303-271-4131  
Colorado Shines Child Care Referral  
@ Mile High United Way —211  
Children's Hospital Colorado  
Parent Smart Hotline —720-777-0123  
Poison Control — 1-800-222-1222  
Jefferson Center for Mental Health  
Early Childhood Consultant Warmline- 303-432-5455  
Early Intervention Colorado — 1-888-777-4041  
Colorado Child Abuse & 1-844-264-5437  
Neglect Hotline —844-CO4-KIDS

### Trusted Sites for COVID-19 Information

(click to be taken to the site)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) – updated information on the COVID-19 outbreak, guidance and resources  
[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) – latest up to date information on COVID-19 and resources  
[CDC Guidance for Schools and Child Care](#)  
[Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment \(CDPHE\)](#) – up to date information on COVID-19 in Colorado  
[Safer at Home: Child Care Facilities](#) – current guidance from CDPHE  
[CDPHE resources for schools, workplace & community](#) - Includes guidance documents and closure guidance for child care programs.  
[How Sick Is Too Sick?](#) –When children should stay at home from child care or school. A guide from CDPHE.  
[Cases & Outbreaks in Child Cares/Schools](#) –guidance from CDPHE  
[Jefferson County Public Health \(JCPH\)](#) – Information regarding COVID-19 in Jefferson County and resources  
[Colorado Office of Early Childhood](#) – Updated information for Colorado child care programs  
[Resource Guide for Child Care Providers during COVID-19](#) –guide from the Office of Early Childhood  
[Colorado Child Care Emergency Collaborative](#) – find information on child care services during this public health emergency including ways you can participate in providing child care services to essential personnel  
[JCCCA's Facebook page](#) – another area resources and updated information will be posted for members and families  
[Healthy Child Care Colorado](#) - **temporary guidance** has been developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes guidance required by Colorado licensing rules, COVID-19 Colorado public health and executive orders and national, state, and local recommendations for best practices during this public health crisis.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE!**  
**www.jeffcochildcare.org**



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**The ABC's of Safe Sleep**

**Alone**  
-not with other people, blankets, or toys

**On their Back**  
-not on side or stomach

**In a Crib**  
-not in adult bed, couch, swing, or car seat



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