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Celebrating Colorado Shines 2021 Successes

Level 3

Gateway Montessori
School
Longmont

Jacqueline Copley
Longmont

Take A Break
Lafayette

Level 4

Jump Start ELC and
Quality Child Care
Longmont

Sunset Academy
Longmont

YMCA
Longmont

Level 5

Kerry Stewart
Superior

The Cottage School
Longmont

Victoria Funk
Superior

Wildflower
Lafayette

A Message from your Support Team

“Open the window - Change brings an end to one era, but ushers in the possibilities for something new. Look for the new opportunities that arise. Anticipate what lessons might be learned, what paths might unfold as a result of this change. Learn and grow with curiosity as you open the window to the new.” – Ashley Davis Bush. *Get Good at Change: Life Lesson 101*. [View full article here](#).

Since the numerous changes started in March 2020 with Covid, many programs have expressed their struggles with staff loss. We here at ECCBC have experienced staff turnover this summer as well. In July and August, our Quality Team lost two key members. As we look to the future, we want to express gratitude to those two individuals who contributed in so many ways to our team, our office, and our community.

As the quote above states, “change brings an end to one era, but ushers in the possibilities for something new....” We are excited to welcome new faces to our ECCBC team – Erica, Rick, and Amy. Each one brings immense knowledge and experience to their new roles to help fulfill the developing needs of our community.

We also look to the future with anticipation as we continue to look for the right fit for two positions - a Bilingual Early Childhood Coach and a Quality Improvement Manager. The picture of a window opening provides us with hope and excitement that, as more new faces come on board, ECCBC will continue “to learn and grow with curiosity as we open the window to the new.”

- Your Boulder County Quality Support Team

Quality Opportunities

Support for new rating framework and transition to ERS 3rd Edition, launching January 2022.

QRIS Refresh Information Sessions with Clayton Early Learning

Learn more about the process of the refresh, new indicators, revised scoring system, and more!

- **Free Centers Session**
Saturday, November 6, 2021
10:00AM - 11:30AM
- **Free Family Home Providers Session**
Monday, November 8, 2021
1:00PM - 2:30PM

ERS 3 Free Part Day Trainings with Clayton Early Learning

- **ITERS 3** - Thursday, October 14, 2021
9:00AM - 12:00PM
- **ITERS 3** - Wednesday, November 3, 2021
1:00PM - 4:00PM
- **FCCERS 3** - Tuesday, November 9, 2021
5:00PM - 8:00PM
- **ECERS 3** - Wednesday, December 1, 2021
1:00PM - 4:00PM

Materials Corner: Supporting Positive Relationships

Preschool 3+ years

Materials: Kindness & Compassion Library, Let's Talk! Puppets, Dress-Up Clothes

Tips: provide opportunities for small group play, stop and go games for impulse control practice.

ELDG indicator: *Social & Emotional Development 1. Relationships with Adults and Peers.:* The developing ability to respond to and engage with adults.

Infants/Toddlers birth-3 years

Materials: photo displays, scarves or blankets, baby dolls and pretend play, books about friendships and families, puppets **Tips:** Turn taking games - such as peek-a-boo, copy-cat like mirroring sounds and expressions, rolling a ball back and forth; Model with pretend play of familiar activities; Provide support with labeling, naming people, identifying emotions and behaviors.

ELDG indicator: *Emotional Development 2. Identity of Self in Relation to Others:* The developing concept that the child is an individual operating with social relationships.



Download the ELDG for free to see development examples and suggested supports for your children!

The Expressive Art of Caring-Masks can't hide emotional intelligence and our drive to connect

An excerpt from an article from Community Playthings by By Carol Garboden Murray.

Last summer after stay at home orders were lifted, I returned to my usual routine of Saturday morning grocery shopping. Putting on a mask for the first time, I felt grief and disbelief as I walked towards the store. It was so strange to muzzle my mouth and my smile. Then a surprising thing happened. As I stepped up to the check-out line I saw my favorite checker, David, whom I hadn't seen in months. In all my years of shopping at Hannaford's, we had never talked beyond shallow pleasantries, but now we found ourselves chatting like old friends. The masks didn't shield our interaction, rather it forced us to connect with conversation, and by what felt like our hearts, in the joy of seeing one

another. While my groceries rolled by me on the conveyor belt, I learned that David has five siblings and a big family of nieces and nephews, he is saving money to buy a new laptop, and he is planning to go back to college next year to study design. As I pushed my cart through the parking lot, I pulled my mask down for a breath of fresh air and instantly knew I would be okay. I felt connected. I knew we would find a way to teach and care even with masks on.

“ When we care for young children we go beyond what is seen and heard. ”

[Click here](#) for the full article.

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