

# Professional Development Training Calendar March 2023



PLEASE POST FOR STAFF AND PARENTS

Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11

## Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference

The Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference is the region's leading professional development conference focused on promoting and advancing the field of early childhood education. This two-day conference delivers more than 100 workshops and presentations, top-notch keynote speakers, and 10 professional development tracks.

For Information/Registration: Visit [Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference - Denver's Early Childhood Council \(denverearlychildhood.org\)](https://denverearlychildhood.org)

Enter your Chance to Win a Free One Day (Friday or Saturday) Registration to The Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference from ECCBC!

Email Ashley Harris at [aharris@eccbouldercounty.org](mailto:aharris@eccbouldercounty.org)

Deadline: Tuesday, March 7th at 5:00pm  
\*must be working in ECC in Boulder County

Winner's name will be drawn on March 8, 2023

## ECCBC-Sponsored Trainings

Interested in becoming a Licensed Family  
Childcare Provider?

### Spring 2023 Orientation to Family Child Care

Let us help you get started on the right foot to open your in-home child care business! We'll cover training requirements, the application process, business practices, and more.

Please register for **one** of the following sessions:

**English:** Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11  
**Spanish:** Mar. 23, Apr. 27, May 25

**Trainer:** Elena Bacmeister  
**Time:** 6:30 pm–8:00 pm  
**Where:** Virtual via ZOOM  
**Cost:** FREE

**To register:** Visit <https://eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/family-child-care-licensing>

**For questions:** Call or text Elena at 720-212-9762

## Professional Meetings

Wednesday, March 1

### Early Childhood Council of Boulder County (ECCBC)

#### Professional Development Committee

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month from 10:00 am –11:00 am via zoom.

Everyone is Welcome.

**For more information or to RSVP:**  
Contact Amy Carlough at  
[acarlough@eccbouldercounty.org](mailto:acarlough@eccbouldercounty.org)



### 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://coloradoshinespdis.com>

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 3.0 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](mailto:nmalone@eccbouldercounty.org).

### Professional Development Trainings Available Online on PDIS

Make sure to check the PDIS Course Catalog frequently for recent updates of new training opportunities!

**ECCBC Recommends:**

**Guidance with Attachment and  
Temperament in Mind (1 hr)**

To Register, log into your PDIS account at:

<http://coloradoshinespdis.com>

# Community Trainings

**Monday, March 13**

## Child Health Promotion Training Snacks

Join us once a month for a Child Health Promotion Training Snack! Get a quick refresher on Healthy Eating, Active Living, and Farm to ECE in an easily digestible one-hour virtual training.

**Trainer/Presenter:** Child Health Promotion Staff

**Time:** 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

**Where:** Virtual

**Cost:** Free

**Training credit:** 1 hr.; Health, Safety, and Nutrition

**For Information/Registration:** Contact Jane Wilkinson at [jawilkinson@bouldercounty.org](mailto:jawilkinson@bouldercounty.org) if you do not already receive links via email.



**Tuesday, March 21**

## Jump, Run, Dig: Embracing Physical Activity in Nature

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.

**Trainer/Presenter:** Early Childhood Health Outdoors (ECHO)

**Time:** 6:00 pm–7:30 pm

**Where:** Virtual

**Cost:** Free

**Training credit:** 1.5 hrs.

**To register:** Visit <https://ezregister.com/>

**Saturday, March 25**

## Healthy Smiles Summit

Join Healthy Childcare Colorado for their online Healthy Smiles Summit. Attendees will learn simple and fun ways to engage children and families in conversation, songs, books and learning center activities that promote healthy habits. The Summit will be focused on learning how to plan and implement policies and practices related to the 5 Basics of Oral Health.

**Time:** 9:30 am–4:00 pm

**Where:** Virtual

**Trainer:** Healthy Childcare Colorado

**Cost:** Free

**Training Credit:** 5.5 hrs., Health, Safety and Nutrition

**To register:** Visit [Healthy Smiles Summit \(Virtual\) Tickets, Sat, Mar 25, 2023 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

**Saturday, April 22**

## BCFCCA Informational Fair: Earth Day- A Day for Growth

A Resource Fair for providers to meet each other, socialize, and learn about local resources.

**Presenters:** Boulder County Family Child Care Association (BCFCCA)

**Time:** 9:00 am–1:00 pm

**Where:** Central Longmont Presbyterian Church 402 Kimbark St. Longmont, CO 80501

**Cost:** Free

**For information/registration:** Visit [Boulder County Family Child Care Association - HOME \(bcfccca.org\)](#)

Registration link can be found under the “trainings” tab.

Lots of great prizes, tons of information for your program, and food provided, all in a relaxed setting so you can visit with fellow providers. Learn about organizations such as Kid Connects, CCAP, ABCD Partnership, Boulder County Public Health and more!

## Get your Early Childhood Teacher (ECT) or Director’s Certificate Paid for at FRCC!

FRCC is offering tuition reimbursement and stipends for ECE students for the Spring 2023 semester.

For more information, contact Leah Morley at [leah.morley@frontrange.edu](mailto:leah.morley@frontrange.edu)

## 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.

**FRCC ECE Advisor:**

Leah Morley, ECE Lead

[leah.morley@frontrange.edu](mailto:leah.morley@frontrange.edu)

## Early Childhood Coach Credential Scholarship

Are you ready to take the next step in your early childhood career journey and earn your Colorado Coach Credential?

In partnership with the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC), the Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance (ECCLA) is excited to offer a scholarship opportunity for early childhood professionals seeking an Early Childhood Coach Credential.

To learn more about this scholarship, apply, or learn more about coaching, visit:

[Early Childhood Coach Credential Scholarship - Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance \(ECCLA\) \(ecclacolorado.org\)](#)

# Health & Safety Trainings

**Tuesday, March 14**

## Medication Administration Part 2 for Child Care Providers

**Trainer:** Rebecca Hendricks, RN  
**Time:** 6:00 pm–7:00 pm  
**Where:** Zoom  
**Cost:** \$55

**Training credit:** 4 hours for both Med Admin Parts 1 and 2 combined

**Preregistration required:** Visit [www.healthystartcchc.com](http://www.healthystartcchc.com)

**For information/registration:** Part 1 on PDIS Contact Kim Strenge at [healthystartcchc@gmail.com](mailto:healthystartcchc@gmail.com) with questions.

\*This training is for home child care providers or existing Healthy Start CCHC clients only

## Emergency Preparedness for Child Care

*Emergency and Disaster Preparedness for Child Care Providers* is now available in English and Spanish on the [Colorado Shines PDIS](#). The course focuses on emergencies that are more likely to occur in Colorado, such as wildfires and tornadoes and also provides information and links to Colorado-specific resources that will be helpful before and after an emergency. This 1.5-hour course meets the one-time licensing requirements for emergency and disaster preparedness training.

### Emergency Preparedness for Child Care

Create your program's plan using the Boulder County Public Health Child Health Promotion template: <https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/child-care-emergency-plan.pdf>.

**For questions:** Contact Jane Wilkinson at [jawilkinson@bouldercounty.org](mailto:jawilkinson@bouldercounty.org)

# Health Department

## Reporting Requirements for Directors

Directors are required reporters for some infectious diseases. **If the illness is on the “[Communicable Reportable Conditions](#)” list AND is required to be reported immediately or within 24 hours**, then contact the 24/7 BCPH Communicable Disease Hotline at 303-413-7523.

If not immediately reportable, email [HealthECE@bouldercounty.org](mailto:HealthECE@bouldercounty.org)

### Here are additional Health Resources:

- Call your Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC)
- [Infectious Diseases in Childcare and School Settings Manual](#). This manual will provide disinfection and sanitation guidelines and exclusion criteria for each specific illness.

• [How Sick is Too Sick](#)

• [How Sick is Too Sick \(Spanish\)](#)

• [Boulder County Public Health: Covid Information](#)

• [Guidance for Non-Covid-19 Viral Respiratory Illnesses in Schools and Childcare](#)

• Email Health ECE inbox for navigating health in your program: [HealthECE@bouldercounty.org](mailto:HealthECE@bouldercounty.org)

## ECE Partner Meetings with Boulder County Public Health

Boulder County Public Health's Child Health Promotion team will provide the most current public health information as it relates to COVID-19 and early child care settings. These virtual meetings for directors and family child care providers are held quarterly on the second Monday of the month from noon to 1:00 pm.

Contact Jane Wilkinson at [jawilkinson@bouldercounty.org](mailto:jawilkinson@bouldercounty.org) if you do not already receive links via email.

## Free Virtual Training for Your Staff with The Boulder County ABCD Partnership!

Our goal is to assure all children in Boulder County are ready for kindergarten by identifying concerns early and helping families connect to the resources they need. Participants will learn:

- Support strategies for how to share developmental concerns with families
- How to connect families to local developmental and evaluation resources

**Trainer:** Boulder County ABCD (Assuring Better Child Health and Development) Partnership  
**Time:** Scheduled to meet the needs of your program

**Where:** Online via zoom

**Cost:** FREE

**Training credit:** 1 hr., Child Growth and Development

**To register:** Contact Natasha Stewart, RN, at [nstewart@bouldercounty.org](mailto:nstewart@bouldercounty.org) or 303-579-5343.

## 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/>





## CCR&R at the Council

### Boulder County CCAP Provider Training

#### Do you or your staff need CCAP training?

Join Boulder County CCAP staff to review general information about CCAP, frequently asked questions about eligibility and billing, and get to know the staff! Email [jsherman@bouldercounty.org](mailto:jsherman@bouldercounty.org) to be added to the next virtual training or to schedule a time that works for you. Trainings are one hour long.

**Information for parents and providers**, links to community resources, FAQs, and the CCAP Application in English and Spanish are available on the CCAP website at [www.bouldercountychildcare.org](http://www.bouldercountychildcare.org).

For CCAP provider billing or fiscal agreement questions, please contact [ccapbilling@bouldercounty.org](mailto:ccapbilling@bouldercounty.org)

For other CCAP provider questions, please contact [jsherman@bouldercounty.org](mailto:jsherman@bouldercounty.org)

Families who need assistance with CCAP may contact the Boulder County CCAP team at [ccap@bouldercounty.org](mailto:ccap@bouldercounty.org)

#### Both Providers and Families

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

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



### For Providers

**Referrals:** Report openings to the Colorado Shines Child Care Referral at the Mile High United Way statewide call center:

- 877-338-CARE (2273) or
- email [childcarereferrals@unitedwaydenver.org](mailto:childcarereferrals@unitedwaydenver.org).

**Enhanced Referrals:** Since Covid-19, ECCBC is providing enhanced referrals to local families and providers. Report your openings to us directly via the link below, and we will also update your information in the Colorado Shines system for you.

- call 720-548-3982 or
- email [crr@eccbouldercounty.org](mailto:crr@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 follow these steps:

- call Colorado Shines Child Care Referral at Mile High United Way 877-338-CARE (2273) or
- email [childcarereferrals@unitedwaydenver.org](mailto:childcarereferrals@unitedwaydenver.org) or
- text ChildCareReferral to 898-211 or
- conduct online searches for child care at [www.coloradoshines.com](http://www.coloradoshines.com).

**Enhanced Referrals:** Since COVID-19, ECCBC is providing enhanced referral services for families in Boulder County.

- complete an intake form on our website at <https://eccbouldercounty.org/for-families/> or
- call 720-548-3982 or
- email [crr@eccbouldercounty.org](mailto:crr@eccbouldercounty.org).

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

**Questions?** Contact Annette Crawford at 720-548-3982 or [acrawford@eccbouldercounty.org](mailto:acrawford@eccbouldercounty.org).

### Items Translated Into Spanish

- ◆ Child Care Resource Packet Materials
- ◆ Rules Regulating Family Child Care
- ◆ General Rules
- ◆ Special Activity Rules
- ◆ Forms

#### Need forms for Spanish-speaking families?

Many forms are the same for both family child care homes and child care centers, and the Spanish translation is already done!

**For forms in Spanish:** Please visit <http://www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/child-care-spanish/>.



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To locate the flyer, visit our website at [www.eccbouldercounty.org](http://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

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