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The Benefits of Child Care and Preschool in a Home-Based Setting

High-quality child care and preschool can take place in many locations, not just a center or school.

Family child care homes operate from the provider's home and offer child care and preschool programs in a small-group setting. Many families choose to have their child in home-based programs until their child enters kindergarten.

DID YOU KNOW? Many home-based providers participate in Colorado Universal Preschool (UPK)!

Benefits of home-based settings include:

Small Group Sizes

Family child care home providers usually care for 4 to 8 children at a time allowing the provider to spend more time with each child. A licensed large home can serve up to 12 children with two providers.

Calmer, Comfortable Environment

Family child care homes provide a warm and welcoming environment that is often calmer than child care centers due to smaller group sizes. This can make the transition easier for the child.

Consistent Caregiver

In family child care homes, children are cared for by the same provider every day and build strong relationships, which supports healthy development.

Flexible Hours

Family child care homes may be able to offer families more flexible hours than traditional child care centers.

Mixed Age Groups

In families with multiple children, family child care homes allow for children to be cared for in the same setting as their siblings.

FIND A CHILD CARE OR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM Jefferson County Child Care Association (JCCCA) connects families with licensed home-based care and preschool providers. <https://www.jeffcochildcare.org/find-child-care>. Triad Bright Futures has more family resources and supports. <https://triadbrightfutures.org/>

Tell Your Story!

Did you or your family reach a major milestone this year thanks to an early childhood program? The Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) wants to hear about it! They are looking for:

- **A success story** about your child's learning or development (a specific moment or accomplishment).
- **A powerful testimonial** about a CDEC program, provider, or partner that made a real difference in your life or work.
- **An exciting accomplishment** from your program or organization that you are proud of.

Your story shows everyone the real-world impact of investing in early childhood.

How to Share:

Please send us your story by filling out [this quick form](#).

Thank you for being such an essential part of CDEC's mission. We look forward to celebrating these milestones with you!

Sincerely, The CDEC Communications Team

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