

THE OPEN DOOR

June / July 2026
Newsletter



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

JUNE - MEETING INFORMATION

Clements Community Center 1580 Yarrow St, Lakewood 80214

JULY - MEETING INFORMATION

NO MEETING

All non-members pay \$10 for a training certificate.



JUNE 24, 2026

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MEETING-COME CHECK US OUT! NO FEE FOR TRAINING CERTIFICATES FOR NON-MEMBERS

(in person - Clements Center)

Training: "Playing by the Rules | Colorado: A Guide to Rules, Regulations, and Rating Systems for Outdoor Learning Environments in Family Child Care Homes"

In this 1.5-hour training, the [Early Childhood Health Outdoors \(ECHO\)](#) initiative will review new changes made to the publication - [Playing by the Rules | Colorado](#). The intent of this guide is to encourage greater understanding of the regulatory framework for outdoor learning environments in four types of childcare facilities regulated by the state of Colorado—child care centers, family child care homes, neighborhood youth organizations, and school-age child care centers.

The guide is intended to help designers and child care professionals navigate six documents issued by the State of Colorado and certain other standards or rating systems that are incorporated into them. It is not intended as legal advice. The guide should be considered in conjunction with other existing health, safety, and accessibility measures, guidelines, and standards.

If you have specific design or licensing questions, please review this guide and consider attending this training. If you have any questions, please contact Abi Cano Perez (canopereza@nwf.org).

Presented by: ECHO, Abi Cano Perez: Education & Engagement Coordinator
1 ½ hours (HSN 1.1)

***Gateway Partnership for Early Childhood** ~ Intro. during business portion of meeting

6:30-6:45 pm potluck dinner and social time; business meeting & training starts at 6:45 pm

JULY

NO MEETING

JCCCA's "PURPOSE"

- To offer a support system.
- To enhance and to promote professionalism among child care providers.
- 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.

Jefferson County

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REFERRAL CORNER

Submitted by Leah Slife

This is a list of the calls referral providers have received from families looking for child care March and April 2026.

NORTH AREA	Under 18 months	Over 18 months	School Age	Total Calls
80002, 80003, 80033, 80212	2	0	0	2
80020, 80030, 80031, 80034, 80004, 80005, 80007, 80021	2	0	0	2
80403	0	0	0	0
CENTRAL AREA	Under 18 months	Over 18 months	School Age	Total Calls
80232, 80225, 80219	0	0	0	0
80226, 80214, 80215, 80204	1	0	0	1
80403, 80401, 80402, 80419	0	0	0	0
SOUTH AREA WEST / MOUNTAINS	Under 18 months	Over 18 months	School Age	Total Calls
80465	9	1	1	11
80127	9	1	0	10
80228	9	1	0	10
80227, 80235	2	1	1	4
80123, 80128	3	2	1	6
Mountain	1	0	0	1
NIGHTS & WEEKENDS	0	0	0	0

Treasurer's Report

Date: May 4th to May 3^{1st}, 2026

Submitted by Kim Roby



Beginning Balance	\$ 37,858.74
Income	\$ 200.00
Total	\$ 38,058.74
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Total Income/Expenses	\$ 38,058.74

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FUTURE JCCCA MEETINGS

AUGUST 26, 2026

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

OCTOBER 28, 2026

NOVEMBER 18, 2026 – ZOOM

DECEMBER – NO MEETING

JANUARY 27, 2027 - ZOOM

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

We are doing things a little different this year! In the past, our April/May newsletter has been our countywide "mailing" to go out to all licensed family child care home (FCCH) providers in Jefferson County. The board decided to move this mailing to the June/July newsletter since the last few years we have been offering our June meeting and training free to non-members as an opportunity to come and sample what JCCCA is about.

We hope you will join us on Wednesday, June 24th at the Clements Community Center in Lakewood at 6:00 pm for our training "Playing by the Rules | Colorado: A Guide to Rules, Regulations, and Rating Systems for Outdoor Learning Environments in Family Child Care Homes". In this 1.5-hour training, the [Early Childhood Health Outdoors \(ECHO\)](#) initiative will review new changes made to the publication - [Playing by the Rules | Colorado](#). The intent of this guide is to encourage greater understanding of the regulatory framework for outdoor learning environments in child care facilities regulated by the state of Colorado including family child care homes. This is a BRAND-NEW training!!

We would LOVE to have you join our community. It doesn't matter if you only make it to one meeting a year or all of them. You don't need to volunteer regularly to be a valued member, we understand that life is busy and encourage all our members to put family first.

The JCCCA new member fee is \$50 and your [membership](#) is valid through June 30, 2027. Membership renewals are only \$35 a year. If finances are tight, we do have scholarships available for membership. Just send us an email to request one! If you are a newly licensed program, we offer a [free membership](#) if you join within 6 months of obtaining a first-time family child care home license.

[Membership benefits](#) include access to free training at all our monthly meetings to help fulfill your required 15 hours of professional development, referrals to keep your business full, a website listing to advertise your business, bi-monthly newsletters, emails to keep you informed of events, a parent newsletter to share with your families, and mentoring, support and connection with other like-minded professionals. We are here to help hold you up when times get tough and offer advice when needed. We want to see you and your business succeed. We want all the children in your care to grow and bloom into something beautiful and amazing.

June 30th is the end of another fiscal year and when current expiring memberships are due for renewal. We hope that you will continue to join with us and grow as professionals. Over the years, there has been a dramatic change in the way we connect with each other. It seems more and more things are at a distance and digitally, and while can be very helpful, we know that as humans, we NEED contact and connection with each other to grow strong and healthy. Join us on June 24th at the Clements Center and bring someone new (or who hasn't been to a meeting in a long time). See you soon!

NEVER STOP LEARNING!

Carrie, JCCCA President



Editor's Corner

We are thrilled to present the latest edition of “The Open Door” Newsletter! This publication is designed to keep you informed, inspired, and connected with the ever-evolving world of child care.

Each month, we will bring you valuable updates on industry trends, legislative news, professional development opportunities, and resources to support your essential work with children and families. You will also find spotlights on member achievements, upcoming events, practical tips to enhance your programs and practices and to support your families you serve.

Together, we are building stronger communities and brighter futures for children everywhere.

Thank you for your dedication and passion.

As always, I am still all ears! “The Open Door” is your newsletter and I would love to hear what you would like more information on. What do you find interesting? What would you like more help with? What areas are of interest to you? What would you like to see more of? Let me know what you want to see, I am here to listen.

Please click on this link and take this survey so I can learn more about you. I want to make this newsletter for you:

<https://forms.gle/MKL1D9V9FL5o3Ppn6>

SMILE BIG and LAUGH OFTEN

Sarah Hewitt

JCCCA Newsletter Editor





Letters of Intent

Carrie Kennedy – President

I accept the nomination for Jefferson County Child Care Association president. After serving as JCCCA president for the last six years, it would be my honor to continue to advocate on the behalf of and represent licensed family child care home providers and members of JCCCA. I feel I've learned a lot over the last few years not only as the president of JCCCA, but also as a small business owner. Some of these lessons include finding my "voice" and confidence when explaining and advocating for FCCH businesses, mentoring other providers, building my marketing skills for JCCCA and FCCHs, and representing all the amazing members of JCCCA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carrie Kennedy

Diane Gonda – Second Vice President

It would be my honor to serve on the Board as Second Vice President. I have served as Second Vice President for the last 4 years and, have enjoyed being a part of that process. I have been a member of JCCCA since 1994. I currently serve as ZIP code referral coordinator and really enjoy contacting my girls once a month for updates and getting to know them as well. I will uphold the duties of the chair to the best of my abilities. Thank you for your consideration for this position.

Diane Gonda

Kimberly Roby – Treasurer

I, Kimberly Roby, have been the treasurer for the last eighteen years and I have really enjoyed being on the board of Jefferson County Child Care Association. I think being the treasure I have done a good job and have been a good asset to this position. So, I have been nominated as the treasurer which I do accept the part of treasurer for Jefferson County Child Care Association.

Thank You,
Kimberly Roby



Election Ballot open from June 9-24, 2026

Closes at 3:00 pm on June 24, 2026

Paper ballots will be available at the June 24, 2026, meeting for those who were unable to vote electronically.

Election results will be announced at the June 24 JCCCA meeting.

Electronic Ballot

Will be emailed to all voting members

JCCCA MEMBERSHIPS

VOTING MEMBERSHIP

**\$50 NEW MEMBERSHIP
\$35/YEAR RENEWAL**

Voting membership is available to all persons holding a valid family child care license from the State of Colorado, are applicant 2 on a large family child care home (LFCCH), or employed as an equally qualified provider in a LFCCH or infant/toddler family child care home, upon payment of annual fees.

ADVOCATE MEMBERSHIP

\$40/YEAR

An advocate membership is available to any individual or organization that is an advocate of licensed family child care, an advocate for children in general and is interested in supporting the Association and its membership, upon application and payment of the annual fees. Advocate memberships will be reviewed by the Board of Directors upon application and may be approved or disallowed as provided for in Article IV, Section 4, Subsection C, or for failure to follow the Association by-laws. Advocate membership applications will be reviewed annually by the newly elected and appointed Board of Directors at the beginning of each new fiscal year.



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September Association Meeting

Sept 23, 2026

First Aid & CPR Training

**SAVE
the
DATE**

**FREE for
Members ONLY**
Limited to 24 participants

**Watch for More
Information & Sign-up**

What Training Offer?

- ✓ First Aid Training
- ✓ CPR & AED Training
- ✓ State License - Requirement





The Greater Arvada Chamber has two **free** events coming up in June for child care providers to connect and discuss substitute staffing solutions that work for providers and families. ***Wine, beer, non-alcoholic beverages, and charcuterie will be provided!***

Home-Based Provider Discussion- [Register Here](#)

Speaker: Carrie Kennedy, Home-Based Child Care Provider, President of JCCCA

Thursday, June 18 6-7pm at the Greater Arvada Chamber of Commerce, 7502 W 80th Ave Ste 180, Arvada, CO 80003

Center-Based Provider Discussion- [Register Here](#)

Speaker: RB Fast, Founder & Director, Westwood Academy

Monday, June 22nd 6-7pm at the Greater Arvada Chamber of Commerce, 7502 W 80th Ave Ste 180, Arvada, CO 80003

Want to learn about some of the substitute staffing solutions in the area? [Listen to the 35-minute discussion](#) we had with three organizations.

Contact Jess@arvadachamber.org with questions



RECALLS

Click [HERE](#) to access the recall list.



Triad Bright Futures is the Local Coordinating Organization (LCO) for Jefferson, Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties. LCOs support providers and families to participate in and enroll with the Colorado Universal Preschool (UPK) program. Triad Bright Futures also supports implementation of [the Bright Futures Roadmap](#), a community-wide strategy to support the health and well-being of the youngest children and families in Jefferson, Gilpin and Clear Creek counties. If you are interested in learning more about or getting involved with the Bright Futures Roadmap collaboration, reach out to Jennifer Anton at jennifer@triadbrightfutures.org.

Sign-up [at the bottom of the page](#) to receive information from Triad Bright Futures. Follow them on [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

UPK Provider Support Sessions Once a Month

Triad Bright Futures offers Provider Office Hours and Support once/month on Wednesdays **1-2PM** to answer your UPK questions and bring you important information. All providers in Jefferson, Gilpin and Clear Creek counties are invited. Use this [Zoom link](#) and be sure to check our [Weekly Updates page](#) for dates and details.

Wellness Resources and Support for Providers – Are you Feeling Stressed or Overwhelmed? – [Click here](#)

to get more resources for support.

Website [click here](#)

Materials to Promote UPK Program [Click here](#)

- **Job Role** Colorado Universal Preschool requested PDIS profiles are connected to your program's QRIS/Colorado Shines profile. Part of this is adding PDIS employment "job roles" to include "UPK Lead Teacher" using [this guide for assistance](#).
- **Memo: [Rate Increase For Colorado Universal Preschool Providers](#)** 2026-27 [rate](#) by council area
- **[Overview of UPK Preschool Service Standards slide deck](#)** from the 4-28-26 UPK Office Hours.
- **[Office Hour Slides and Recordings](#)** Review this if you missed the office hours
- **[Universal Preschool Curricula List](#)** All curricula on [this list](#) have gone through an initial review and been cleared for use in the 2026-2027 program year.
- **[Submission Guide: UPK Resource Bank](#)** Providers submitting a locally developed curriculum must complete the submission form to demonstrate how the designed curriculum meets all minimum requirements. If a provider has submitted all required reporting and submitted their curriculum for review, they may continue utilizing the submitted curriculum until further action is directed by CDEC.
- **[Universal Preschool Quality Service Standards Resources](#)** Find links to several helpful documents
- **[Professional Development Tracking Template](#)** Use to track required professional development for UPK teachers. Please note that FCCH programs do not need to complete the "instructional supervisor" professional development.
- **Updates to the guidebook** can be found [here](#).
- **[Resource Bank](#)** A collection of tools, templates, guidance, and information designed to help Colorado's Universal Preschool programs and educators align their practices with official Universal Preschool rules. The Resource Bank has examples of current resources include checklists, example policies, lists of pre-approved curricula, and more.
- **[Universal Preschool Quality Service Standards Question Form](#)** Please submit any remaining questions that are not specific to your program after reviewing the guidebook. For questions specific to your program, please submit a ticket to the Universal Preschool Program Help Desk using this [Help Desk Form](#) or call 303-866-5223.
- **[Amended Universal Preschool Provider Agreement](#)** has been redesigned to reduce your administrative burden, align with your program year calendars, and provide long-term financial stability.
- Providers were emailed a link to complete the Annual UPK Service Standards Report, due June 15, 2026. Every business with a UPK agreement is required to submit a report.



Moving Forward Together: A Bright New Chapter for Our Early Childhood Community

Triad Bright Futures is excited to share an important milestone in the future of early childhood support across our region.

As shared last week Jefferson County Public Health will host our region's new Early Childhood Council, serving Jefferson, Gilpin, and Clear Creek counties. This new council, the Gateway Partnership for Early Childhood, will officially launch on July 1, 2026.

To support the long-term sustainability of the Bright Futures Roadmap and strengthen local Universal Preschool (UPK) support for providers and families, Triad Bright Futures will join forces with the Gateway Partnership for Early Childhood this summer. This transition is an exciting opportunity to deepen collaboration and continue building a responsive, connected early childhood system.

Under JCPH and the Gateway Partnership for Early Childhood, the core of Triad Bright Futures' work — advancing the Bright Futures Roadmap and supporting UPK — will not only continue, but gain new capacity to serve children, families, and providers across our region. Our team will work closely with JCPH, as well as community partners, providers, and families, to ensure a smooth and coordinated transition.

As part of this evolution, the Triad Bright Futures name and brand will be sunsetted. While the organization itself will wind down, the relationships, strategies, and resources built through Triad Bright Futures, including in the mountain communities and on our website, will live on through the Gateway Partnership. This transition ensures that the work you've helped build continues to grow and support the early childhood community well into the future.

All Triad Bright Futures programs and services, including our UPK help desk, will continue operating as usual through June 30, 2026. We will share frequent updates through our newsletter and social media channels as the transition progresses.

As we take this next step, we are grateful for the collaboration, leadership, and commitment each of our partners has brought to this work. Together, we have strengthened the foundation of the Bright Futures Roadmap's four cornerstones. Now, we look forward to carrying that momentum into the Gateway Partnership for Early Childhood.

For ongoing updates throughout the Council transition, please continue to reference **[this webpage](#)**. If you have specific questions about Triad Bright Futures, please reach out to Jennifer Anton at **jennifer@triadbrightfutures.org**.



Center for Innovative Design and Engineering (CIDE)

Adapt to Impact

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Earn PDIS Credit and Support Inclusive Learning with Adapt to Impact!



Adapt to Impact is here to help licensed Colorado family childcare homes, centers, and preschools create more inclusive, accessible environments for young children with disabilities.

What's the easiest way to get started?

Take our self-paced, online courses for PDIS credit!

Each course is designed with busy childcare professionals in mind and packed with practical tools to support children with delays and disabilities. Choose the ***Adapting for Disability*** course most relevant to your needs:

- **Introduction to Universal Design** (*available in English and Spanish*)
- **Communication & Early Literacy**
- **Behavior & Cognition**
- **Hearing & Vision**
- **Fine Motor**
- **Gross Motor**

These trainings are part of a larger suite of **free resources** from *Adapt to Impact*, including:

- Monthly Office Hours for Q&A, collaboration, and support
- A statewide Loan Library with adaptive toys and tools
- Printable quick tips and DIY resources sent straight to your inbox
- Universal Design Kits available for loan through Early Childhood Councils
- "How-to" videos linked to Adapt to Impact library items

Join the growing network of over 100 Colorado programs already participating in this statewide initiative. Whether you're looking to build your knowledge, get inspired, or borrow materials, *Adapt to Impact* is here to support you. **Start learning today!**



Colorado Association of Family Childcare News

Trainings – 2nd Thursday of the month – 6PM to 8PM on Zoom

Legislative Committee Meetings – 1st and 3rd Wednesday - 6PM to 7PM on Zoom. Register [here](#) on the calendar on the CAFCC website.

Immigration Resources – Please click this [here](#) to find resources for providers & families.

*****Disclaimer***** Collection and distribution of these resources does not constitute a political or legal opinion by CAFCC

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**COLORADO
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FAMILY CHILD CARE**

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Stay Up to Date with the Latest News

Early Childhood Community Check-in Call These calls are facilitated by Mathagi Subramanian; Director of Early Childhood Initiatives, Colorado Children's Campaign. Ongoing call notes can be found [here](#).

Department of Early Childhood Updates through the *Our Voice* newsletter - we encourage you to sign up to receive monthly updates as well as other announcements, resources and opportunities from the early childhood community. <https://mailchi.mp/4cec11d804de/our-voice-newsletter>

Colorado Department of Early Childhood to receive monthly updates as well as other announcements, resources and opportunities [sign up here](#).

Rules Advisory Council & Rulemaking at the Department of Early Childhood The Colorado Department of Early Childhood will oversee the launch of universal preschool in 2023. The 15-member Rules Advisory Council (RAC) will advise the CDEC Executive Director on the development of rules to guide the functions, programs and services that the new Department will oversee. **If you would like to be notified when draft rules are open for public comment, please [click here](#) to sign up for email updates.**

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)

- **Provides Annual Immunization Updates** – To determine a student's up-to-date status for school-required vaccines. [2024-2025 Immunization Table for Child Care and Preschool](#)
- **How sick is too sick?** - (Updated December 2024) [Click here](#)



COLORADO

Department of Early Childhood

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood

Please update your records and send any correspondence to the new address.

Our new mailing address is:
Colorado Department of Early Childhood
710 S. Ash Street
Denver, CO 80246

Feeling Stressed or Overwhelmed?

Educator Well-being Support Line, operated by CU's Department of Psychiatry, was established during COVID to respond to the additional mental health needs of all educators and school employees including ECE, K-12 programs, and higher education. This line is dedicated for venting, validation, problem solving, and access to therapy. Call or text 303-724-2500. Monday – Friday: 12:00pm – 7:00pm. Individual Support Sessions - Call for availability

Colorado Crisis Services remains a trusted, free and confidential resource for yourself and your loved ones whenever you're feeling overwhelmed, helpless or need someone to talk to. Call 1-844-493-8255 or text "TALK" to 38255. Hours: 24/7 Support

All resources are available at no cost to any caregiver or member of the education workforce across the state.



Nurturing Connections Colorado Line connects callers with a live, qualified consultant who can provide brief consultation, create a new referral and/or connect caregivers, including families, to additional resources to support children's developing social, emotional and mental health. Learn more about Nurturing Connections Colorado [here](#). Call 833-326-4411. Hours: Monday - Friday 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

If you suspect child abuse or neglect, call [Colorado's Child Abuse and Neglect hotline](#) at 1-844-CO-4-Kids. Anyone witnessing a child in a life-threatening situation should call 911 immediately. If you have concerns about a child care program or would like to report a licensing violation, please call the child care complaint line at 1-800-799-5876.

Vroom Tips™

The time you spend with your child can help their brain grow strong. Even a few minutes count! These printable tip card sets include brain-building activities for children ages 0-5 to support critical life skills like Communicating, Listening, and Self-Control.

***NEW LINKS** every newsletter*

"Challenging Times"

Print-at-Home Tips Sheets

English – [Click here](#)

Spanish – [Click here](#)

Professional Development

Childcare Innovations – Professional development classes can be found [here](#).

*****NEW LINK***** **PDIS Live Virtual and In-Person Training Events** – April - June 2026 can be found [here](#).

PDIS Tip & Help Sessions - Courses not showing up in Learning Search? Try these steps: **1.** Clear your cache using these instructions, this solves a lot of issues. **2.** On the Learner Home page, clear any subjects you have added by selecting Edit, then checking each box to remove each subject. **3.** Make sure you search from either the magnifying glass in the upper right-hand corner, or from the Main Menu | Learning | Learning Search, or Main Menu | Learning | Learner Home. When you search, do not hit enter, just type and wait for the course to appear. If none of these things work, please let PDIS help desk know so the development team can take a look. If you'd like to learn more about PDIS, a series of four Help Sessions with topics that rotate weekly is being offered, in English and Spanish.



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The Power of Playful Learning in the Early Childhood Setting

More information: <https://www.naeyc.org/resources>

What Is Playful Learning?

Playful learning describes a learning context in which children learn content while playing freely (free play or self-directed play), with teacher guidance (guided play), or in a structured game. By harnessing children's natural curiosity and their proclivities to experiment, explore, problem solve, and stay engaged in meaningful activities—especially when doing so with others—teachers maximize learning while individualizing learning goals. Central to this concept is the idea that teachers act more as the Socratic "guide at the side" than a "sage on the stage" (e.g., King 1993, 30; Smith 1993, 35). Rather than view children as empty vessels receiving information, teachers see children as active explorers and discoverers who bring their prior knowledge into the learning experience and construct an understanding of, for example, words such as *forecast* and *low pressure* as they explore weather patterns and the science behind them. In other words, teachers support children as active learners. Free play lets children explore and express themselves to be the captains of their own ship.

Self-Directed Play, Free Play

Imagine an everyday block corner. The children are immersed in play with each other—some trying to build high towers and others creating a tunnel for the small toy cars on the nearby shelves. But what if there were a few model pictures on the wall of what children could strive to make as they collaborated in that block corner? Might they rotate certain pieces purposely? Might they communicate with one another that the rectangle needs to go on top of the square? Again, a simple insertion of a design that children can try to copy turns a play situation into one ripe with spatial learning. Play is a particularly effective way to engage children with specific content learning when there is a learning goal.

Guided Play

Guided play allows teachers to focus children's play around specific learning goals (e.g., standards-based goals), which can be applied to a variety of topics, from learning place value in math to identifying rhyming words in literacy activities.

Note, however, that the teacher does not take over the play activity or even direct it. Instead, she asks probing questions that guide the next level of child-directed exploration. This is a perfect example of how a teacher can initiate a context for learning while still leaving the child in charge.

Playful Learning: A Powerful Teaching Tool

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Why Playful Learning Is Critical

Using a playful learning pedagogical approach leverages the skill sets of today's educators and enhances their ability to help children attain curricular goals. It engages what has been termed active learning that is also developmentally appropriate and offers a more equitable way of engaging children by increasing access to participation. When topics are important and culturally relevant to children, they can better identify with the subject and the learning becomes more seamless.

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10AM to 2:45PM

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GOLDEN, COLORADO

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HORSE & PONY PERFORMANCES

Each 30-minute action packed show runs every
45-minutes throughout the day

INTERACTIVE PLAY STATIONS

While visiting the Fort, we will have
ongoing activities all day long
Ground Performances, Petting Zoo, Historical Museum

SHADED PICNIC AREA

Bring your lunch and enjoy the shade

Visit our Registration Page on the website to see videos of past events!
Our Events Page will have more details to share with your staff.

Please help us plan attendance by registering your group
before the July 18th deadline.

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WesternHeritage@westernaires.org

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CHILD CARE INNOVATIONS

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

New Contact Information

11177 W 8th Ave., Suite 121
Lakewood, CO 80215

New Website – [Click here](#)

Child Care Main Line 720-623-0927

Provider Updates 720-912-5676

*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
720-623-0927**

TRIAD EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL

New Website

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TRIAD BRIGHT FUTURES

Website

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GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP for EARLY CHILDHOOD

Website

[Click Here](#)

CAFCC

Colorado Association of Family Child Care

**CAFCC is the professional voice of Colorado's licensed
family 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. Membership applications are available [online](#).

Join the state association today by contacting:
The CAFCC President, Stacey Carpenter

Meetings are being held via Zoom

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

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

2024-25 CAFCC Annual Report: [Click Here](#)

Colorado Association of Family Child Care

AFFILIATE ASSOCIATIONS



- **Arapahoe County Family Child Care Association**
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- **A Caregiver Network**
www.caregivernetwork.org



- **Douglas County Child Care Association**
www.douglascountychildcare.com



- **Jefferson County Child Care Association**
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- **Licensed Family Child Care Association**
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- **Northern Colorado Family Child Care Association**
www.wcfcca.net



- **Pikes Peak Region Family Child Care Association**
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Arapahoe County	303-246-5146
Caregiver Network	720-767-1862
Douglas County	
Castle Rock	303-660-5584
Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree,	
Acres Green, Centennial	303-791-3386
Parker, Elizabeth	303-805-0824
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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 Stacey Carpenter	970-396-2909
COAECYC Office	970-633-2294
CO Children's Campaign	303-839-1580
Kid's Nutrition	303-987-4852
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
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