We all have a role to play in helping prepare Weld County's children for the future.

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Remember to look for your license number embedded in each newsletter! You could be the next winner of a Human Bean gift card! If you find your number call 970-304-6184.

Ten Children to Find Forever Families on Weld County Adoption Day

November is National Adoption Month. In recognition, the Weld County Board of Commissioners will proclaim Friday, November 16th as Weld County Adoption Day (November 18th is National Adoption Day). This event is focused on raising awareness of children in foster care who are waiting to be adopted, recognizing the importance of giving children and youth safe and loving families, and encouraging individuals to make a powerful difference in the life of a child or teen through adoption.

Each year, the 19th Judicial District sets aside an entire day to finalize adoptions and celebrate with families. On this memorable day, the courtroom of the Weld County Court House will be filled with stuffed animals, decorations and celebratory treats. Children can pick out their own stuffed animal and enjoy a special day dedicated to becoming an official and forever member of their family. The Weld County Department of Human Services (DHS) is expecting to finalize the adoptions of 10 children from the child welfare system, with the remainder of November 16th being dedicated to finalizing private adoptions. Currently, there are more than 40 children in Weld County custody who are waiting for adoption, and more than 117,000 children waiting nationwide. Over 4,700 children have their adoption finalized during a National Adoption Day celebration each year.

Between 2000 and 2018, DHS finalized over 546 adoptions of children from the child welfare system. This is in addition to many other local families who have adopted children privately. To help promote family stability and healthy relationships, DHS provides post-adoption support services for all families who have adopted within Weld County, whether through DHS or privately, regardless of where they currently live. For more information about post-adoption support services, please contact Michelle Ammerman at (970) 400-6751.

Do you need financial assistance for classes? Do you need financial assistance for ECE classes? United Way of Weld County, Promises for Children and the Aims Foundation are looking for you! APPLY NOW for Spring and Summer Semesters for the Aims Early Childhood Education Scholarship!

For more information go to http://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/05b366cd-860b-40fe-b2c5-0aa0aa9bc722.pdf

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The Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program (BECLP) is seeking early childhood professionals who are committed to positive change for early childhood programs, policies, and practices to advance equity, excellence, and opportunity for all young children and their families. The program offers an 18-credit graduate certificate in the field of early childhood leadership that can also be articulated into one of several master’s or doctoral programs in the School of Education and Human Development at the University of Colorado Denver.

Our program faculty are eager to connect with you about the BECLP! A series of video conference information sessions will be hosted by program faculty in October and November to highlight the key components of the program and the application process for the 2019-2020 cohort. We invite early childhood professionals from around the state of Colorado contributing in all kinds of roles to join us at one of our information sessions to see if the BECLP is a fit for you! Got to http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/SchoolOfEducation/Academics/CPE/Certificates/Documents/BECLP-Program-and-Info-Session-Flyer.pdf to view the 2018 information session schedule and a brief overview of the program.

The online application for the 2019-2020 cohort is accessible on our web page (www.ucdenver.edu/education/buell). Applications are due in their entirety December 7, 2018. Contact us at BECLP@ucdenver.edu or 720-639-9229 and visit our web page for more information: www.ucdenver.edu/education/buell.

**Upcoming FREE Trainings:**
These trainings are available to all child care providers and will be facilitated by our Quality Improvement Coaches.

The Business Administration Scale for Family Child Care (BAS) is a reliable tool for measuring and improving the overall quality of business and professional practices in family child care settings. Must attend all trainings to receive certificate.

- **Tuesday, Nov. 6 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, Nov. 13 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m**
- **Tuesday, Dec. 11 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m**

To sign up, contact Susanne Gallegos - Susanne@UnitedWay-Weld.org or 970-304-6170

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**Colorado Shines Level 2 Incentive!**
Any licensed child care program (home, center or preschool) will receive a $50 Visa Gift Card for achieving a Colorado Shines Level 2!

To get started, please contact Susanne Gallegos at susanne@unitedway-weld.org or 970-304-6170.

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**Welcome**
We would like to recognize Maria Villafuerte for her dedication and work with the FFN Association. Maria travels from Brighton to Greeley to attend the Association's events and has been doing so since day one. Not only does Maria attend the workshops for her personal growth but she is also one of the first to volunteer her time when needed. Thanks Maria!

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**Child Care Provider Spotlight**

**Congratulations**
- **Tracie Smith** for achieving a Colorado Shines Level 2
- **Pawnee Preschool** for achieving a Colorado Shines Level 2

**Weld Plus Rating**
(Local quality rating for school age providers serving CCCAP children)
- **ABC Scott**: Level 5
- **ABC Union Colony**: Level 4
- **ABC McAuliffe**: Level 3

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