Congratulations to Lauri Tucker!
She found her child care license number hidden in our August Newsletter and received a Human Bean gift card! Make sure to look in our September issue, your license number could be next!

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

In This Issue
- Gift Card Winner
- Child Care Cost
- Sunrise WIC of Greeley
- Build the Habit of Good Attendance
- Promises for Children
- RMEC Conference
- UCCMA Classes Starting Soon

• Groovy Lab in a Box
• Family, Friend & Neighbor
• Provider Spotlight
• Weld Child Care
• Love to Learn Series #3
• Scholarship program available
• Upcoming Training & Events

Find your license number in our newsletter and call 970-304-6184 to receive a $10 gift card to Human Bean. Each a month a new winner.

WE HAVE A WINNER!

Congratulations to Lauri Tucker!
She found her child care license number hidden in our August Newsletter and received Human Bean gift card! Make sure to look in our September issue, your license number could be next!

Why Does Child Care Cost So Much, Yet Providers Make So Little?

A new video created by Child Care Aware and the Center for the Study of Child Care Employment talks about why parents spend so much on child care, yet early childhood teachers earn so little. The average cost of child care is out of reach for many families and rivals college tuition, while early educators are among the lowest paid workers in the country. How is this possible? Watch more at https://smartstart.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a29527bd571e81fe96a8d04&id=c256c6ff64&e=19e2353ff

Why Does Child Care Cost So Much, Yet Providers Make So Little?

The USDA awarded the prestigious Gold Premiere level of the Loving Support Award, the second highest award, to Sunrise WIC in Greeley for their Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program. Weld County WIC is one of only 12 programs nationwide to receive the prestigious award - and the only one in Colorado!

About WIC: WIC stands for The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. It provides nutritious foods to supplement diets, nutrition education (including breastfeeding promotion and support) and referrals to health and other social services to low-income women who are pregnant, just had a baby or breastfeeding; and infants and children up to age five.

www.UnitedWay-Weld.org
970-353-4300 | 814 9th Street - Greeley | 330 Park Ave - Fort Lupton
Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance

Early School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

Children living in poverty are two to three times more likely to be chronically absent—and face the most harm because their community lacks the resources to make up for the lost learning in school. Students from communities of color as well as those with disabilities are disproportionately affected.

This isn’t simply a matter of truancy or skipping school. In fact, many of these absences, especially among our youngest students, are excused. Often absences are tied to health problems, such as asthma, diabetes, and oral and mental health issues. Other barriers including lack of a nearby school bus, a safe route to school or food insecurity make it difficult to go to school every day. In many cases, chronic absence goes unnoticed because schools are counting how many students show up every day rather than examining how many and which students miss so 1701432 much school that they are falling behind. Learn more at www.attendanceworks.org/resources/messaging/

What are some things Promises for Children can do for you?

UWWC’s Promises for Children (PFC) has some great opportunities for you! As some of you may already know, we have joined forces with Weld County Department of Human Services, North Range Behavioral Health, and the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment to help support, recruit, and engage with child care providers and parents/guardians. Through this collaboration we are also looking to spread the awareness about the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program, also known as CCCAP. Are you already a licensed childcare provider? Great! Thank you for all you are doing as you are a priceless piece to the families you work with and our community. Promises for Children is proud to bring your many opportunities for you to benefit and/or grow your business. From trainings to coaching to quality improvement supplies, we would love to hear from you so we can share these resources with you.

Already watching a family, friend, or neighbor’s child? Thank you for being a huge support to your loved one and our community. Did you know if you are considered a FFN (Family, Friend, and Neighbor) provider? Whether you would like to take some professional development classes or you are thinking about becoming licensed or you just want to hear about some local resources, we can help you! PFC hosts a variety of trainings for all types of providers to give you the tools you need to support children.

What is CCCAP? CCCAP is the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program. Basically, if what you earn monthly falls within a certain amount, you might be able to get help paying for child care. Maybe you are a licensed child care provider or an FFN provider and you know someone who might be eligible for CCCAP. As an FFN, maybe your loved one is not able to pay you, or maybe they are paying you, but it is too difficult for both of you to keep up with your monthly expenses. Have them visit: Can I get assistance paying for child care? (https://www.weldchildcare.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_48385/File/IncomeEligibilityGuidelines-REV0718.pdf) or call 970-400-6017 to see if they qualify. If they do, you can then apply to be a REACH provider! If you are a licensed provider interested in accepting CCCAP at your home or center please contact the provider support hotline at 970-400-6594 or childcareprovider@weldgov.com.

What is a REACH provider? REACH stands for Realizing Economic Advancement through Caring Homes. If you are not interested in caring for more than 4 children at a time (this includes your own children) in your home, you can become a REACH provider. This could be an ideal situation for a grandparent who might be taking care of a grandchild, a family struggling with the decision to go back to their original job after leave from the birth of a new baby, anyone who might already be watching children in their home for a family possibly eligible for CCCAP, or much more!

Ever thought about starting your own business from home as a licensed childcare provider?

If you are trying to or have ever thought about becoming licensed, PFC offers one on one support by hosting quarterly orientations and connections to pre-licensing trainings. If you would like to care for more than 4 children at a time (this includes your own children) in your home, guess what? You guessed it! PFC can help you with this also! Becoming a licensed child care provider should not be a painful process, nor should you have to go through this alone. Let us help you along the way with an easy to follow step-by-step process.

Who am I? My name is Saray (pronounced Sah-Rye) and I am the Child Care Provider Recruitment Specialist who is excited to spread the word! Our purpose is to focus on reaching out to all child care providers in the community. We want to promote awareness of our mission to ensure all children in Weld County are valued, healthy, and thriving. You will see me out and about at events being held around Weld County, such as job fairs, church events, health fairs, parks, expos, etc. My goal is to speak to everyone and pass on some information that could be useful to you or someone you know. Let us help you with whatever your needs may be! If you have any questions or you would like to know more about what PFC can do for you, then please contact us at childcare4weld@unitedway-weld.org or 970-304-6165.
Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference 2019
The RMECC 2019 is now accepting Presenter Proposals. The conference is designed to meet the professional development needs of early childhood practitioners, while at the same time providing a forum for community advocates to learn, share, and network.

The conference is seeking diverse and inclusive presentations focusing on children birth to age 7. Submission deadline is September 19, 2018 at midnight. Go to https://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/4b829037-d97d-48f8-971f-4b0a867271a7 to submit your proposal.

Union Colony Children’s Music Academy
Music and movement classes to begin in Greeley. Classes are offered for children from birth to age 14, with both parent/child music classes for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, and pre-piano, piano, guitar, ukulele, and violin classes. We also offer individual classes for home child care providers; contact us for more information on these separately scheduled classes and availability. UCCMA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing music and movement education in the Greeley area to all children. Please contact us at 970-353-1116 or visit http://www.unioncolonychildrensmusic.org/

GROOVY Lab in a BOX
With Groovy Lab in a Box, you will receive boxes full of everything you need to learn about and do hands on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) experiments for ages 8+. Each box activates thinking, questioning, inquiring, and original creation as we guide children through the “SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY & ENGINEERING DESIGN PROCESS.”

- Extended learning through our exclusive online portal
- Our product features all the supplies needed and a 20+ page subject specific lab notebook.
- All subscription plans enjoy free shipping within the United States.

Learn More at https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B07FSYKGSH/ref=pe_2568000_295554920#customerReviews

UNITED WAY OF WELD COUNTY HAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!
Do you watch kids from home? Be part of the PASO Institute the pathway to the National Credential of Associate in Child Development (CDA)

We are looking for Spanish-speaking people who care for children, (whether they are grandchildren, nephews, neighbors or children of someone you know) to participate in a training and support program. Attend class every Saturday for 15 weeks beginning September 8th where you will complete 120 hours of training, the equivalent of the CDA requirement.

Cost: $20 per session for a total of $300. Includes all course materials, does not include the application fee for the CDA. As an incentive, $150 of your registration will be reimbursed to those who apply for the credential. Space is limited, if you are interested call Lorena at 970-304-6183 or email Lorena@unitedway-weld.org

Child Care Provider Spotlight

Congratulations
ABC’s Aims Colorado Preschool Program on achieving a Level 4 in Colorado Shines!

Congratulations
ABC’s Scott Colorado Preschool Program on achieving a Level 5 in Colorado Shines! This is Weld County’s first Level 5 program!
Promises for Children is collaborating with the Weld County Department of Human Services (WCDHS) to recruit more child care providers in Weld County. In the spirit of this collaboration, WCDHS has created a new website to help parents, providers, and aspiring providers to better navigate the child care world. This website highlights the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP), Quality Improvement opportunities, the new Realizing Economic Advancement through Caring Homes (REACH) program, and much more! Please visit the new website and check it out! https://www.weldchildcare.com/

Love 2 Learn Series #3

STEAM is a philosophy that focuses on the project-based learning model with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math. Where does language and literacy play a role in the learning process? Teachers, caregivers and parents can partner together to expand the vocabulary of the children and to assist in their understanding of complex STEAM concepts.

Lakeshore’s Professional Services Group will facilitate our third Love to Learn Series event with, “Sharing the Language of STEAM with Children and Families” on Saturday, Sept 8, 2018.

** NEW LOCATION **
Riverside Library & Cultural Center - 3700 Golden Street - Evans, CO 80620

We will explore ways of encouraging school to home activities for families so that the learning continues after school hours. Our participants will be involved in hands-on activities as well as customized content, real-life stories, best-practice implementation strategies for their programs to gain better relationships with their families.

We want our providers to be excited and energized as they practice the latest concepts to support STEAM activities and engage the families of the children they care for. For more information and registration: www.unitedway-weld.org/L2L or Judith Baptiste, Early Care and Education Specialist: jbapatiste@unitedway-weld.org | 970-304-6191.

Don’t Wait !

We invite you to suggest topics you’d like us to include in our future newsletters. Send ideas to cgelatt@UnitedWay-Weld.org

Yearly Childhood Education Scholarships Available Now!

In partnership with Aims Community College and the Aims Foundation, United Way of Weld County, Promises for Children is excited to announce the Early Childhood Education Scholarship!

This scholarship will be awarded to eligible applicants who are:

- Pursuing an Early Childhood Education degree and/or certificate, or pursuing an increase in level for an Early Childhood Professional credential. Only courses that can be applied to this degree, certificate or credential level are eligible for the scholarship.
- Currently working in an Early Childhood Program (child care home provider, preschool or child care center) in Weld County at time of enrollment in Aims classes.

For questions regarding this scholarship opportunity, please contact: Taggart Chalk at taggart.chalk@aims.edu
Finding Child Care
http://www.coloradoshines.com

Become a Child Care Provider
Contact jbaptiste@UnitedWay-Weld.org