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

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Congratulations to Cindy Ververs! She found her license number embedded in the February newsletter and won a $10 Human Bean gift card. Look for your license number in this month's newsletter. You could be next! If you find your number call 970-304-6184.

Early Intervention

At Envision, we are empowering people to live, love, work and play their way. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Weld County. Envision Children's Department is eager to work with children with disabilities or delays and their families to assist in the achievement of growth, independence, inclusion, and a life of choice. Our department believes that parents are the experts on their child; and therefore, we collaborate with families to help their child receive the services and supports necessary to help them develop and grow into their most independent selves, experiencing their community through inclusion, and live a life of positivity.

Currently, Envision provides Case Management for the Early Intervention program, Family Support and Services program, and Children's Extensive Support waiver program (CES).

• Early Intervention provides developmental supports and services for children and their families from the child's birth through 2 years of age. The goal is to improve a child's ability to learn and grow. EI helps families learn ways to support their child's development through daily activities and community life. It follows an educational model. There are no income requirements to participate in the program. Evaluations/assessments through EI do not cost families for completion. A child must be determined to have a significant delay in one or more areas of development or; have a diagnosis with a condition that will likely result in a significant delay in development or; lives with a parent with a developmental disability as determined by the Community Centered Board (CCB).

• The Family Support Services Program (FSSP) provides support for families who have children with developmental disabilities or delays with costs that are beyond those normally experienced by other families. The primary purpose of the FSSP is to support children with developmental disabilities or delays remaining within their own nurturing family setting and prevent out-of-home placements. FSSP is a reimbursement program designed to help families recoup some of the extra costs incurred to provide...
Injury Prevention for Child Care Centers’ Now Available on PDIS

The course, ‘Injury Prevention for Child Care Centers’ is now available on the Colorado Shines Professional Development Information System (PDIS).  (https://ecpd.costartstrong.org/ets/home)

The course reviews strategies for preventing injuries in child care centers, examines common indoor and outdoor hazards, reviews licensing and best practices standards related to safety and looks at real-life examples of hazards and injury prevention.

This course should be taken after completing the required prerequisite course, ‘Playground Safety for Child Care Centers’ and counts for two Level 2 clock hours.
Parental Tips For Child Safety on the Internet

On-line computer exploration opens a world of possibilities for children, yet at the same time it can leave them vulnerable to exploitation and harm from on-line predators. Fort Collins Police urge parents to take the following steps to help minimize the chances of your child becoming a victim to on-line predators. For more tips visit https://www.fcgov.com/police/internet-safety.php

Crayola and schools across North America are banding together to help kids understand the importance of their role in protecting the environment. That's why Crayola ColorCycle was launched. Through this initiative, students in K-12 schools across the continental United States and parts of Canada can collect and repurpose used Crayola markers. Find out how you can participate (go to https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/6db7cc53-14d6-43f6-b477-01506e1b563f.pdf)

Introduction to Childcare Development Specialist Training

The latest from Child Trends

The Child Trends News Service is a collaboration between the Child Trends Hispanic Institute and Ivanhoe Broadcast News, a syndicated news company, featuring the latest social science research on child development and parenting practices. For the latest visit https://mailchi.mp/9a846e9058f6/this-month-from-the-child-trends-news-service?e=43904b1977

Rice Art Easter Egg Craft for Toddlers/Preschoolers

How to Dye Rice:
• Add about 1/2 to 1 tbsp vinegar for every 1 cup of rice
• Add desired amount of food coloring to bag
• Add rice
• Seal bag and shake until evenly coated
• Spread out on wax paper lined cookie sheet to dry

Directions:
To make our Easter eggs draw an egg shape on a piece of construction paper then gave each of the children some glue, a brush, and some rice. When they dry simply shake off the excess rice, cut out the egg shape that was drawn prior to starting. Simple rice art Easter eggs!

*If you have a craft you would like to submit for the newsletter, please email Susanne at susanne@unitedway-weld.org
Congratulations to Llecenhia Ocon who after graduating from the PASO Program in December has decided to continue her education in early childhood leading her to enroll in an ECE 101 class at Denver Community College. In addition, she is preparing to send off her application for her Child Development Associate (CDA). Llecenhia currently works in customer service and hopes that everything she is doing will help her begin her career in early childhood. We wish her the best of luck in this journey and cannot wait to see her progress.

**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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Congratulations

John Jaquish and the Tiny Tykes crew

on receiving a Colorado Shines Quality Rating level 4!

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Interested in the PASO institute? Go to:

https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/f680b6fd-57c9-40fb-836f-3a570749cb3f.pdf

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**March 14**
Pre-licensing Orientation
(https://www.unitedway-weld.org/childcare4weld)

**March 20**
Healthy Links Training - Family Friendly
(https://files.constantcontact.com/1e1c3f9001/ 2871ee6f-960a-4228-b65f-4865fd068358.pdf)

**March 27, April 10 & May 4**
Program Administration Scale
(https://files.constantcontact.com/1e1c3f9001/ be6ae5b1-a75a-450b-9f22-b2ca79c349d.pdf)

**April 6 & 13**
Child Care Pre-Licensing and Standard Precautions Training
(https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/ 6f8bb8b3-b8cd-4aae-ae51-7638196ff76f.pdf)

**May 21**
Child Passenger Safety Certification Course
(https://ssl06.cyzap.net/dzapps/dbzap.bin/apps/ assess/webmembers/tool?ToolCode=TAG9&pCategory1=TAB9_SHOWCOURSE&WebId=safekidsdecertSQL&pCourseID=CO201902203178pCoursePK=564936)

**Co-Parenting Seminar**
English - 2nd Sat of every month 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Spanish - 3rd Sat of every other month 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
(https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/ 4366e1e4-61c5-4492-90e7-219cc2014de4.pdf)

**LICENSING REQUIREMENT TRAININGS**

**Medication Administration, CPR/AED & First Aid renewal, and Standard Precautions**
Offered by Bryan Maki, RN, Instructor/Owner of Colorado CPR & Safety Professionals, LLC. (720)708-9705 or coloradoocppros.com. Offers online Standard Precautions as well.

**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION - Medication Administration ($35), CPR and First Aid trainings. $58 for just CPR, $75 for both. Contact Mary Mast @ (970)381-5395.**

**STANDARD PRECAUTIONS - Contact Heartsmart (above). Also, KidCare Nutrition Training @ (970)351-8779, or Wildwood @ (303)730-0460 (Jane Martinez). Mary Mast @ (970)381-5395.**

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**Medication Administration** - Offered by Molly Orlando, RN, Child Care Health Consultant. Contact her at (303)669-9039 or mol-ly_bbnc@outlook.com. She will be teaching classes in Greeley.

**CPR/First Aid Training (AHA Curriculum) and Medication Administration Training** - Offered by Anne Moyer. AnneMoyerRN@gmail.com or 970-232-8482. Anne Moyer, RN is a CDHS and Qualistar approved trainer for child care providers. She teaches classes in Greeley, Loveland, and Fort Collins.

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These and other Professional Development Opportunities are also available on the United Way of Weld County Website Calendar of Events.

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