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.

School Readiness

When many people think of school readiness, the first things that come to mind are ABCs and 1, 2, 3s. But in reality, it is much more than that. Parents and caregivers can ask themselves the following questions:

- Does my child engage in focused, intentional play?
- Can he/she interact with others in a give-and-take manner?
- Is he/she able to wait his/her turn?
- Can he/she complete age appropriate tasks and follow someone else's agenda?

These are the skills that show that a child is ready for more formal schooling. Self-regulation skills that help a child wait their turn and take another's perspective are far more predictive of future academic success than is knowledge of memorized facts. While early literacy and math skills are important, curiosity and imagination will motivate a child to learn much more than sitting down with flashcards.

Parents and caregivers can facilitate this growth by spending time with their child reading, playing games, and engaging in pretend play and movement activities. Field trips to explore places outside the home provide a rich opportunity for early math and language development while dramatic play scenarios become the basis for future narrative writing and storytelling. When done with responsive adults, all these activities give children a warm relationship to tie to the learning.

These relationships model for children how to take risks, follow their interests and talents, treat others appropriately, and independently navigate their world. These are the skills that will ensure they are ready for school.

School Readiness Calendars are here The calendar is intended for parents/caregivers of 3 and 4 year olds to connect them to resources, activities, books, libraries, school districts and developmental milestones to support their child’s development. Calendars are available in English and Spanish. The calendar is one way Promises for Children promotes school readiness. We all have heard the Weld County statistic that 40% of children are reading proficient by 4th grade, that means 60% are not. Each and everyone who comes in contact with a child has a role in supporting their development. To request your calendar contact Susanne Gallegos - Susanne@UnitedWay-Weld.org.
Any home child care provider who holds an Experienced license can submit an appeal for denial of a waiver and for the waiver to change capacity. This rule is not in statute, therefore can be appealed.

Contact for waiver submission and appeal assistance: Erin Frederiksen at erin.frederiksen@state.co.us

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 the Aims Early Childhood Education Scholarship! (go to https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/7795e7e2-8b24-4507-839b-563ecd34a62a.pdf)

United Way of Weld County presents:
Typical vs Atypical Development in Young Children

Children have so many ways in which they need to develop: language skills, cognitive skills, social skills and physical skills. Since each child develops at his own pace, with his own particular strengths and weaknesses, it can be challenging to determine the difference between typical and atypical development in children. How can you tell what is typical and what is not?

Promises for Children’s Home Visitation Committee has partnered with the Colorado 2Gen Initiative to bring Rebecca Dunn to speak to local Home Visitors and Childcare Providers. Whether this is your first brief introduction to Child Development or just a nice refresher, Rebecca will provide great resources on the following topics:

- An Introduction to Child Development
- “Wide Range of Normal” Concept
- Common Childhood Disabilities/Diagnoses
- Resources for Parents
- Strategies for Partnering with Families of Children with Special Needs

Thursday, Sept 19 - 2 - 4 p.m. OR 6 - 8 p.m.
Centennial Area Health Education Center
2105 Clubhouse Drive, Suite A - Greeley
Register: www.UnitedWay-Weld.org/bb3event

www.UnitedWay-Weld.org
970-353-4300 | 814 9th Street - Greeley | 330 Park Ave - Fort Lupton
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Weld Project Connect - Neighbors Helping Neighbors; an annual, one day event providing numerous on-site services directly to individuals and households struggling and in need due to housing instability, job loss, age, health problems and other issues that can interrupt a life.

Volunteer Navigators are needed to guide guests through the services being provided at Weld Project Connect. Navigators are paired one-on-one with a guest. After a brief checklist review with the guest the Navigator guides the guest through the event to receive desired services. Navigators will receive required training prior to the one day event.

Share Your Expertise with Other Early Childhood Professionals

RMECC is seeking diverse and inclusive presentations focused on promoting and advancing early childhood education for children birth to age 8. Presentations are due Sept. 3rd at midnight. Submissions require some basic information about the presenters and presentation as well as a session description, session summary, and description of the presentation style. All submissions will be reviewed and considered. Selected presenters also receive complimentary admission on the day they present.

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.

https://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/c70377b8-a58e-4583-8526-0b78d74b9b73
We appreciate the feedback, as this will guide Promises for Children in providing the most appropriate professional development for early childhood professionals. Some of the results of the survey:

What kinds of classes/workshops do you prefer:
- 87.5% of responses preferred short workshops (2-3 hours)

How do you find out about Early Childhood workshops or trainings:
- 47.5% of responses receive training information from colleagues or coworkers
- 37.5% of responses receive training information from Promises for Children

What is your current role in the Early Childhood field:
- 62.5% of responses were from Family Child Care Home Providers
- 45% of responses were from professionals in an administrative role
- 15% of responses were from school age providers

For which age group are you interested in receiving training:
- 70% are interested in receiving training about preschoolers
- 47.5% are interested in receiving training about mixed age groups
- 42.5% are interested in receiving training about toddlers
- 35% are interested in receiving training about infants
- 22.5% are interested in receiving training about school-age (5+)

Additional input or information to share or feedback on past trainings:
- I loved the training offered at the Double Tree
- I think a training that would keep us updated on new rules and regs every 6 months would be helpful
- It would be nice to have a schedule mailed out of all the trainings for the year
- Most have been very good. Do not have the trainers read from their material. If that's the case, give me the readings and let me go home with the credit

Do you like to work with children? Would you like to learn more about helping children thrive and become their best? Would you like to be your own boss and own your own business? 24663 Then you might be a perfect candidate to become a Licensed Child Care Provider in Weld County.

It all starts with attending a pre-licensing question and answer session. Visit https://www.unitedway-weld.org/childcare4weld/

Child Care Provider Spotlight

**Congratulations**
Katie Schmunk
_on receiving a Colorado Shines Quality Rating level 3!

**Congratulations**
ABC Scott CPP
_on receiving a Colorado Shines Quality Rating level 5!

We would like to give a shout out to Maximina who is a provider in our current PASO Institute. Maximina has shared her experience with PASO. With all the new information she has learned in these past few weeks it has not only improved her work with the children she cares for, but also with her own grandkids. She is a 67 year old grandmother that is motivated to learn as much as she can no matter her age.

Maximina is not the only one who has grown from the things she has learned. Her daughter Ana is also following her enthusiasm to learn in order to provide the best care for her own child and to improve her work with the children she works with too.
September 19
Typical vs Atypical Development in Young Children
(https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/52d6e679-0b3e-4c1c-aedd2-488d421717f7.pdf)

September 28
Fort Collins Partners in Child Care Assoc
15th Annual Fall Festival Conference
(https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/c2ca2e9e-4911-459e-8887-6e18063f3e15.pdf)

October 3
Pre-licensing Question and Answer Session
(https://www.unitedway-weld.org/childcare4weld/)

October 5
CACFP/Cooking Matters for Child Care Professionals Collaborative Training
(https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/1156aa7e-7da0-4128-a137-769a81472aee.pdf)

October 12
Love to Learn
(https://www.unitedway-weld.org/events/love-to-learn-2/)

October 18
Weld Project Connect - a one-day event that provides FREE onsite services to those in need due to housing instability, job loss, age health problems and other issues that can interrupt a life.
(https://www.unitedway-weld.org/wpc)

October 19 AND 26
Child Care Pre-Licensing and Standard Precautions
(https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/b01be63b-56d2-48b8-9317-149da8788416.pdf)

October 19
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 coloradocprpros.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)8779, or Wildwood @ (303)730-0460 (Jane Martinez). Mary Mast @ (970)381-5395.

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. (May - July Classes - https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/721832b8-e418-443a-8bdf-1cfa4a9d8930.pdf)

These and other Professional Development Opportunities are also available on the United Way of Weld County Website Calendar of Events
View calendar at www.UnitedWay-Weld.org/providertraining

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance contact 2-1-1. Whether it is for utility assistance, after school care, help for an aging relative, legal advice or any health and human service, our navigators can help connect you.


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