Healthy Smiles for Colorado Kids

As of July 2019, DentaQuest is happy to be running the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) dental program for the State of Colorado. CHP+ is a public, low-cost health insurance for qualified children and pregnant women.

Cavities is the most common chronic disease for kids. If a child has a cavity it can affect their ability to learn, eat, sleep, and affects their self-esteem. In Colorado alone, kids miss over 7 million hours of school every year due to mouth pain. The good news is that with basic care and regular dental check-ups, dental cavities are almost fully preventable! Parents can help their children have healthy teeth for life by knowing and using their CHP+ dental benefits.

CHP+ offers up to $1,000 in covered dental services each calendar year that members are enrolled. These services include exams, cleanings, fillings and more. Some benefits may have co-pays. If you have questions about CHP+ dental benefits, call DentaQuest at 1-888-307-6561, TTY 711 or visit the DentaQuest Website at http://dentaquest.com/colorado/

Recognizing the Impact of Bias on Early Childhood Professionals

A new and important course was recently added to the Colorado Shines Professional Development Information System (PDIS). “Recognizing the Impact of Bias on Early Childhood Professionals” introduces the topic of conscious and unconscious bias and how these biases can impact relationships and interactions, disciplinary responses, and children’s school success and well-being. This course was written for early childhood professionals and focuses on the importance of self-awareness in combating unconscious bias. Learners will begin to understand how to recognize bias in themselves and others and strategies to address it.

This course is already getting great feedback! As one user put it, “Wow, what a powerful course that really made me stop and think! This was great!” This one-hour course counts toward social/emotional and Level 2 clock hours. Visit the Colorado Shines PDIS (https://ecpd.costartstrong.org/ets/home) to register for this free course to support your professional development.
The Colorado Shines QRIS will be transitioning from the revised versions of the Environment Rating Scales (ERS) to the third edition. The expected implementation will begin in July 2020 for both the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale, 3rd edition (ECERS-3) and the Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale, 3rd edition (ITERS-3). Programs rated before July 2020 will be observed using the ERS-R tools.

The ECERS 3 is the latest version of the preschool environment scale that is used in observing classrooms serving children ages three to five. Some of the benefits of ECERS 3 include:

- Specifically addresses teacher and child interactions in the learning environment to include:
  - Individualized teaching and learning
  - Peer interaction
  - Supervision of gross motor play
  - Discipline
- Focus on how materials are used in teaching activities instead of the amount of materials available;
- Elimination of the teacher interview, all scores are based on the three-hour observation;
- More focus on language and literacy to positively engage children in books of interest and becoming familiar with print displays, books, and materials; and
- Additional focus on math being included in daily events/routines.

The ITERS 3 is the latest version of the infant/toddler environment scale that is used in observing classrooms serving children ages birth to three. Some of the benefits of ITERS 3 include:

- An increased focus on interactions between the teacher and the children;
- More attention on how teachers use materials to foster children's learning and less attention on the amount of materials;
- More focus on language and literacy, highlighting the importance of language interactions in supporting young children's development;
- A measure focused on math with the recognition that math learning begins at birth; and
- The elimination of the teacher interview, all scores are based on the three-hour observation.

To learn more about these Environment Rating Scales, visit the ERS Institute (https://www.ersi.info/) or Clayton Early Learning's ERS webpage (http://claytonearlylearning.org/research-evaluation/inter-rater-reliability-team/). Stay tuned for updates on the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale (FCCERS) 3 tool, expected to roll out in 2021!

**Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program Seeking Applicants for 2020-2021 Cohort**

Are you someone working with and/or on behalf of children birth to eight and their families in the field of early childhood health, mental health, family support, or early learning in Colorado?

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.

Join representatives from CU Denver's School of Education & Human Development and Clayton Early Learning to learn more about the Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program through a Zoom Video Conference.

**Informational Session RSVP and Links**
(https://gallery.mailchimp.com/c9725f0655e1006e8b1af6a57/images/94cba06d-1ccc-40ef-ac62-702cb857c027.jpg)

**More Information on the Program**
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Do you feel it's important to have a diverse collection of children's books, but don't always know where to start? Diverse BookFinder (https://diversebookfinder.org/) is a comprehensive collection of children's picture books featuring Black and Indigenous people and People of Color (BIPOC).

Use the Diverse BookFinder search tool (https://diversebookfinder.org/books/) to find and explore children's picture books featuring BIPOC characters. The tool allows users to search by race/culture, gender, religion, immigrant/migrant and more.

Who must report: Child care centers, preschools and Head Start programs licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services
Who does not need to report: School-age child 1693010 care centers, family child care homes, drop-in centers, day treatment centers, foster care homes, day camps, resident camps and online-only K-12 schools.
When to report: The reporting webpage will open Oct. 1, 2019. CDPHE is extending the deadline for data submission this year to Jan. 15, 2020.

If you have questions or concerns, please email cdphe_informaticsimmunization@state.co.us

Wanting to become licensed but money is a barrier? United Way of Weld County's Promises for Children can help! We currently have funds to aid in the improvement of health and safety, quality improvement, and much more. Who qualifies? EVERYONE!

How do I learn more? Please contact Tessa at tessa@unitedway-weld.org or call 970-304-6189.

Are you interested in learning natural and affordable ways you can engage children in outdoor spaces in your family child care home? Join this 1.5-hour webinar training to learn how to implement a natural outdoor learning environment in your own backyard. Participants will gain hands on knowledge of different play settings they can add to their outdoor spaces and easy ways to create a dynamic and engaging outdoor space. Each participant will be mailed materials to start implementing right away. A $275 implementation grant towards adding natural elements to outdoor spaces is available. Interested family child care providers must email a completed W-9, and commitment letter to echo@nwf.org. Registration Link: https://ezregister.com/events/30828/ This training is provided at no cost to participants. The webinar link will be emailed the week of the webinar.
United Way of Weld County’s Promises for Children now has resources available. With two different options available to you, either in-person classes or online, we have a format that can work for everyone.

Providers Advancing School Outcomes is our in-person classes, which is available in English and Spanish. English will be two times a week in the evenings and Spanish is one full day a week on the weekends. In just 15 weeks you can obtain all the training needed to apply for your CDA. Over this time you will meet other child care providers, develop supportive relationships, learn about resources, enter to win quality improvement items, and grow your knowledge on caring for children.

We will also offer an online option through CDA Stars. This is a start and stop approach so you can have the ability to complete this on your own time. The online option would be the best choice for someone who wanted to be more independent in their journey to getting their CDA.

To hear more details or discuss cost for the online or English version of the class please contact Tessa at tessa@unitedway-weld.org or call 970-304-6189. For more details or to discuss cost for the Spanish in-person version of the class please contact Lorena at lorena@unitedway-weld.org or call 970-304-6183.

Governor Appoints New Commissioners, Co-Chairs to the Early Childhood Leadership Commission

The Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC), Colorado’s statewide early childhood advisory council, announced the appointment of six new Commissioners by Governor Jared Polis.

- Ryan Beiser (Cherry Hills) – Regional President, PNC Bank Denver
- Jehan Benton-Clark (Denver) – Portfolio Director, Colorado Health Foundation
- Pamela Harris (Denver) – President and CEO, Mile High Early Learning
- Kate Kennedy Reinemund (Englewood) – Executive Director, Constellation Philanthropy
- Sue Renner (Denver) – Vice President of Philanthropy, Merage Foundations
- Ida Rhodes (Pueblo) – Director of Operations, Catholic Charities-Diocese of Pueblo

In addition, the Governor appointed Tom Massey, Deputy Executive Director at Health Care Policy and Financing and Susan Steele, Executive Director of the Buell Foundation, as co-chairs to serve alongside Elsa Holguín, President & CEO of Denver Preschool Program.

The ECLC supports early childhood efforts through its role as a statewide leader, subject matter expert and champion of best and promising practices. The ECLC strives to improve outcomes for young children birth to age eight and their families by advancing the alignment, coordination, and efficiency of programs and services in Colorado.

To learn more about the Commission’s work and see the full list of members, please visit www.earlychildhoodcolorado.org.

Visit [link](https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/b118c1b7-e57c-4dcc-9e89-f283dec14c83.pdf) for the latest Weld County Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective October 2019 through September 2020)

ECCLA Receives Grant to Help Family Child Care Homes

The Buell Foundation has awarded ECCLA with the Family Child Care Home (FCCH) Facility Improvement Initiative grant. The initiative will support existing providers to make facility improvements to remain in business or grow. It will also help to increase capacity in local communities through grants for new providers to become licensed. Read more at [link](https://ecclacolorado.org/eccla-receives-fcch-grant/)
Spring EQIT Registration is open

**EQIT** Expanding Quality in Infant and Toddler Care

This 48-hour training provides early care and education professionals with the knowledge and resources to enhance their work with infants and toddlers.

**Topics Include:** Infant and Toddler Development, Relationship Based Care, Developing Responsive Curriculums and Environments, Meeting Children's Social and Emotional Needs, Partnering with Families, Responsive Caregiving, Safe and Healthy Environments, Language and Literacy, Children with Special Needs, ... and more!

Successful completion meets the Division of Child Care Licensing's infant toddler training course requirements for:

- Infant Nursery Supervisor
- Early Childhood Teacher
- Center Director Qualification
- Home providers needing the infant/toddler training requirements for the experienced provider, 3 under 2, or the infant/toddler home license.

www.unitedway-weld.org/eqit

### Child Care Provider Spotlight

Our next 15-week PASO Institute course will begin in January of 2020. If you or anyone you know is interested and would like more information contact Lorena at Lorena@unitedway-weld.org

Nuestro próximo curso de 15 semanas del Instituto PASO comenzará en enero de 2020. Si usted o alguien que conoce está interesada y desea obtener más información, comuníquese con Lorena en Lorena@unitedway-weld.org

### Text Your Openings

Looking to fill your child care openings?

Colorado Shines Child Care Referral will refer families to your program.

Text ‘CC OPEN’ to 898211
November 11
Dr Bruce Perry is coming to Longmont
(https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bruce-perry-community-event-tickets-7020489733)

November 16
16th Annual After School Zone Conference
(https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/567a684-5a53-4fe4-bbec-555f1dd19a84.pdf)

November 19
CATCH Training
(https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/d9633232-4ca8-43a9-9aab-38b70f14593c.pdf)
Center Participation Letter
(https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/0ddcecf-81e4-432b-9749-f9bb33e7aace.pdf)

UPCOMING
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

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)351-8779, 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_bbcn@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)

For your annual Child Care Provider Updates visit:
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