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.

Be the First to Take the New eLearning Courses Focusing on Infant and Toddler Care!

Looking to increase your knowledge around quality infant and toddler care? Ever wonder how you can support infants’ and toddlers’ social and emotional development? The Office of Early Childhood is excited to release a new Infant and Toddler Care Sequence (https://ecpd.costartstrong.org/ets/home) to help you build your knowledge around infant and toddler care. The new Sequence provides a description of the six essential practices that support quality care for infants and toddlers, including:

- Individualization
- Inclusive Care
- Culturally Responsive Care
- Mixed Groups
- Small Groups
- Primary Caregiving

The courses focusing on individualization, inclusive care, and culturally responsive care are available now on the Colorado Shines PDIS (https://ecpd.costartstrong.org/ets/home). The last three courses will be published in early 2020. Each course in the Sequence counts toward social and emotional and Level 2 training hours.

Health First Colorado

Health First Colorado enrolled members (21 years and older) receive $1,500 in covered dental services between July 1st and June 30th each year. These services include exams, cleanings, fillings and more. Emergency services and dentures do not count towards your $1500.00 annual benefit!

Health First Colorado members Children's Dental Benefit (ages 20 and under) have no annual benefit limit. Enrolled member services include exams, cleanings, fillings, sealants, fluoride treatments and more. There are no co-pays or annual fees. Some dental services require prior authorization from your dentist, BEFORE services are completed.

For more information, please visit: DentaQuest Website or call 1-855-225-1729, TTY 711.
Registration for the 2020 Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference March 13th and 14th at the Colorado Convention Center is now open. Join over 2,000 early childhood professionals to learn, share, and connect on all things early childhood education. Register today!  (https://www.rmecconference.com)

New Course from Head Start

The Head Start course, Supporting Children and Families Experiencing Homelessness is now available on the Colorado Shines PDIS (https://ecpd.costartstrong.org/ets/home). This course is made up of 8, half-hour modules, counts towards four clock hours and Level 2 training hours.

The course was created by the National Center on Parent, Community and Family Engagement and is geared toward all early childhood, school-age, Head Start, Early Head Start, and CCDF professionals.

If learners are interested in a Colorado-focused course, the pre-existing course, Supporting Children and Families Impacted by Homelessness, also available on the Colorado Shines PDIS is recommended.

Looking for ways to improve your child care area? OR Do you want 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.
We are looking for a family child care home provider to serve on the early childhood council. Are you interested in supporting and collaborating with other community members to advocate for children and families in Weld County? The Early Childhood Council meets once a month for 90 minutes, 10 months out of the year.

If you are interested, please contact Adriana Carrillo at acarrillo@unitedway-weld.org for more information.

2019 Cold Weather Shelter Open

The high cost of housing in Weld County and the shortage of affordable housing are leaving people homeless. United Way of Weld County and Catholic Charities are working with other local organizations to provide services to help people through the winter months. United Way of Weld County’s Housing Navigation Center cold weather shelter in the Greeley/Evans area is a place where people can eat a hot meal and sleep safely from November to mid-April.

More at https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/41cf321b-67fd-43c3-a2f3-4c8477910437.pdf

Pre-Licensing Q & A

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? Then you might be a perfect candidate to become a Licensed Child Care Provider in Weld County.

It’s always a good idea to learn as much as possible about a new career opportunity before you sign up for classes. That’s why we’re offering a question and answer session where you’ll hear more about the classes you’ll take, the process of getting your license and be able to ask questions.

Wednesday, January 8
6:30 – 8 p.m.
KidCare Nutrition - 929 38th Avenue Court – Greeley

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Limited scholarships ($325 value) are available. More at (https://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/4957f2ad-ad28-4a03-b264-1fd29b3e6a44.pdf)
In early November, the Weld County Home Visitation Committee and Bright by Three of United Way of Weld County put on a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon to say “Thanks!” to all our wonderful volunteers. We enjoyed soup, salad, bread sticks and cookies, and volunteers made their own appreciation gifts: yarn pumpkins! We welcomed partner agency employees and volunteers, community volunteer home visitors, and volunteer baby blanket makers for a fun and relaxing afternoon. Join us next year! If you would like to be a support to new mothers or would rather craft gifts for new babies, we have the opportunity for you. Just call Amelia at (970) 304-6174 to get started!

We Love Volunteers!

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

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
Congratulations to our 2019 PASO Institute graduates! These providers have attended 8-hour classes on Saturdays for 15 weeks. They received 120 hours of training in early childhood care and education principles and practices. This is the first step for these providers as they will continue on to apply for their Child Development Associate Credential!

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
Looking to fill your child care openings?

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

Text ‘CC OPEN’ to 898211

SAVE THE DATE

January 8
Pre Licensing Orientation
(https://www.unitedway-weld.org/childcare4weld/)

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_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
RESOURCES

- www.childcareaware.org
- www.coloradoshines.force.com
- www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.co
- www.earlylearningco.org
- www.earlychildhoodcolorado.org/early-childhood-colorado-framework
- (PDIS) https://ecpd.costartstrong.org/ets/home
- www.UnitedWay-Weld.org/PFC
- www.UnitedWay-Weld.org/RoadMap4Kids
- www.weldchildcare.com

For your annual Child Care Provider Updates visit:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGMSba3H72qE2jFIC-AMUE5Zxbb53URoovVdyIlDsHVvuyIw/viewform

Finding Child Care
http://www.coloradoshines.com

Become a Child Care Provider
www.unitedway-weld.org/becoming-a-child-care-provider

Invest in your hometown by making a gift today. Thanks!

Secure online at www.UnitedWay-Weld.org or Text UWWCGIVE to 41444

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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or Text your zip code to 898-211

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