



DENVER'S EARLY
CHILDHOOD COUNCIL

Community Trainings

Course Catalog Spring 2017



Denver Preschool Program (DPP) classroom staff or program administrators can attend select trainings at no charge. See individual trainings for details.



Stay up-to date on training info as well as scholarship opportunities and other workshops in your area by subscribing to our monthly PD newsletter at denverearlychildhood.org/newsletter/.

Interested in taking Expanding Quality for Infants and Toddlers (EQIT) or the Pyramid Plus Approach (PPA) Training? Then register for the EQIT or PPA Mailing list 2016-17, available now at ecConnect.

Once you are on a mailing list, you will be notified of upcoming EQIT or PPA trainings via email one week in advance of EQIT or PPA dates being released to the public, so you will get a jump start on registration!

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Policies and Procedures

Mission, Purpose, & Values

The Professional Development Program at Denver's Early Childhood Council will work to:

- Ensure the workforce has access to quality continuing education
- Create and sustain learning experiences, empowering providers to take ownership of their education
- Clarify early childhood career pathways
- Leverage the diverse perspectives of the community

Registration

Each person who wants to register must be logged in under their own account. If this is your first training with us and you do not have an account yet, it takes about one minute to make one, and then you will be ready to register for all Council trainings! **The deadline to register is one week prior to the scheduled training date.** See page 19 for full Registration Instructions.

If you have registration or training questions please contact Melanie Soneson or Erin Gager at Denver's Early Childhood Council (see contact info at bottom of page).

Registration is available online at ecconnect.ecclacolorado.org.

Attendance & Clock Hours

These trainings are offered for child care providers in the Denver community. Clock hours aligned with the Early Childhood Workforce Competencies will be available for all trainings unless otherwise noted. Attendees will receive a certificate at the end of each training as documentation for these clock hours.

Cancellations

If you have registered for a training and can no longer attend, a cancellation call or email is required at a minimum of 8 hours *prior* to the start time of the training. Please contact Melanie Soneson at 720-274-8421 or melanie@denverearlychildhood.org as soon as possible.

There will be a no-show fee required from any individual who fails to notify the Council of training cancellations over a certain amount (3 missed trainings with no cancellation=warning notice, 5 missed trainings with no cancellation=\$50 fee, plus \$10 fee for any additional missed trainings).

Please contact us if you need to cancel!

Payments/Fees

Unless otherwise noted, all Denver's Early Childhood Council trainings are provided at no cost to child care providers who work in the county of Denver.

For out-of-county child care providers, there is a \$10 fee due at the training. **We CANNOT accept cash as a form of payment for trainings.**

Expanding Quality for Infants and Toddlers has a fee of \$50.00 per person and the Pyramid Plus Approach training has a fee of \$375.00 per person.

Interpretation ◇

Select trainings, marked with this symbol: ◇, will be offered in English with optional Spanish interpretation (offered live via headsets). Limited print materials will be available in Spanish at these trainings. If you would like to request interpretation for a particular training or in a different language, contact us.

Reading the Course Catalog:

Training Type Descriptions

Stand Alone

Stand alone trainings provide participants with the opportunity to explore various techniques, theories, and strategies of or relating to early childhood education in a single meeting, usually amounting to 2-4 clock hours. Stand alone training will be offered on a regular schedule (see details on next page).

Mini-Series

Mini-series trainings allow participants to examine techniques, theories, and strategies pertinent to the field of early childhood in over the course of two or more meetings, giving participants the ability to dig into content at a deeper level. Mini-series usually range from 9-15 hours total.

Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

Professional learning communities aim at providing teachers with a group of other child care providers, interested in the same topic, meeting once a month or more to share experiences and work collaboratively to ensure quality care and development for the students they serve.

Immersive

Immersive trainings include the 48-hour courses such as Expanding Quality for Infants and Toddlers (EQIT) and Pyramid Plus Approach (PPA), and are designed to be supportive, hands-on, and in-depth courses in lieu of college classes focusing on teaching strategies to improve the care for infants and toddlers (EQIT) and supporting the social-emotional development for children 0-8 (PPA).

Immersive training could also include other cohorts that focus on building skills over a period of time, such as Dynamic Leadership.

Paired Coaching-available for select trainings***

Research shows that training participants see a greater impact on their work if they also receive coaching to help them apply what they learn in their classroom environment. Select mini-series and immersive trainings will have coaching available upon request. Look for the *** to indicate that coaching is available. This is a great way to not only get the most out of your learning experience, but 8 or more hours of paired coaching can help you earn extra points on your Early Childhood Credential! Director approval is required for all coaching requests. Subject to availability. Talk to your trainer for more details.

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Reading the Course Catalog:

Training Theme Descriptions

Standalone training for each theme is offered on a regular schedule, but we will also be offering mini-series and Learning Communities for all of the themes, so look for those as well!

Health and Safety: *Once per Quarter*

Health, safety, & wellness trainings, occurring quarterly, are prerequisite in meeting licensing standards and ensure child care providers are well-versed in safe, healthy environments for children.

Supportive Environments: *1st Monday of every other month*

Supportive environment trainings, occurring on the 1st of every other month, emphasize approaches including social/emotional support, cultural and individual diversity and inclusion, supporting families, and setting up an interactive learning environment.

PLAY!: *2nd Tuesday of every other month*

Play topics, occurring the 2nd Tuesday of every other month, will promote movement and learning, creative thinking, and child growth and brain development. Play allows children to creatively explore the world and develop their cognitive, fine and gross motor abilities.

STEAM and Language: *3rd Wednesday of every other month*

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math made easy for providers to integrate into their classrooms! This theme will also cover the related topics of language and literacy. STEAM and language topics, occurring the 3rd Wednesday of every other month, support key principles such as child growth, development, and learning as well as teaching practices.

Developmental Differences: *4th Thursday of every other month*

Developmental differences, occurring the 4th Thursday of every other month, supports providers in special needs inclusion, sensory processing, autism and spectrum disorders, screening and referral, speech therapy, and talking to families about children with special needs.

Director's Topics: *4th Tuesday of every other month*

Ever-growing in your career, we also offer a number of professional development and leadership topics and credentials that relate to the Director's role, occurring the 4th Tuesday of every other month.

Temas en Español (Themes in Spanish): *2nd Saturday of every month*

In order to support our large Spanish-Speaking community, we offer a number of trainings of the above themes in Spanish occurring the 2nd Saturday of every month.

Featured Topics

Keep a lookout for and take advantage of our exceptional and strategically designed learning and networking opportunities by attending one of our featured trainings!

Spring 2017– Training Schedule by Start Date

Theme	Type	Training Name	Start Date
Supportive Environments	PLC	Preventing Challenging Behaviors: PLC	1/12/2017
Health and Safety	Stand Alone	CPR	1/17/2017
STEAM and Language	Stand Alone	Kids and Screens: Early Literacy and Technology	1/18/2017
Health and Safety	Stand Alone	Safe Sleep Training	1/19/2017
Health and Safety	Stand Alone	First Aid/Standard Precautions	1/23/2017
Temas en Español	Stand Alone	Entrenamiento del Sueño Seguro	1/24/2017
Health and Safety	Stand Alone	Medication Administration	1/26/2017
Directors' Topics	Stand Alone	Which Social Emotional Framework is Right for Your Program?	1/31/2017
STEAM and Language	Series Training	Engineering in Early Learning	2/2/2017
Supportive Environments	Stand Alone	Signing for Transitions and Routines	2/6/2017
Directors' Topics	PLC	Future Leaders: PLC	2/8/2017
Temas en Español	Stand Alone	Los Mejores Libros Del Año	2/11/2017
Developmental Differences	Stand Alone	Infants and Toddlers: What to Expect, and how to deal with the Unexpected!	2/23/2017
Developmental Differences	Series Training	Celebrating Children's Developmental Differences	2/27/2017
PLAY!	Stand Alone	Play is Serious Business for Infants and Toddlers	3/7/2017
Temas en Español	Stand Alone	Jugar es un Tema Serio	3/11/2017
STEAM and Language	Stand Alone	Science IS for Babies and Toddlers!	3/22/2017
Directors' Topics	Stand Alone	Trauma-Informed Organizations	3/28/2017
Supportive Environments	Stand Alone	Trauma-Informed Care	4/3/2017
Supportive Environments	Series Training	Strengthening Families Training	4/8/2017
Temas en Español	Stand Alone	Cuidado Informado Sobre el Trauma	4/8/2017
PLAY!	Series Training	Be Aware, Practice Self-Care!	4/10/2017
Temas en Español	Series Training	Fortalecimiento de la Familia	4/15/17
Health and Safety	Stand Alone	Medication Administration	4/17/2017
Health and Safety	Stand Alone	Safe Sleep Training	4/25/2017
Developmental Differences	Stand Alone	Preschoolers: What to Expect, and how to deal with the Unexpected!	4/27/2017
Health and Safety	Stand Alone	CPR/First Aid/Standard Precautions	4/29/2017
Health and Safety	Stand Alone	Cooking Matters for Child Care Professionals	5/6/2017
PLAY!	Stand Alone	Messing About with Play	5/9/2017
Temas en Español	Stand Alone	Niños y Pantallas: Alfabetización temprana y la tecnología	5/13/2017
STEAM and Language	Stand Alone	Gardening Education for Preschool Teachers	5/17/2017
Directors' Topics	Stand Alone	Transforming Stress	5/30/2017
Featured Training	Stand Alone	Colorado Shines Level 2 Face to Face Trainings	Various Dates and Times
Featured Training	Stand Alone	CLASS Overview and Modules (English and Spanish)	Various Dates, evenings

Details subject to change. See registration site at econnect.ecclacolorado.org for most up-to-date information!

Health and Safety

There is a fee for health and safety classes! You can either attend all trainings in a round (\$20 for all), or attend only some of the trainings (\$10 each).

Trainings Available

CPR

Description: CPR training includes one rescuer CPR skills to save lives and reduce recovery time for adults, children and infants and AED training.

First Aid/Standard Precautions

Description: First aid teaches how to properly apply first aid. Standard Precautions assists in satisfying the training requirements of the U.S. Department of Labor, OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard.

Medication Administration

Description: Includes medication administration in Colorado schools, camps and childcare centers. A 3-year certificate is awarded upon successful completion of this training.

Safe Sleep

Description: All staff who care for infants in child care homes and centers must complete a Safe Sleep Training on an annual basis. Participants in this training will gain an understanding of infant safe sleep best practices to better protect the children in their care and reduce the risk of sleep related infant deaths across the state.

Car Seat Safety 101 (spring only)

Description: Do you think you know how to put a car seat in a car, and a child in the car seat? Statistics say you don't! *Improperly installed car seats are the number one cause of death for infants in the US.* Come learn how to make sure the kids in your care are safe in the car.

Round 1

Location: Tramway Nonprofit Center, Lakeshore Rm, 3532 Franklin St Denver, CO 80205

CPR- Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 6-8:30pm ◇

First Aid/Standard Precautions- Monday, January 23, 2017 6-8:30pm ◇

Medication Administration- Thursday, January 26, 2017 5-9pm ◇

Safe Sleep- Thursday, January 19, 2017, 6-8pm

Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 6:30-8:30pm (In Spanish)

◇ CPR, First Aid, Standard Precautions, and Medication Administration will be offered in English with optional Spanish Interpretation!!

Round 2

Location: Salem United Church of Christ, Parsonage Manor, 1575 S. Grape St Denver, CO 80222

CPR- Saturday, April 29, 2017, 9am-11am

First Aid/Standard Precautions- Saturday, April 29, 11am-3pm

Medication Administration- Monday, April 17, 2017 5-9pm

Safe Sleep- Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6-8pm

Car Seat Safety 101- Wednesday, April 19, 2017 6-7:30pm ◇

◇ Car Seat Safety 101 will be offered in English with optional Spanish Interpretation!!

Health and Safety

Standalone

Cooking Matters for Child Care Providers ◇

Please note, registration for this training is ONLY available at <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/share-our-strengths-cooking-matters-colorado-1808599189> and registration will not be open until February 1, 2017

Description: A course that teaches care professionals about healthy meal preparation and creating a positive food environment for kids in their care. Throughout the course, there will be hands-on food preparation: snacks and meals that will be enjoyed together during family-style meal service. See you there!

After the course you will receive new essential kitchen tools, a manual with 34 child-friendly recipes, an activity bank of engaging ways to teach kids in your care about healthy eating, and 8 hours of continuing education credits.

Dates and times: Saturday, May 6, 2017, 9:00am-5:00pm

Location: TBD

Trainer: Representative from Cooking Matters Colorado

◇ *Interpretation Available*

Other Health and Safety Training Resources

There are lots of other great resources around Health and Safety, many of which are available online for free! Here are just a few to get you started:

Pre-Service and/or Required Training in PDIS: ecpd.costartstrong.org/

Early Childhood Professionals can access these FREE online courses at any time by logging in to the Professional Development Information System. (PDIS) If you don't have an account, it is easy (and free) to create one. Once you log in, you can go to the "Course Catalog" and choose a category to find the "pre-service and required trainings". The nice thing about taking classes in this system is that you automatically get credit towards your early childhood credential every time you complete a training module! More courses are always being added, so check back regularly.

Mandatory Reporter Training: www.coloradocwts.com/community-training

Did you know that all child care providers are required by law to make reports of potential child abuse and/or neglect? This training walks you through the whole process, including what to look for, how and when to report, and what to expect after you have submitted a report. This training is available for FREE to all child care professionals, and includes different training options with content specifically for educators, healthcare providers, mental health professionals, and more.

Not a fun topic, but one that is necessary to keep the children in your care safe!

This training is required annually for those working with children.

For a full list of required trainings and where to take them, check out the Colorado Office of Early Childhood's website at: www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/training.

Supportive Environments

Signing for Transitions and Routines

Description: Transitions can be tough-for everyone! Learn how signing can help make transitions and routines smoother, to let the children in your classroom focusing on learning and not worrying about what they will do next!

Dates and times: Monday, February 6, 2017 6:00pm–9:00pm

Location: Tramway Nonprofit Center Lakeshore Rm, 3532 Franklin St Denver, CO 80205

Standalone

Trauma-Informed Care

Description: Did you know that 26% Of U.S. children will witness or experience a traumatic event before age 4? Experiencing trauma can have a profound effect on children's brain development, social interactions, physical health, and learning for decades after the actual event. How can early childhood professionals make sure they are supporting children (and families) who have experienced trauma, and ensure they have the supportive environment they need to grow in a healthy way? Get some answers to these important questions at this training!

Dates and times: Monday, April 3, 2017 6:00pm–9:00pm

Location: TBD

Trainers: Denver Children's Advocacy Center

Strengthening Families

Description: During child abuse prevention month, learn the easy, concrete steps you can take to better support families and prevent domestic issues. This strengths-based model focuses on building and implementing five protective factors to support families, enhance child development, and reduce child abuse and neglect.

Dates and times: Saturdays, April 8, April 15, April 22, 2017 9:00am-2:30pm

Location: TBD

Trainers: Jill Rocha, Denver's Early Childhood Council and Dottie Jefferies

Mini-series

Future Leaders***

Description: This PLC is perfect for any professionals who want to be a child care directors, who are new to the director role, or who want to learn more about running a successful child care center. We will cover everything from business and marketing basics to supporting staff to engaging families. Together as a team we will learn, grow, and collaborate to make the future of early childhood bright!

Dates and times: Wednesdays, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 6/7, 8/9 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Tramway Nonprofit Center, 3532 Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80205

Trainers: Jill Rocha, Denver's Early Childhood Council

Learning Community

Preventing Challenging Behavior***

Description: Teachers often encounter behaviors that are, to say the least, less than ideal for the classroom environment. Come to this group to talk through strategies for dealing with these behaviors, and learn about positive behavior supports you can add to your classroom to support the healthy social emotional development of all children birth to five.

Dates and times: Thursdays, 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23 5:30pm–7:30pm

Location: Clayton Training Center, 3975 Martin Luther King Blvd. Denver, CO 80205

Trainers: Christine O'Brien, Clayton Early Learning

PLAY!

Standalone

Play is Serious Business for Infants and Toddlers

Description: This research-based presentation stresses the critical role of play in children's development. You will learn the importance of play to develop the foundational skills all children need to succeed in school. Discover how young children learn best, how you can support this development and have fun learning new practices with traditional activities and new technologies. Dive in to how you can support and promote play for infants and toddlers in your classroom!

Dates and times: Tuesday, March 7, 6:00pm–8:00pm

Location: TBD

Trainers: Sarah McNeil, Denver Public Library

Messing About with Play

Description: When children play, they are engaging in distinct phases of learning as they uncover new understandings about the world around them. To support this learning, teachers should engage in those phases of learning themselves. Join us for a session of guided play, in which we will dive into our own understandings of thinking and learning through hands-on engagement with materials, supported by the educational philosophy of Frances and David Hawkins.

Dates and times: Tuesday May 9, 2017 6:00pm–8:30pm

Location: YMCA Schlessman Child Care Center, 2625 S. Colorado Blvd. Denver, CO 80222

Trainers: Alex Cruickshack, Boulder Journey School

Mini-series

Be Aware, Practice Self-care!

Description: In honor of teacher appreciation month, we wanted to offer a twist on PLAY!: Play for Teachers! Join us in this 4-part mini-series to explore how self-care, mindfulness, and reflective practice can help make your work with children more effective and fulfilling. We will be exploring how these practices can increase job satisfaction, quality of teacher-child interactions, and overall well-being. In addition, this class will cover real, practical strategies you can use to embed these practices in your day, including an 'experiential hour' at the end of each session, where participants will get the chance to practice yoga, meditation, mindful movement, and more! Remember, 'Taking care of YOU means the people in your life receive the best of you, rather than what's left of you'.

Dates and times: Mondays, April 14, April 24, May 8, May 22, 2017 6:00pm-9:00pm

Location: TBD

Trainers: Emily McNeil & Jennifer Platt, Marsico Institute

STEAM and Language

Standalone

[Science IS for Babies and Toddlers!](#)

Description: How can babies learn science? This training supports teachers of infants and toddlers in the design of an environment which supports curiosity and exploration. The training draws from what the research and current thinking say about the very young child's brain development, how he understands, explores, and constructs his world. Teachers will practice and develop exploration strategies which nurture early science experiences for infants and toddlers.

Dates and times: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 6:00pm–9:00pm

Location: Children's Haven, 2600 S. Sheridan Blvd, Denver, CO 80227

Trainers: Adrienne Sedlak, Qualistar Colorado

[Gardening Education for Preschool Teachers](#) ◇

Description: Gardening Education for Preschool Teachers is a course designed to help educators pique the interest of children in gardening and observing plants. Participants will get hands-on exercises in planting various kinds of seeds, rooting stem cuttings, watering plants correctly, using compost, and understanding how light, temperature, humidity and pests affect our garden plants. We intend to help teachers turn gardening into a favorite activity of the next generation by exploring possibilities and finding the fun in it!

Dates and times: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 6:00pm–8:00pm

Location: Culture Garden Market, 3833 Steele St #B, Denver, CO 80205

Trainers: Carol Ly Sing Lao, Culture Garden Market

◇ *Interpretation Available*

Mini-series

[Engineering in Early Learning](#)

Description: In this four-part series, we will introduce and explore what engineering and investigation-based learning looks like in the early learning environment. Topics include: Investigation-based teaching practices, easy engineering activities and principles, the design process in action, and the physics of common play materials like ramps. You will come away from this training confident in your ability to instill engineering skills and critical thinking in your students!

Dates and times: Thursdays, February 2, February 9, February 16, March 2, 2017 6:00-8:00pm

Location: Paddington Station Preschool, 1301 Quebec St Denver, CO 80220

Trainers: Kodo Kids

Learning Community

[Critical Thinkers***](#)

Description: The Critical Thinkers Group is an innovative model that supports educators to facilitate critical thinking in young children. Participants attend "Creating Critical Thinkers" training modules followed with a Professional Learning Group (PLC) that focuses on the teaching behaviors that have shown to increase scores in the Instruction Support domain of the Pre-K CLASS assessment.

Dates and times: Wednesdays, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/12, 4/26 5:30pm–7:30pm

Location: Clayton Training Center, 3975 Martin Luther King Blvd, Denver, CO 80205

Trainers: Laura Rothe, Clayton Early Learning

Developmental Differences

Standalone

[Infants and Toddlers: What to Expect, and how to deal with the Unexpected!](#)

Description: Young children are developing more quickly in those first few years than they will at any other time in their lives! Teachers know that all children develop at their own pace, but there are some common milestones to be on the lookout for. This training will also explore what to do when a child may be consistently missing those milestones, including how to talk to the parents, and how to help the family navigate referral, screening, and finding services for their child. Hear from the experts, including child development and early intervention specialists from Rocky Mountain Human Services (RMHS)!

Dates and times: Thursday, February 23, 2017 6:00pm–9:00pm

Location: Trinity Lutheran Child Care Center, 4225 W. Yale Ave Denver, CO 80219

Trainers: Rocky Mountain Human Services

[Preschoolers: What to Expect, and how to deal with the Unexpected!](#)

Description: Young children are developing more quickly in those first few years than they will at any other time in their lives! Teachers know that all children develop at their own pace, but there are some common milestones to be on the lookout for. This training will also explore what to do when a child may be consistently missing those milestones, including how to talk to the parents, and how to help the family navigate referral, screening, and finding services for their child. Hear from the experts, including child development and early intervention specialists from Child Find!

Dates and times: Thursday, April 27, 2017 6:00pm–9:00pm

Location: Paddington Station Preschool, 1301 Quebec St Denver, CO 80220

Trainers: Child Find

Mini-series

[Celebrating Children's Developmental Differences](#)

Description: Working with children with developmental differences can sometimes seem overwhelming, but this training will give you the tools to celebrate and enjoy working with those children. In this 4-part series, we explore how to support and celebrate developmental differences in children using easy observation and assessment strategies, developing curriculum plans that are challenging yet flexible, and setting up nurturing classrooms that encourage curiosity and critical thinking. Learn how to create imaginative classroom environments that support children's diverse learning needs while also meeting the individual needs of each child.

Dates and times: Mondays, February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, 2017 6:00pm–9:00pm

Location: Mountain View Child Care, 3939 W. Florida Ave Denver, CO 80219

Trainers: Shannon Lincoln

Director's Topics

Which Social-Emotional Framework is Right for Your Program?

Description: There are many tools out there to support social emotional learning at child care centers, so how do you know which one is the right one for your program? Come eat a tasty lunch and learn the answer to this question!

Dates and times: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 11:00am–1:00pm

Location: Tramway Nonprofit Center Lakeshore Rm, 3532 Franklin St Denver, CO 80205

Trainers: Susan Kay, Denver's Early Childhood Council

Trauma-Informed Organizations

Description: Did you know that 26% Of U.S. children will witness or experience a traumatic event before age 4? Experiencing trauma can have a profound effect on children's brain development, social interactions, physical health, and learning for decades after the actual event. How can you make sure your child care program is supporting children (and families) who have experienced trauma, and ensure your policies, procedures, and practices create the supportive environment they need to grow in a healthy way? Get some answers to these important questions at this training!

Dates and times: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 12:00pm-2:00pm

Location: TBD

Trainers: Denver Children's Advocacy Center

Transforming Stress

Description: With an increase of information, demands and expectations coming at us daily, implementing practical self management strategies to transform stress is paramount for our professional success and personal well being. We will explore common causes of stress that make us less effective, less compassionate and impatient in the workplace and with our families. Participants will learn practical prevention and intervention strategies to transform stress to increase professional success and personal well being.

Dates and times: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 12:00pm-2:00pm

Location: TBD

Trainers: Constant Hine

Director's ***

Description: Come join other child care center directors to connect, learn from each other, share your experiences, and explore everything from policy writing, retaining and mentoring staff, best business practices, and much more!

Dates and time: Tuesdays, 1/10, 2/14, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13 11:30am-1:30pm

Location: Clayton Training Center, 3975 M.L.K. Blvd Denver, CO 80205

Trainers: Toni LaTronica, Clayton Early Learning

Family Child Care ***

Description: Come join other family child care home providers to connect, learn from each other, share your experiences, and explore challenges unique to running your own business while providing a quality environment for early learning.

Dates and time: Thursdays, 1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18 6:30pm-8:30pm

Location: Clayton Training Center, 3975 M.L.K. Blvd Denver, CO 80205

Trainers: Debi Nelson, Clayton Early Learning

Standalone

Learning Community

Temas en Español

Los Mejores Libros del Año

Descripción: Venga y descubra los mejores libros infantiles publicados en los últimos dos años. En nuestra sesión le mostraremos los mejores títulos junto con ideas de cómo despertar el interés de sus estudiantes. Déjenos a nosotros el trabajo de encontrar los libros perfectos para su clase, simplemente venga y disfrute echándole un vistazo a las últimas publicaciones ¡que seguro que le encantan!

Fecha y Hora: Sábado, 11 de febrero 2017 9:00am–12:00pm

Lugar: Hadley Branch Library, 1890 S. Grove St. Denver, CO 80219

Entrenadores: Alberto Pellicer, Denver Public Library

Jugar es un Tema Serio

Descripción: Esta presentación basada en diversos estudios subraya el importante papel del juego en el desarrollo de los niños. En una sociedad en la que jugar es a veces visto como un tema menor, los padres, educadores y cuidadores aprenderán sobre la importancia del juego en la evolución de las principales destrezas que los niños necesitan para tener éxito en la escuela.

Fechas y Hora: Sábado, 11 de Marzo, 2017 9:00am–12:00pm

Lugar: Hadley Branch Library, 1890 S. Grove St. Denver, CO 80219

Entrenadores: Yanira Duarte, Denver Public Library

Cuidado Informado Sobre el Trauma

Descripción: ¿Sabías que 26% de niños pequeños en E.U. experimentan traumas antes de la edad de cuatro años? La experiencia del trauma puede tener efectos profundos en el desarrollo del cerebro por décadas. Aprende como los profesionales de la primera infancia pueden asegurar que los niños y sus familias que han experimentado el trauma sean apoyados y asegurar que tengan un ambiente sano y salvo para crecer saludablemente.

Fecha y Hora: Sabado, 8 de Abril, 2017, 9:00am–12:00pm

Lugar: TBD

Entrenadores: Denver Children’s Advocacy Center

Niños y Pantallas: Alfabetización temprana y la tecnología

Descripción: En un mundo tan cambiante, los niños se ven expuestos a pantallas y tecnología a edades mucho más tempranas. Venga y aprenda sobre las recomendaciones de los expertos y cómo crear un equilibrio entre su uso y la vida familiar. Hablaremos también sobre las últimas aplicaciones y cada participante aprenderá cómo dar consejos a padres acerca de la tecnología y sus niños.

Fecha y Hora: Sábado 13 de Mayo 9:00am–12:00pm

Lugar: Hadley Branch Library, 1890 S. Grove St. Denver, CO 80219

Entrenadores: Brianna Austin, Denver Public Library

Fortalecimiento de la Familia

Description: Esta capacitación analiza el Fortalecimiento de la Familia en base a los Factores de Protección que han demostrado dar resultados positivos para los niños pequeños y sus familias y para reducir la probabilidad de abuso y negligencia infantil.

Fecha y Hora: Sábados, 15 de abril, 22 de abril, 29 de abril, 9:00am-2:30pm

Lugar: TBD

Entrenadores: Diane Medina & Sofia Esteve

Temas en Español

Sueño Seguro

Descripción: En esta capacitación requerida, participantes aprenderán sobre las practicas apropiadas para el sueño seguro de los infantes para mejor proteger a los niño en su cuidado y esto ayudara a bajar el riesgo de muerte de infantes durante el sueño.

Fecha y Hora: Martes, 24 de enero, 2017 6:30pm–8:30pm

Lugar: Tramway Nonprofit Center Lakeshore Rm, 3532 Franklin St Denver, CO 80205

Entrenadores: Luisa Lemus, Denver’s Early Childhood Council

De Bueno a Excelente: Información General - Prácticas eficaces de enseñanza para los estudiantes del Siglo XXI

Descripción: Cada día, maestras participan en cientos de interacciones que afectan el aprendizaje tanto académico como socio-emocional. Este taller provee una perspectiva de las practicas de enseñanza que son consideradas efectivas para el máximo rendimiento del aprendizaje académico y socio-emocional en cuanto es medido por la herramienta CLASS™.

Fechas y Hora: Miércoles, 1 de febrero, 2017 5:00pm–8:00pm

Lugar: Clayton Training Center, 3975 M.L.K. Blvd Denver, CO 80205

Entrenadores: Susan Fabian, Clayton Early Learning

De Bueno a Excelente: APOYO EMOCIONAL (CLASS Module 1)

Descripción: Este taller toma una mirada cercana a enseñanzas específicas de comportamientos que ayudan a los niños a desarrollar relaciones cálidas de apoyo y entusiasmo por el aprendizaje, sentirse cómodos en el aula y a experimentar niveles apropiados de autonomía o independencia.

Fechas y Hora: Miércoles, 15 de febrero , 2017 5:00pm–8:00pm

Lugar: Clayton Training Center, 3975 M.L.K. Blvd Denver, CO 80205

Entrenadores: Susan Fabian, Clayton Early Learning

De Bueno a Excelente: ORGANIZACIÓN DEL SALÓN (CLASS Module 2)

Descripción: En este taller vemos las prácticas y estrategias específicas de enseñanza que promueven el manejo de conducta eficaz, la productividad en el aula, y el interés en las actividades de aprendizaje.

Fecha y Hora: Miércoles, 1 de marzo, 2017 5:00pm–8:00pm

Lugar: Clayton Training Center, 3975 M.L.K. Blvd Denver, CO 80205

Entrenadores: Susan Fabian, Clayton Early Learning

De Bueno a Excelente: APOYO DE ENSEÑANZA (CLASS Module 3)

Descripción: Este taller explora las competencias docentes necesarias para apoyar el desarrollo de cada niño de las habilidades de pensamiento crítico. Los participantes también tendrán la oportunidad de explorar los tipos de actividades que apoyan el concepto de desarrollo y crecimiento del lenguaje.

Fecha y Hora: Miércoles, 15 de marzo, 2017 5:00pm–8:00pm

Lugar: Clayton Training Center, 3975 M.L.K. Blvd Denver, CO 80205

Entrenadores: Susan Fabian, Clayton Early Learning

Featured Trainings

Colorado Shines Level 2 Face to Face training!

- Receive in-person instruction on essential topics, delivered by a credentialed coach
- Receive 2 hours credit per PDIS course completed (all earned credits can be used toward your required 15 annual hours)
- Can take 1, 2, 3, or all courses - your choice
- Attend all 4 options and complete the 10 required hours for COLORADO SHINES Level 2

Early Learning and Development Guidelines

Description: After this training, participants will understand the structure of the ELDGs, and know how these guidelines contribute to meeting Quality Standards.

Dates: Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 6:00pm–8:00pm

Location: Tramway Nonprofit Center Blue Rm, 3532 Franklin St Denver, CO 80205

Trainers: Elizabeth Williams, Denver’s Early Childhood Council

Welcoming Children with Special Needs

Description: After this training, participants will demonstrate an understanding of the concepts, key principles, and rationale behind inclusive education.

Dates: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 6:00pm–8:00pm

Location: Tramway Nonprofit Center Lakeshore Rm, 3532 Franklin St Denver, CO 80205

Trainers: Elizabeth Williams, Denver’s Early Childhood Council

Cultural Responsiveness and Family Engagement, Parts 1 & 2

Description: After this training, participants will be able to describe the Cultural Proficiency Continuum and recognize culturally responsive practices.

Dates: Saturday, March 4, 2017 9:00am–1:00pm

Location: Tramway Nonprofit Center Lakeshore Rm, 3532 Franklin St Denver, CO 80205

Trainers: Elizabeth Williams, Denver’s Early Childhood Council

Social Emotional Health and Development

Description: After this training, participants will be able to describe strategies to implement responsive routines and environments to support children’s social-emotional development.

Dates: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 6:00pm–8:00pm

Location: Tramway Nonprofit Center Lakeshore Rm, 3532 Franklin St Denver, CO 80205

Trainers: Elizabeth Williams, Denver’s Early Childhood Council

Featured Trainings

This Spring Semester we are offering various **CLASS[®] trainings** focusing on intentional and powerful interactions with the students we serve! In these trainings, participants engage in discussions regarding classroom strategies to support the development of each child's social competence (Module 1), to create an environment that maximizes each child's opportunity to learn (Module 2), and to support each child's development of higher-level critical thinking skills (Module 3).

Participants also have the opportunity to develop a plan for applying at least one new teaching strategy in the classroom from each module. To learn more about each individual training, please visit:

<http://denverearlychildhood.org/events/>

[Good to Great: Effective Teaching Practices for 21st Century Learners Overview \(CLASS[®] Overview\)](#)

Dates: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 OR Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Times: 5:00pm–8:00pm

Location: Clayton Training Center, Meera Mani Rm, 3975 M.L.K. Blvd Denver, CO 80205

Audience: Preschool Providers

Trainers: Laura Rothe, Clayton Early Learning

[Good to Great \(CLASS[®]\) Module 1: Emotional Support](#)

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Times: 5:00pm–8:00pm

Location: Clayton Training Center, Meera Mani Rm, 3975 M.L.K. Blvd Denver, CO 80205

Audience: Preschool Providers

Trainers: Representative of Clayton Early Learning

[Good to Great: \(CLASS[®]\) Module 2: Classroom Organization](#)

Dates: Thursday, February 2, 2017

Times: 5:00pm–8:00pm

Location: Clayton Training Center, Meera Mani Rm, 3975 M.L.K. Blvd Denver, CO 80205

Audience: Preschool Providers

Trainers: Representative of Clayton Early Learning

[Good to Great: \(CLASS[®]\) Module 3: Instructional Support](#)

Dates: Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Times: 5:00pm–8:00pm

Location: Clayton Training Center, Meera Mani Rm, 3975 M.L.K. Blvd Denver, CO 80205

Audience: Preschool Providers

Trainers: Representative of Clayton Early Learning

Standalone

Featured Trainings

In addition to our usual CLASS® trainings, we are also offering a brand new opportunity to explore this tool more in-depth: **BEYOND Good To Great-Advanced Modules**.

These trainings were designed for those who have already completed the corresponding basic module, (see previous page) so make sure you take those first!

Beyond Good to Great- Advanced Module 1:

Utilizing the Emotional Support Domain of the PRE-K CLASS tool as a Blueprint for Brain Architecture

Description: Early experiences affect the development of brain architecture which provides the foundation for all future learning, behavior and health. Participants will engage in an interactive “brain building” activity that illustrates how life experiences, interactions and toxic stress affect the foundation or wiring of the developing brain. The Emotional Support Domain of the Pre-K CLASS tool will be used to explore teacher interactions that create a strong foundation for learning.

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 5:00pm–8:00pm

Location: Clayton Training Center, Meera Mani Rm, 3975 M.L.K. Blvd Denver, CO 80205

Audience: Preschool Providers

Trainers: Representative of Clayton Early Learning

Beyond Good to Great- Advanced Module 2:

How the Pre-K CLASS Classroom Organization Domain Supports Maximizing Opportunities for Learning

Description: Understanding how varying background knowledge, readiness, language, preferences in learning, and interests affect child growth and development is key to successful planning for individualized instruction and maximizing each child’s growth and development. Participants will explore Gardner’s Theory of Multiple Intelligences and how it supports the behaviors measured by the Pre-K CLASS tool.

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 5:00pm–8:00pm

Location: Clayton Training Center, Meera Mani Rm, 3975 M.L.K. Blvd Denver, CO 80205

Audience: Preschool Providers

Beyond Good to Great- Advanced Module 3:

Fostering Inquiry by Scaffolding Curiosity

Description: Young children love to ask questions, are naturally curious and eager to construct their own knowledge and learning rather than being passive recipients. Using the Pre-K CLASS Instructional Support Domain, participants will explore strategies that provide children with a physical environment and experiences that encourage curiosity, investigation and wonder.

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 5:00pm–8:00pm

Location: Clayton Training Center, Meera Mani Rm, 3975 M.L.K. Blvd Denver, CO 80205



Audience: Preschool Providers



Register for Trainings at:

denverearlychildhood.org

*****Each person who wants to register must be logged in under their own account*****

1. Go to denverearlychildhood.org and scroll down to the bottom of the page. Look for the ecConnect box in the left corner.
2. In the ecConnect box, either “Login” or “Create an Account” (if this is your first training with us).
3. Once you are logged in, click on the yellow star  to see all upcoming trainings.
4. You can search using the search boxes, or sort by start date by clicking the column heading.
5. Click on the title of any trainings you are interested in to see more information and to register.
6. Click the blue “Register” Button. 
7. Almost Done! Scroll down to the bottom of the page, fill out a few questions, and click “Confirm Registration”.
8. Congratulations, you are registered! Keep an eye out for your email registration confirmation with training details and continue to check your emails periodically in case there is a change.
9. After you are done registering, click on your email in the purple bar across the top and select “logout” so the next person can begin at step 1.

If you have questions about registration, please contact
Melanie Soneson, Professional Development Assistant, at:
melanie@denverearlychildhood.org or 720.274.8421
For general PD questions, please contact Erin Gager,
Manager of Professional Development, at:
erin@denverearlychildhood.org or 720.644.2567



Colorado Early Childhood Professional Credential: What you need to know about training!

The Early Childhood Professional Credential is a great way to show current or future employers your skills and accomplishments, meet statewide licensing requirements, as well as plan your own career path in early childhood!

You can apply for the Credential in PDIS (<http://ecpd.costartstrong.org/ets/etsuser/studentprofile.aspx>). For instructions on how to apply, check out the resources and videos at <http://ecpd.costartstrong.org/ets/pages/?p=resources>.

The Credential is a points-based system that is designed to take into account a wide variety of experiences that help to make you a more qualified child care professional. This includes:

- College degrees (extra points if your degree was in a field related to early childhood)
- College Coursework (extra points if these classes were aligned to the Early Childhood Competencies)
- Training hours *** extra points if the training is:
 - Part of a series
 - A full day that focused on children with high needs
 - Has a job-embedded component
- ECE-related certifications, credentials, or endorsements
- Years of experience in the field
- Demonstrated Competencies

***All of the trainings offered by the Denver Council count towards these hours. Attending a training is one of the most time and cost-efficient ways of gaining points in your credential!

Here are some of the most common questions about how training relates to your credential:

How far back can I include my training certificates?

Training hours in the Ongoing Professional Development section are valid for 3 years.

What is a 'contact hour' and what is a 'CEU'?

Contact hour is the amount of hours spent in educational activity. 15 contact hours = 1 semester hour of renewal credit. CEU stands for Continuing Education Unit. Typically, one CEU is equivalent to 10 contact hours. One CEU is to 2/3 semester hours of renewal credit.

What does 'series' mean in Ongoing Professional Development?

Trainings that are at least 12 hours long and take place on more than one occasion have been shown to be more effective than those that are either shorter or include back-to-back sessions. So, to acknowledge these effective training strategies, you can earn additional points when you participate in trainings that are completed as a 'series'. You will earn points for the clock hours of the training and you will earn 2 additional points for each training 'series'.

What is a 'job embedded' component for Ongoing Professional Development?

Trainings are more effective when they include a 'job embedded' component. This means that it includes resources and supports for the learners directly at their job site and as part of their work. Currently, participatory coaching is the 'job embedded' component that can earn points towards a credential. This means that a training that includes at least 8 hours of related coaching will earn you 2 additional points for the coaching on top of the points for the training.

All Credentials are issued by the Colorado Department of Education.

For more resources, including the full scoring system and FAQs about the credential, visit http://ecpd.costartstrong.org/ets/pages/?p=credential_2.0.





Frequently Asked Questions

How do I become a licensed childcare provider?

Go to the Colorado Office of Early Childhood webpage for information on how to obtain your license.

How do I become a qualified Teacher or Director?

Find out at the Colorado Office of Early Childhood. You will notice that one path to becoming qualified is to achieve a certain level in the new Early Childhood Professional Credential 2.0. You can apply for the Professional Credential in the Professional Development Information System (PDIS).

How can I become a licensed Family Child Care Home?

A family child care home is required to be licensed when care is provided to two or more unrelated children at any one time. Find out about the application process at the Colorado Office of Early Childhood. We do offer the pre-licensing training required for new family child care providers, so be sure to check ecConnect to see if there are any coming up!

What is PDIS for and why does it play a significant role in my job?

PDIS is the statewide web-based system supporting professional development for Colorado's early childhood workforce. It's primary role is to support the child care professional in growing their skills and knowledge in order to ensure the quality of care for Colorado's youngest citizens. PDIS is where you can apply for your Early Childhood Professional Credential, as well as find FREE online training.

Do EQIT (Expanding Quality for Infants/Toddlers) or PPA (Pyramid Plus Approach) courses help me meet my licensing requirements?

The EQIT training meets the same state licensing requirements as ECE111 (Infant and Toddler Theory). The PPA training meets the same requirements as ECE 103 (Guidance Strategies) as laid out by the Colorado Department of Human Services. To view full licensing requirements for an Early Childhood Teacher, visit <http://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/#!early-childhood-teacher/c1rqg>

To view full licensing requirements for Director's qualifications, visit

<http://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/#!director-qualifications/c15f>

Where can I find financial support for taking ECE college courses?

If you work at a child care center or school, ask your director if they have any quality improvement funds that can help pay for your coursework. Even if you don't currently work in early childhood, you can also find scholarship info: [Teach Scholarship, http://www.early-childhood-education-degrees.com/25-scholarships-for-early-childhood-education-students/](http://www.early-childhood-education-degrees.com/25-scholarships-for-early-childhood-education-students/)



Professional Development Overview

Mission and Purpose

The Professional Development Program at Denver's Early Childhood Council will work to:

- Ensure the workforce has access to quality continuing education
- Create and sustain learning experiences empowering professionals to take ownership of their education
- Clarify early childhood career pathways
- Leverage the diverse perspectives of the community

Our goal is to meet early childhood professionals where they are, and empower them to get to where they want to be.

We Value...

Early Childhood Professionals - We believe that early childhood professionals and individuals who work with children and families are the key to a safe and healthy community and value the integral part they play in our lives and in a successful society.

Different Learning Styles - Visual, logical, verbal, physical, aural, social and solitary are the seven dominant styles of learning. We strive to provide opportunities for all individuals to thrive regardless of learning style.

Community Diversity - We are committed to creating inclusive and comprehensive programming that supports and respects the diverse community that early childhood professionals represent and serve.

Connection and Authenticity - Relationship based professional development can be one of the greatest ways to support the professional and personal journey of any individual. We hope to create a space in which individuals feel safe, connected, and supported.

Professionalism - A strong community is rooted in the ability to feel safe and have individual needs met in order to climb the ladder of opportunity. We strive to support and create opportunities for individuals to become and remain early childhood professionals.

How does ongoing training help early childhood professionals?

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| ⇒ Keep up with the latest research | ⇒ Connect to other resources |
| ⇒ Refresh your knowledge | ⇒ Meet licensing requirements* |
| ⇒ Network with other professionals | ⇒ Gain points towards your Early Childhood Credential* |
| ⇒ Grow your skills and employability | ⇒ Advance your career |
| ⇒ Enhance your resume | ⇒ Low-cost, high quality learning* |

**all training provides clock hours aligned with the Early Childhood Workforce Competencies unless otherwise noted. Most training is provided at no cost to child care providers who work in Denver County. There is a \$10 attendance fee for out-of-county providers.*



Resources

Professional Development Information System (PDIS)

Login Here: <https://ecpd.costartstrong.org/ets/login.aspx>, Helpdesk: 303.866.2641

Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Information System (QRIS)

For more information: <http://coloradoshines.force.com/ColoradoShines>, Helpdesk: 844.447.4441

To be directed to your QI Navigator, call the Denver Council main line: 303.297.1800

Colorado Department of Education

For information on EQIT: https://www.cde.state.co.us/early/eqinfant_toddler

For information on School Readiness: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/schoolreadiness>

For information on Child Find: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/early/childfind>

Colorado Department of Human Services

CO Child Care Facility Search: <http://www.colorado.gov/apps/jboss/cdhs/childcare/lookup/index.jsf>

Report Child Abuse: <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/cdhs-dcw/reportchildabuse>

Colorado Office of Early Childhood

For information on

Lead Teacher Qualifications: <http://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/ecteacher>

Director Qualifications: <http://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/directorqualifications>

Licensing: <http://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/licensing>

CCAP: <http://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/cccap>

Available Trainings: <http://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/training>

Qualistar Colorado

Training Calendar: <http://www.qualistar.org/calendar.html>

Scholarships and Grants: <http://www.qualistar.org/scholarships-and-grants.html>

Healthy Child Care Colorado: <http://www.qualistar.org/healthy-child-care-colorado.html>

Rocky Mountain Life Savers

CPR/FA/UP Community Trainings: <http://rockymountainlifesavers.com/2016/04/02/hello-world/>

Mental Health Center of Denver

For information on services, resources and contacts: <https://mhcd.org/contact/>

