

RESOURCE GUIDE

for Early Care
& Education



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NATIONAL CHILD CARE INFORMATION CENTER

www.nccic.org

NCCIC provides information and resources on child care including comprehensive state child care demographics and profiles. **P PR**

NATIONAL FATHERS' NETWORK (NFN)

www.fathersnetwork.org

Advocates for and provides resources and support to all men who have children with special health care needs. **P**

THE NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES (NICHCY)

www.nichcy.org

National information and referral center that provides information on disabilities and disability-related issues for families, educators, and other professionals. **P PR**

PARENTS HELPING PARENTS (PHP)

www.php.com

A parent-directed family resource center serving children with special needs, their families and the professionals who serve them. PHP is one of the oldest and largest children's charities of its kind in the United States. **P**

Project EXCEPTIONAL

www.sonoma.edu/CIHS/except.html

Emphasizes community capacity building through state level endorsement and support of local training efforts on behalf of young children with disabilities and their families. **C**



Resource Guide for Early Care and Education

The Colorado Map to Inclusive Child Care Project is. . .

A leadership team of family members, child care providers, and representatives of public and private agencies.

Quality Child Care is Inclusive Child Care. . .

Inclusive child care is based on the following principles:

- Children of all abilities, backgrounds and experiences are welcomed
- All providers have the knowledge, skills and support necessary to care for them
- All families, children and providers are respectful of individual differences

This guide is designed to be a resource to families, providers, other professionals, and communities to help them secure high quality early care and education resources for their children and/or the children in their community. It is divided into resource areas for each of them. We hope you will find it useful in accessing and designing quality care and learning programs for children.

“We envision a society that recognizes and enhances the value and potential of each child and family.”

- *The Colorado MAP Leadership Team*

Resource Key:

P = Parent Resource

PR = Provider Resource

C = Community Resource

INFANT/TODDLER GRANTS

www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/grants.htm

Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-6023

The purpose of the infant/toddler grants is to make additional quality program services available for infant/toddlers and to enhance the quality of existing infant/toddler programs. **PR C**

J.F.K. PARTNERS

www.uchsc.edu/sm/jfk

University of Colorado Health Sciences Center
Campus Box C-234, 4200 E. 9th
Denver, CO 80262
(303) 278-8826

Part of a national network of interdisciplinary academically based programs providing cutting edge knowledge and skills to the system of services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. **P**

K.I.N.D. (KIDS IN NEED OF DENTISTRY)

(303) 733-3710

Coordinates services of volunteer and paid dentists to provide preventive and routine dental care for youth living in the metro Denver area. **P**

LEAP (Low-Income Energy Assistance)

(303) 866-5970

Provides short-term, temporary financial assistance to help low-income Colorado residents pay winter home heating costs. **P**

MEDICAID

www.chcpf.state.co.us

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, Colorado 80203-1714
(303)866-3513 or 1(800)211-3943

Provides health coverage to some Coloradans who can't afford private health care insurance. **P**

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO

6795 E. Tennessee Ave. Suite 425
Denver, CO 80224
(303)377-3040 or
toll-free 1(800)456-3249

Advocates for people in need of mental health services. **P**



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG)

www.dola.state.co.us

Department of Local Affairs
1313 Sherman St., Rm. 323
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-2771, (303) 866-5300 TDD

Funds are primarily intended for community development efforts. A recent focus of the program in Colorado has been on the development of child care centers in rural portions of the state. **PR C**

CONSOLIDATED CHILD CARE PILOT PROGRAM

www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/consolid.htm

Colorado Department of Education
201 East Colfax, 4th Floor
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-6781

The Consolidated Child Care Pilot Program was established to help local communities to consolidate state funding sources and, where possible, local and federal sources to create a seamless care system; ensure collaboration among public and private stakeholders in the delivery of early childhood care and education; and be responsive to the needs of working parents. The 18 pilots focus on the delivery of comprehensive early childhood care and education services for children from one or more of the age groups from six weeks through five years, with a focus on low-income families. **PR C**

CORRA

www.corra.org

Colorado Office of Resource & Referral Agencies
7853 E. Arapahoe Court, #3300
Englewood, CO 80112
Email: corra@corra.org
(303) 290-9088

Manages a statewide network of community-based resource and referral agencies. Mission is to promote universal access to quality child care while promoting integrated supports to children and families. Parents can call to receive the names of resource and referral agencies for child care serving their counties. Also provides a quarterly listing of training opportunities available to parents and caregivers on child growth and development. **PR C P**

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES

Colorado Department of Human Services
Children's Health and Rehabilitation
3824 West Princeton Circle
Denver, CO 80236
(303) 866-7450

Oversees Community Centered Boards (CCBs) to fund early intervention services for children 0-3, family support services for children and families, and administers the Medicaid Children's Extensive Support (CES) Waiver. **P PR**

EARLY HEAD START and HEAD START

www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb/

Federal Office Bldg.

1961 Stout St., Rm. 1185

Denver, CO 80294-3538

(303) 844-2622 (ph)

Head Start and Early Head Start are comprehensive child development programs which serve children from birth to age 5, pregnant women, and their families. They are child-focused programs and have the overall goal of increasing the school readiness of young children in low-income families and including children with disabilities. **P C**

EDUCARE

www.coloradotrust.org/Initiatives/coloradochildcareinitiative.html

3801 Martin Luther King Blvd.

Denver, CO 80205

(303) 322-1553

Educare is dedicated to improving child development and early learning experiences for all children (0-5 yrs) by creating a statewide system that supports parents as teachers and decision makers; promotes high-quality child-centered care; is fully funded and permanently sustainable; and is appropriately monitored and evaluated. **PR C**

EFFECTIVE PARENTS PROJECT, INC.

1227 N. 23rd, Suite 104

Grand Junction, CO 81501

(970)241-3725

Provides support, assistance, information and advocacy to families of children with disabilities. **P**

EVEN START

www.cde.state.co.us.cddepcom/

(303)866-6674

A federally funded program that provides financial support for collaborative, local, family-centered literacy initiatives. Even Start programs offer a four-component model of family literacy service: adult education, early childhood education, support for parents, and PACT (Parent and Child Together) time. **P C**

FAMILY CENTERS

www.cdhs.state.co.us

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Division of Prevention, Intervention & Treatment

4300 Cherry Creek Drive South

Denver, Colorado 80246-1530

(303) 866-5111

Community based organizations that offer a variety of resources and supports to all families in the community. Family centers offer classes, parenting support, programs for children, playgroups, referrals to other agencies and volunteer opportunities.

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FAMILY HEALTHLINE

4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246-1530
(303) 692-2000, toll-free (800) 688-7777

Information and referrals to health care services in Colorado are provided for pregnant women and parents of small children. **P**

FEDERATION OF FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Colorado Chapter
P.O. Box 200188
Denver, CO 80220
(303) 572-0302 or toll-free (888) 569-7500

Support and information for families with a child or adolescent with emotional, behavioral, or mental disabilities. **P**

FIRST START PROGRAMS

CU School of Nursing
4200 E. 9th Ave. Box C-287
Denver, CO 80262
(303) 270-8734

Training for paraprofessionals, paraeducators and other caregivers working with infants, toddlers and young children with disabilities or chronic conditions. **PR**

FOOD STAMPS

1575 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203
1(800) 221-5689

Provides low-income households with additional resources that can be used to help acquire food products at authorized food retailers. **P**

HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80222-1530
(303) 692-2370

Information and referrals about specialty medical services and standards, care coordination and financial assistance for families with low income.

HUD HOMELESS CHILD CARE VOUCHERS

www.corra.org
7853 E. Arapahoe Ct. #3300
Englewood, CO 80112-1377
(303) 290-9088

Emergency child care assistance to families at risk of becoming homeless in the Denver Metro area. **P**

ARC OF COLORADO

www.thearcofco.org
777 Grant St. #303
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 864-9334

A non-profit organization that promotes justice and dignity for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Local chapters vary in size and services. **P**

ADA - AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT INFORMATION HOTLINE

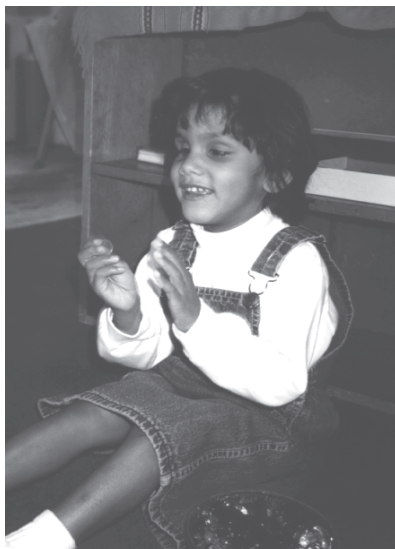
3630 Sinton Road, #103
Colorado Springs, CO 80907
(800) 949-4232 Toll-Free
(800) 949-4232 V/TTY

Provides information and support related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). **P PR C**

ARCH - NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CRISIS NURSERIES AND RESPITE CARE SERVICES

www.chtop.com/archbroc.htm
800 Eastowne Drive, Ste 105
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
1(800) 473-1727

The ARCH National Resource Center provides informational resources to the general public including a National Respite Locator Service, lending library of relevant books, journals, and audiovisual materials and an informative website with downloadable fact sheets on respite care. Professional staff offers training and technical assistance to state and local agencies, which assist their efforts to develop and maintain effective respite programs. **P PR C**



THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

www.cec.sped.org

A professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice. **PR C**

DOOR ONLINE

www.dooronline.org

Dedicated to providing a user-friendly, accessible system of complete, up-to-date, and accurate information for individuals with disabilities, their families, and service providers throughout the state of Colorado. **P PR**

ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education (ERIC/EECE)

ericeece.org

ERIC clearinghouses identify and select documents and journal articles, and then prepare entries describing the documents and articles to be incorporated in the ERIC database, the world's most frequently used collection of information on education. ERIC/EECE contributes to the database in the areas of child development, the education and care of children from birth through early adolescence, the teaching of young children, and parenting and family life. **P PR**

INTERNET RESOURCES FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN

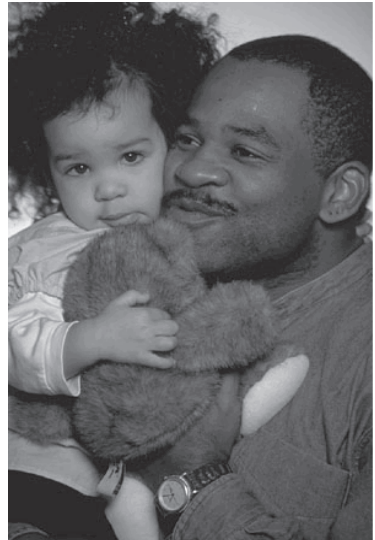
www.irsc.org/disability.htm

A non-profit web site providing parents, educators, medical professionals, and caregivers with information regarding children with disabilities. **P PR**

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN (NAEYC)

<http://naeyc.org>

The nation's largest organization of early childhood professionals and others dedicated to improving the quality of early childhood education programs for children birth through age eight. **PR P**



WEB SITES

ABILITY ONLINE

www.ablelink.org

An electronic mail system that connects young people with disabilities or chronic illness to disabled and non-disabled peers and mentors. **P**

ADVOCATES ACROSS AMERICA

www.axa.org

A non-profit organization dedicated to training parents how to effectively advocate for the educational rights of children with special needs. **P**

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) HOME PAGE

www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm

Department of Justice website providing information and updates about the Americans with Disabilities Act. **P PR**

CAEYC (Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children)

www.users.uswest.net/~caeyc

Promotes developmentally appropriate early childhood care and education for Colorado children birth – age 8. Information on accreditation, standards for child care professionals, what to look for in early childhood education. **P PR**

CAFCC

Colorado Association of Family Child Care

<http://coloradochildcare.com>

Provides resources and publications along with professional networking opportunities for licensed home-based caregivers and child advocates. CAFCC is a membership organization, with statewide affiliate groups, dedicated to promoting quality child care. **PR**

CIRCLE OF INCLUSION

www.circleofinclusion.org

Designed to address the challenges and issues of inclusive program development for children with severe, multiple disabilities. **PR**

CORRA

Colorado Office of Resource & Referral Agencies

www.corra.org

Parents can receive the names of resource and referral agencies for child care serving their counties. Also provides free on-line child care referrals and data on child care in Colorado. **P PR C**

CAEYC (Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children)

www.users.uswest.net/~caeyc

P.O. Box 261326

Highlands Ranch, CO 80163-1326

(303) 791-2772 Main Number

(888) 892-4453 Toll Free Number outside metro Denver

Promotes developmentally appropriate early childhood care and education for Colorado children birth – age 8. Information on accreditation, standards for child care professionals, what to look for in early childhood education. **PR P**

CAFCC (Colorado Association of Family Child Care)

coloradochildcare.com

6745 S. Clermont Street

Littleton, CO 80122

(303)274-8363

Provides resources and publications along with professional networking opportunities for licensed home-based caregivers and child advocates. CAFCC is a membership organization, with statewide affiliate groups, dedicated to promoting quality child care. The Education Foundation offers opportunities for members to upgrade personal child care skill levels. Specialized courses and specific topical workshops are offered for the maintaining of the child care license. **PR P**

CCCAP (Colorado Child Care Assistance Program)

Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care

www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/cccap.htm

1575 Sherman Street

Denver, CO 80203

(303) 866-3960

Provides financial assistance for child care to eligible families through local Departments of Social Services, listed in the local telephone directory. **P**

CENTER FOR HUMAN INVESTMENT POLICY (CHIP)

University of Colorado - Denver

1445 Market Street, #350

Denver, CO 80202

(303) 820-5631

Provides Parent Leadership Training, Parent-Professional Partnership Training, CPIRC, evaluation of early childhood initiatives, and Reliability Training for ECERS, ITERS, FDCRS, and SACERS. **P PR C**

CHILD HELP 24-HOUR HOTLINE

1 (800)422-4453

Free 24-hour hotline for families in crisis. **P**

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

www.cdphe.state.co.us

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, Colorado 80246-1530
(303) 692-2330

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides federal funds to child and adult care facilities to serve nutritious meals and snacks to eligible participants. **PR**

CHILD CARE CAPACITY AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care
www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/grants.htm
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-6023

Grants are available to Colorado communities to meet the increase in demand for early care and education and school-age care. **PR C**

CHILD CARE DIVISION

www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/default.htm
Colorado Department of Human Services
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-5958 or 1(800)799-5876
(303) 866-5087 TTY

Maintains information regarding child care facilities in Colorado. Investigates complaints of licensing violations and licenses child care facilities, day care homes, and adoption agencies. Also administers Quality Initiatives and the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program. **P PR C**

CHILD CARE LICENSING

www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/licensing.htm
Colorado Department of Human Services
1575 Sherman Street, 1st Floor
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-5958

Investigates complaints of licensing violations and licenses child care facilities, day care homes, and adoption agencies. **PR P**



COMMUNITY COLLEGES

AIMS Community College

P.O. Box 69
Greeley, CO 80632
970-330-8008
www.aims.edu

Arapahoe Community College

Littleton, Colorado 80160-9002
303-797-5900
www.arapahoe.edu

Colorado Mountain College

Breckenridge Center
103 S. Harris Street; PO Box 2208
Breckenridge, CO 80424
(970) 453-6757
www.coloradomtn.edu/campus_sum/home.html

Colorado Mountain College

Silverthorne Center
151 W. 4th Street; PO Box 1307
Silverthorne, CO 80498
(970) 468-5989
www.coloradomtn.edu/campus_sum/home.html

Colorado Northwestern Community College

Rangely, Colorado 81648
970-675-2261
www.cncc.cc.co.us

Community College of Aurora

Aurora, Colorado 80011-9036
303-360-4700
www.cca.cccoes.edu

Community College of Denver

Denver, Colorado 80204
303-556-2600
www.ccd.rightchoice.org

Lamar Community College

Lamar, Colorado 81052
719-336-2248
www.lcc.cccoes.edu

Front Range Community College

3645 W. 112th Ave.
Westminster, Colorado 80030
303-404-5550
<http://frontrange.rightchoice.org>

Morgan Community College

Fort Morgan, Colorado 80701
970-542-3100
www.mcc.cccoes.edu

Northeastern Junior College

Sterling, Colorado 80751
970-521-6600
www.nejc.cc.co.us

Otero Junior College

LaJunta, Colorado 81050
719-384-6831
www.ojc.cccoes.edu

Pueblo Community College

Pueblo, Colorado 81004
719-549-3200
www.pcc.cccoes.edu

Pikes Peak Community College

Colorado Springs, Colorado
80906-5498
719-576-7711
www.ppcc.cccoes.edu

Red Rocks Community College

Lakewood, Colorado 80228-1255
303-914-6600
www.rrcc.cccoes.edu

Trinidad State Junior College

Trinidad, Colorado 81082
719-846-5011
www.tsjc.cccoes.edu

TRUSTLINE

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, Colorado 80246-1530
(303) 692-2330

Process whereby child care homes legally exempt from licensing can participate in the Child & Adult Care Food Program. **PR**

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY

www.ucpco.org
2200 South Jasmine Street
Denver, CO 80222-5708
(303) 691-9339

Provides therapy, assistive technology training, early intervention programs, individual and family support, social and recreation programs, community living, state and local referrals, employment assistance and advocacy. **P PR C**

UNITED WAY HELPLINE

www.unitedwaydenver.org/IRIS
Mile High United Way
2505 18th Street
Denver, CO 80211
(303) 433-8900, (303) 561-2276 TTY

Provides an information and referral service for persons in need of assistance in the metro Denver area. Includes programs and services in areas such as food, medical care, senior services, youth programs, counseling, education, abuse services, shelters, substance abuse, holiday assistance, and more. **P C**

WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, Colorado 80246-1530
(303) 220-9200

A supplemental food program is available to pregnant and breast feeding women and their children under five living in Colorado. Also offers counseling and nutrition classes for program participants. **P**

TONY GRAMPAS YOUTH SERVICES FUND (FORMERLY YCPI)

www.state.co.us/gov_dir/loc_affairs_dir/cpo.htm
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, Colorado 80246-1530
(303) 866-4831

The purpose of the Tony Grampas Youth Services Fund is to provide funding for community-based programs that target youth and their families for prevention and intervention services in an effort to reduce youth crime and violence. The fund especially focuses on children birth - 8 years. **PR C**

CHILD FIND

www.cde.state.co.us/cdedepcom/early.htm
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-6710

First line of contact for parents of children who may be delayed in development. Provides screening and assessment for children in local communities. **P PR**

CHILD PROTECTION/CHILD WELFARE

www.cdhs.state.co.us/cyf/cwelfare/cwweb.html
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, Colorado 80203-1714
(303) 866-4365

Responds to concerns about children and their families including: possible abuse or neglect; parents who are unable to care for their children; youth who are in conflict with their parents or caretakers; children or youth who may be a danger to themselves or others; and youth whose special care needs are beyond the resources of their families. **C**

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF DENVER

<http://childrenshospitalden.org>
1056 East 19th Avenue
Denver, CO 80218
(303) 861-8888



Over sixty pediatric subspecialty services. Level one pediatric trauma services. Twenty-four hour emergency care. **C P**

CHP+ Children's Basic Health Plan

www.cchp.org
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246-1530
1(800) 359-1991

Provides free and low cost health care to eligible children in Colorado. **P PR**

COLORADO ALLIANCE FOR QUALITY SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

4771 N. Holly, Unit G
Denver, CO 80216
(303) 321-4722

CAQSAP is the state alliance for the National School-Age Care Alliance, NSACA which promotes quality through voluntary accreditation of programs and advocacy for out-of-school time programs nationally. CAQSAP sponsors training, hosts fall and spring conferences, and serves as the professional network for those who run out-of-school time programs for children ages 5-15. **PR C**

COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY CENTERED BOARDS

www.caccb.org

1410 Grant Street, #C-108
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 832-1618

Twenty statewide community centered boards, funded by the state to arrange for and/or provide early intervention services, family support services and the CES waiver. **P PR**

COLORADO BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

www.brightbeginnings.org

2505 18th St Suite 100
Denver, CO 80211
(303) 433-6200

Bright Beginnings is a statewide, grass-roots effort to welcome every child born in Colorado and introduce their families to local community resources. Bright Beginnings also works with employers to promote parent friendly workplaces. **C P PR**

COLORADO CHILDREN'S CAMPAIGN

www.coloradokids.org

225 East 16th Avenue, Suite B-300
Denver, CO 80203-1607
(303) 839-1580

Promotes the well-being of all children through research, public awareness, and helping concerned citizens work on behalf of children, with special emphasis on early intervention, long-term prevention, and policy issues. **C PR**

COLORADO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

www.coloradocoalition.org

2100 Broadway
Denver, CO 80205-2526
(303) 293-2217

A statewide organization dedicated to ending the causes of homelessness. **P C**

COLORADO COALITION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

PO Box 280962
Lakewood, CO 80228
(303) 575-1060

Provides advocacy, information, and a newsletter for interested citizens. **P**

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

www.cdphe.state.co.us/cdphehom.asp

4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, Colorado 80246-1530
(303) 692-2035

Provides public health and environmental protection services for the entire state. **C**



PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES

Colorado Department of Human Services/Child Welfare Division
www.cdhs.state.co.us/cyf/cwelfare/cwweb.html
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-4129

Funds local communities to provide services to families with children in out-of-home placements, families who have adopted children or are planning to adopt, and families who are at-risk for a variety of reasons. Family Advocates to help families identify resources for their particular issues are available. **P PR C**

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUND (TAX CHECK-OFF)

CORRA

www.corra.org
7853 E. Arapahoe Ct. #3300
Englewood, CO 80112-1377
(303) 290-9088

Child care homes and centers throughout Colorado can apply to receive funds to improve their quality and safety. **PR**



QUALITY SCHOOL-AGE (OUT OF SCHOOL TIME) GRANTS

www.cde.state.co.us/cdedepcom/piatfschoolrfp.htm
Colorado Department of Education - Prevention Initiatives
201 E. Colfax Ave., 4th Floor
Denver, CO 80203-1799
(303) 866-6781

Grants are available for equipment, supplies, minor renovation, professional development, staff salaries and benefits during start up, program accreditation and other purposes related to school-age care. **PR**

TANF - TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES

www.cdhs.state.co.us/cdhs
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, Colorado 80203-1714
(303) 866-5981

Provides assistance and work opportunities to needy families. **P**

T.E.A.C.H. EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

www.corra.org
Colorado Office of Resource & Referral Agencies
7853 E. Arapahoe Ct. #3300
Englewood, CO 80112-1377
(303)290-9088

A scholarship program for full-time caregivers who work in licensed facilities to continue their formal education in early childhood care and education and enhance their compensation. **PR**

PARENT TO PARENT OF COLORADO

www.ucpco.org
c/o UCP of Colorado
2200 South Jasmine Street
Denver, CO 80222
email: parents@ucpco.org
1(877) 472-7201 (toll free)

A parent-driven organization that connects parents of children with disabilities and special health care needs with each other through local cluster groups, a database and internet listserv. Provides information and referral as well as information on workshops and meetings of interest to parents. **P**

EARLY CHILDHOOD CONNECTIONS (PART C OF IDEA)

Colorado Department of Education
www.cde.state.co.us/cdedepcom/early.htm
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203
1-888-777-4041

Early Childhood Connections (Part C) focuses on infants and toddlers, birth - 3 years, who have disabilities or special health care needs. Colorado's Part C grant supports community development programs throughout the state and a variety of statewide support and training projects. Local Part C programs can provide resources for families and providers. **P PR C**

Four Steps to Selecting a Child Care Provider:

- ⇒ Interview
- ⇒ Check References
- ⇒ Make the Decision
- ⇒ Stay Involved

For more information call CORRA at (303) 290-9088

PEAK PARENT CENTER

www.peakparent.org
6055 Lehman Drive, Suite 101
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
1(800)284-0251

Provides training, information, and technical assistance, including best practices, to families of children, youth, and adults with disabilities and the professionals working with them. **P PR**

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

www.cde.state.co.us

201 E. Colfax
Denver, CO 80203
(303)866-6710

Supports many early care & education initiatives including the Colorado Preschool Program, Early Childhood Learning Clusters, Even Start, Preschool Special Education, training for infant/toddler providers, Early Childhood Connections. **C**

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COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF CHILD CARE

www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/default.htm

1575 Sherman Street, 1st Floor
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-5958

Maintains information regarding child care facilities in Colorado. Receives and investigates complaints of licensing violations and licenses child care facilities, day care homes, and adoption agencies. Parents may review provider licensing files at selected locations statewide. **C P PR**



COLORADO EARLY CHILDHOOD SUMMIT

225 E. 16th Ave. Suite B 300
Denver, CO 80203
(303)839-1580

A membership organization representing the leadership and decision makers of the largest early childhood membership associations in the state of Colorado. The Summit's focus is on advocacy, policy development and providing information on Early Care and Education. **C**



COLORADO ENTERPRISE FUND

www.coloradoenterprisefund.org

1888 Sherman Street #530
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 860-0242

The Colorado Enterprise Fund provides loans up to \$50,000 to child care business owners who need financing. Both child care centers and family child care providers are eligible for loans. **PR C**

CFRN - COLORADO FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

www.frca.org/fsa_states/fsa_co.htm

Colorado Foundation for Families and Children
1580 Logan St. #315
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 837-8466

A statewide membership organization that provides training, technical assistance, networking and resource information in the area of Family Support. Membership is open both to individuals and organizations. **P PR**

COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

www.state.co.us

(303) 866-3055

Information on bills and legislation. **C**

COLORADO OPTIONS FOR INCLUSIVE CHILD CARE (COFICC)

www.corra.org

Colorado Office of Resource and Referral Agencies (CORRA)
7853 E. Arapahoe Ct. #3300
Englewood, CO 80112
(303) 290-9088 x350

Provides free, on-site resource visits for parents/providers who are working to include (or maintain) a child in a group care setting. **PR P C**

COLORADO PRESCHOOL PROGRAM (CPP)

www.cde.state.co.us/cdedepcom/early.htm

Colorado Department of Education
201 E. Colfax Ave. Room 405
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-6783

Serves preschool children with risk factors in their lives which may lead to difficulties later in school. Eligibility is determined by local district councils. Funding is available through school districts, with programs operating in a variety of community settings. **P PR**

COMMODITIES PROGRAM

www.cdhs.state.co.us/FDP/FDPhomepage.htm#CSFP

Colorado Department of Human Services
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 692-2330

Supports the health of low-income pregnant and breastfeeding women, other new mothers up to one year postpartum, infants, children up to age six, and elderly people at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA commodity foods. **P**

METRO VOLUNTEERS

225 E. 16th Avenue, Suite 200
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 894-0103

Connects people to volunteer opportunities throughout the Denver Metro area. Coordinates the Children's Volunteer Project, a statewide directory of child-oriented programs that rely on volunteer support to operate. **C PR**

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY IN CHILD CARE

<http://nrc.uchsc.edu>
Campus Mail Stop F541
PO Box 6508
Aurora, CO 80045-0508
1 (800) 598-KIDS

Primary mission is to promote health and safety in out-of-home child care settings throughout the nation. **PR**

NATIONAL CHILD CARE INFORMATION CENTER

www.nccic.org
243 Church Street, NW 2nd Floor
Vienna, VA 22180
1(800) 616-2242

Established to complement, enhance and promote child care linkages and to serve as a mechanism for supporting quality, comprehensive services for children and families. **P PR**

NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

www.nichcy.org
PO Box 1492
Washington, DC 20013
1(800)695-0285

Information clearinghouse that provides free information on disabilities and disability-related issues for parents, educators, caregivers, advocates and others.

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www.state.co.us/gov_dir/governor_office.html
200 E Colfax Rm 136
Denver, CO 80203-1792
(303) 866-2471

Colorado
Map to Inclusive Child Care Project

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