CCCAP Attendance Tracking System

The new CCAP Attendance Tracking System (ATS) roll out has been delayed temporarily by the state. This was done so they could work out some of the hiccups they are experiencing with the pilot sites before rolling the new system out across Colorado. So for the moment we are all on hold. The extra time is needed to assure the new ATS system is as good as possible so all of us providers, parents and CCAP staff will have the best possible experience when starting the new system. Once it is working properly it will be a better system than what we currently have in place and should be less work for everyone.

- The CCAP office will continue ordering cards for clients until further notice.
- The POS machines will not be replaced. If yours breaks contact the CCAP office immediately.
- We do not know when the new ATS system will go live, could be January or February 2018.
- Please watch for information emails from the state or from the Boulder County CCAP office.
- Attendance Tracking FAQs Click Here

As always, if you have questions or need help please contact the CCAP office, we are here to help.

Spring Mini Conference at the Hub!

Celebrate the Week of the Young Child with Us!

The Early Childhood Council of Boulder County and Boulder County CCAP invite all Boulder county early childhood professionals to attend the first Spring Mini Conference at the St. Vrain Hub. Spend the day attending interesting, fun workshops. Includes morning coffee/tea/snacks, lunch from Mad Greens provided by the ABCD Partnership, community resource fair, and prize drawings including a Grand Prize at the end of the day!

Spend a fun day with co-workers and friends and earn up to 6 hrs. of training credit!

Learn how to make quality magic happen in your child care setting!

Saturday, April 14
8:00am—3:30pm
St. Vrain Community Hub
515 Coffman Street, Longmont
FREE!
Click Here To Register

Watch for more information coming soon!
The Early Childhood Council of Boulder County (ECCBC)

ECCBC offers provider services in the form of professional development training (EQIT, Touchpoints, FLIP-IT, and Quality Nights) and quality improvement grants.

CCR&R at the Council
The Child Care Resource & Referral for Boulder County is now operating as a program within ECCBC. Providers can contact Robin at ECCBC for technical assistance, training information, PDIS support and assistance with Colorado Shines program updates. 303-895-3430

For more information about ECCBC, go to: ECCBoulderCounty.org

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CCAP Provider Tips & Tricks

Please Post Your Closure Dates!
And make sure to remind families repeatedly! Your CCAP families can search for alternate child care for those closure dates if needed.

Remind them to start early! It can take up to 10 days to get alternate care authorized by CCAP.

Families can contact the CO Shines Child Care Referral at 877-338-2273 to receive a customized referral list of programs to call about short-term care while you are closed.

Once they find a replacement program, they need to request a CCAP authorization, by emailing the name of the new center or provider, their provider ID number, the dates, days of the week, and times they need care, to CCAP@BoulderCounty.org

Got Fingerprint Cards?
Need a fingerprint card or two for a new employee or household member? Contact Annette at 303-441-3544. If you need a regular supply of cards, click here to order them from the State Forms Center.

Please Notify CCAP at CCAP@BoulderCounty.org about parent fees, both when they have NOT been paid the prior month AND also when the parent makes a payment. This follow up assures their case does not close for an unpaid parent fee. Also, please let CCAP know if you hear there has been a change in the family such as a job loss, car problems, etc. that might affect their ability to pay the parent fee so we can connect them to additional resources.

CCAP Provider 101 Best Practices

Join Boulder County CCAP staff for a full menu of CCAP related topics specifically designed for current and potential CCAP providers! For example: what’s new with CCAP, developing partnerships with your CCAP families, the importance of CCAP policies, PSSP refresher and what to expect when you are expecting (a site review). There will be lots of time for questions and answers.

FREE!
Saturday, January 20th
8:15 to 11:45 a.m.
Aspinwall @ Josephine Commons
Community Building
771 Excelsior Place, Lafayette

Includes Continental Breakfast.

Training Credit: 3.5 hours | Professionalism

To register go to: Click Here to Register

Questions?
Contact Annette at 303-441-3544 or ACrawford@BoulderCounty.org

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ECCBC Quality Nights

ECCBC and CCAP are hosting monthly workshops for early childhood professionals who live or work in Boulder County.

Cost is FREE for those participants working in programs that have a current QI MOU with ECCBC and for people who have completed CCAP Provider 101 Best Practices. For all others the cost is $10.00 per class. Watch for topic information in the monthly Professional Development Training Calendar.

Presented by
Nicole Malone
ECCBC Quality Improvement Navigator

Annette Crawford
CCAP Provider Services Program Specialist

Monday Evenings
Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 19, April 23, May 21, June 25
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Aspinwall @ Josephine Commons
Community Building
771 Excelsior Place, Lafayette

Training Credit: 2 hours | Topics Vary

You must register for each class separately. Click Here to Register

Questions? Contact Nicole at 303-895-3419 or NMalone@ECCBoulderCounty.org

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Winter/Spring Training Opportunities

Jan 9, Feb 6, March 6 & April 4 Longmont
Boulder County Family Child Care Association Meeting & Training  BCFCCA.org

January 20 Lafayette
CCAP Provider 101
See page 2 for details.

Jan 22, Feb 26, March 19 & April 23 Lafayette
ECCBC Quality Nights
Click Here to Register

February 3 & March 3 Boulder
Healthy Eating & Active Living (HEAL)
Info: VLee@BoulderCounty.org or JAWilkinson@BoulderCounty.org
Click Here to Register

February 3 Longmont
Medication Administration Register & pay at C4K.biz

February 7 Longmont
Standard Precautions Register & pay at C4K.biz

February 20 Longmont
Emergency Preparedness
Click Here to Register

March 16 & 17 Denver
Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference
ECConference.com

March 1 - 22 Boulder
Pre-licensing Training for New Family Child Care Providers
Call 303-441-3544 or email ACrawford@BoulderCounty.org

April 14 Longmont
Spring 2017 Provider Mini Conference & Week of the Young Child Kick Off!
See page 1 for details.

April 8 Movement & Learning
Info: VLee@BoulderCounty.org or JAWilkinson@BoulderCounty.org
Click Here to Register

May 19
HEAL Refresher
Info: VLee@BoulderCounty.org or JAWilkinson@BoulderCounty.org
Click Here to Register

Quality Improvement Resources

The Family Child Care Quality Certificate program provides an alternative pathway to Level 2 in CO Shines and includes trainings, incentives, access to resources, and an in-home visit. Upon completion you will receive a $300 grant for learning materials and membership for one year to the Colorado Family Child Care Association! For more information or to register Click Here

The TEACH Early Childhood Scholarship offers early childhood program directors and teachers and family child care providers a pathway to pursue higher education. For eligibility information and to download an application Click Here

Moving from Level 1 to Level 2 in Colorado Shines is the first step to achieving a high quality Level 3-5 rating and includes a modest increase in your CCAP reimbursement rates. There are 4 steps to achieving a Level 2 rating. To begin the process Click Here In the upper right hand corner click on Log In/QRIS, log in or create your QRIS account. When you enter your account you will see the 4 steps to achieve Level 2. Once your program has achieved Level 2 you will be eligible to participate in the Quality Improvement Program offered by ECCBC.

Recognizing Programs That Have Increased Their Rating!

Congratulations to those CCAP family child care providers, preschools and child care centers that increased their Colorado Shines Rating Level! And welcome to the rated programs that became CCAP providers during the fall! Thank you for caring for our CCAP children and their families!

Level 2
Genevieve Free
Sunset Academy
La Petit Academy
Little People's Landing
Denise Ehrmann-Sireno
Fall River Discovery Den
Heart & Hands Montessori
Homestar Child Development Center

Level 3
Jump Start Early Learning Center

Level 4
Our School Preschool

To learn more about becoming a quality rated program please contact Caitlin Moles at the Early Childhood Council of Boulder County CMoles@ECCBoulderCounty.org or 303-895-3430
Congratulations to Longmont family child care provider Becky Dean for achieving a Colorado Shines Level 3 rating! Becky who was the first family child care provider in Boulder county to receive a Level 3-5 rating in the new system said she started with the Family Child Care Quality Certificate to get to Level 2. “This was a great starting point and gave me a feel for what the Level 3-5 rating was all about. Understanding the five components of the rating was really beneficial.” About the 3-5 rating process Becky said “It was a journey and a lot of work. I learned a lot about the details, especially the little things. It was rough going at the start and at times overwhelming, but after 24 plus years in child care it was good to look at my home center through other people’s eyes and see where I could improve. I’m very glad I stuck with it to the end and proud of completing the Level 3-5 process. Now I know I am offering my families quality child care.”

Well done, First Presbyterian Preschool of Boulder for achieving a Colorado Shines Level 4 rating! The program which offers part time preschool has been in operation for 60 years! Director Wendy Lothian-Podesta says “the process of going through the Colorado Shines rating was a plethora of information and knowledge. We learned so much, especially with regard to Parent Partnerships. We are set up for a drop off and pick up situation so parents don’t have a lot of contact with one another. Coming up with ideas for ways to help our parents get to know and support each other became very important.” With regard to the rating process she said “While we are very proud and happy to have received a Level 4 rating we look forward to learning even more and hopefully to achieve a Level 5 rating next time around!”

The Boulder County Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program is a home visiting program that works with families in Boulder county with children from prenatal through 5 years old. Parent educators visit the family’s home twice a month for about an hour bringing lessons and information specific to the needs of each individual child and parent. All services are free and there are no financial restrictions to enroll in the program, every family is welcome.

Parent educators are bilingual and services are offered in English and Spanish depending on the needs of the family. During the home visits parent educators provide advice and act as confidential, non-judgmental sound boards for parents, bringing fresh ideas and energy to the parent/child relationship. Typically the family works with the program for one to two years.

PAT’s child development focus includes language skills, fine and gross motor skills, intellectual skills, social/emotional skills and early literacy. They also work on parenting skills such as positive discipline, toilet training, nutrition, sibling relationships, and whatever else might be happening in the family.

To contact the Parents as Teachers program go to BoulderCountyPAT.org or call 303-204-3302