



ATS & PSSP Updates

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The Boulder County CCAP Team would like to say “Thank You” to all the Boulder County providers serving CCAP children and their families for participating in the transition from the POS machine to the online ATS platform. While there were some bumps in the road, overall the transition went very smoothly!

Please pay close attention to the color and symbol changes in the ATS attendance calendar. Each color means something different. Even if your CCAP family is no longer authorized it’s possible they will still get an “approval” on ATS since the system accommodates both private pay and CCAP families—for example, Green dot (CCAP authorized) to Orange dot (not authorized for specific days) or Grey dot (private pay). For help you are able to contact the ATS helpdesk at cdhs_ats_helpdesk@state.co.us

As a CCAP provider it is your responsibility to teach parents how to use the new ATS system. There are great YouTube videos showing you (and them) how it works. While the CCAP staff is available to help you trouble shoot problems, it is the provider’s job to help CCAP families learn to use the system and monitor their use of ATS. If you are struggling with ATS or other CCAP processes consider attending CCAP 101 (see page 2 for details).

The state is working on changes to PSSP that will make reports and correspondence available through the ATS system. Only some reports that are most important and most used will continue to be available. In addition, only the authorized ATS user for each program will have access to log in and pull reports. More to come as we learn more. To access Office of Early Childhood ATS instructional videos please refer to the Quick Links section of this newsletter.

Quick Links!

- [Click here to watch ATS training videos.](#)
- Boulder County Family Child Care Association website BCFCCA.org
- Early Childhood Council of Boulder County ECCBoulderCounty.org
- CCAP Waitlist Form & more CCAP information BoulderCountyChildCare.org
- Qualistar Grants [Qualistar Capital Grants](#)
- Kid Connects KidConnects.org



The beginning of a new school year is a great time to get to know each child and his or her family a little bit better. “All About Me” activities are a great way to focus on the unique qualities of each child or family in your group and also build a sense of community. There are lots of great ideas on the internet. Just search on “All About Me” activities for preschoolers and you will find hundreds of easy to follow ideas. A few all time favorites include:

Bulletin board with self portraits made by each child with a little bit of information such as “I can _____”.

Silhouettes of each child made by the teacher and displayed with dictated stories “written” by each child.

A banner made by the parents on Back to School Night with a detailed drawing of each child’s home. See if the kids can find their house in the banner the next day!

Lots of books about families, friends and children learning about them selves. Check with your local children’s librarian.



Professional Development Program

ECCBC sponsored trainings include EQIT and FLIP IT. A monthly professional development training calendar and financial assistance for college courses are also available.

Contact Emily Robbins 303-895-3425

Quality Improvement Program

Colorado Shines QRIS and PDIS support and quality improvement grants.

Contact Nicole Malone at 303-895-3419

CCR&R at the Council

As the Child Care Resource & Referral agency for Boulder County ECCBC provides technical assistance, pre-licensing training for new family child care providers, coordination of emergency preparedness training, and help with Colorado Shines provider profile updates.

Contact Rosella Garcia at 303-895-3421

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CCAP Provider Tips & Tricks

Signing In & Out with ATS

Remember it is up to you to have a device available and in kiosk mode for parents to use to check their child in and out each day. If the device times out then you will need to reopen kiosk mode. Do not leave your user name and password out for parents to use on their own as this is a violation of your Fiscal Agreement. In addition to ATS, a paper sign in/out sheet (or other approved format) that captures the signature of the person who drops off and picks up each child, each day is required by licensing and must be available for review. A paper sign in/out sheet is also required for CCAP manual billing.

R.A.T. Fees

Please remember as part of your CCAP Fiscal Agreement you have agreed not to charge CCAP families any Registration, Activity or Transportation fees (RAT). If all the children are going on a field trip for which all families are being charged a fee, you can request

CCAP parents pay the fee but if they decline you must either allow the child to go without paying the fee or provide an equivalent activity at the school for any CCAP children who will not be attending.

Parent Fees Please

The "parent fee" is a part of the entire child care payment due to you from the parent. It is a portion of the total cost of care provided by your program. The parent fee is assessed on the first day of each month and can not be changed once it has been assessed, it is always expended first for each day the child attends and is not applied on days when the child is absent. Once the parent fee is exhausted ATS will begin payments for any remainder due. Please let CCAP know via email if your parent has not paid their fee during the month due.

Best Way to Communicate

Please use email as your primary form of communication with the CCAP team CCAP@BoulderCounty.org

Quality Nights 2018-19

Training Opportunities for early childhood Directors, Teachers and Family Home Providers.

Each session provides in-depth information to support your program's quality, and help you increase or maintain your Colorado Shines Rating.

Tuesday, September 25

Tuesday, October 23

Tuesday November 27

Tuesday, December 18

See the monthly training calendar for topic, location and registration information.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

\$10.00 per session or FREE for participants with a current MOU with ECCBC or who have completed CCAP 101

2 hours of professional development

For information contact Annette:
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CCAP Provider 101

Join Boulder County CCAP staff for a full menu of CCAP related topics specifically designed for CCAP providers, including ATS support!

Saturday, November 17

8:15 to 11:45 a.m.

To Register: [Click Here](#)

CCAP Provider 201

For CCAP providers who have already completed CCAP Provider 101, the focus will be on parent relationships and communication.

Saturday, December 8

8:15 to 11:45 a.m.

To Register: [Click Here](#)

Both workshops are FREE!

St. Vrain Community Hub
515 Coffman Street, Longmont

Includes Coffee & Continental Breakfast
3.5 hours | Professionalism

Questions? Contact Annette
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Training Resources & Incentives

The monthly ECCBC Training Calendar and associated flyers are posted on the ECCBC website [Click Here](#)

Qualistar Colorado offers a wide variety of low-cost webinar classes, and symposiums that meet PDIS requirements. To view their classes [Click Here](#)

The Colorado Shines Professional Development Information System (PDIS) is your go-to location for free online training options. To create your account [Click Here](#)

Wildwood Food Program provides correspondence courses and early childhood business tools [Click Here](#)

To view an updated list of health & safety trainers who are approved by the Office of Early Childhood [Click Here](#)



T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships
[Click Here to Apply](#)
Apply now for spring!

Financial Incentives for College Courses in ECE & Pyramid Plus Training
[Click Here](#)

Moving from Level 1 to Level 2 in Colorado Shines



Boulder County CCAP is committed to assisting providers to move from Level 1 to Level 2 in Colorado Shines. By doing this, your program will receive a small increase in the reimbursement rate and you will be positioned to take advantage of quality improvement funding and other opportunities as they arise. The CCAP Provider Services Team will be contacting Level 1 programs to offer technical assistance and support.

We look forward to exploring with you ways we can be of assistance to help you attain your Level 2 Colorado Shines Quality Rating.

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 summer! Thank you for caring for our CCAP children and their families!

Level 2

Boulder Bilingual Childcare
Margarita Taylor
Here We Grow
Mt. Calvary Rainbow Child Care

Level 3

The Cottage School - Longmont

Level 4

Meadowlark

To learn more about becoming a Colorado Shines Quality Rated program please contact

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Community Spotlight

Congratulations To Programs Receiving ECHO Grants!

Boulder County now has eight child care programs participating in the Early Childhood Health Outdoors (ECHO) project to rethink, redesign and improve their outdoor learning environments. This includes one Demonstration Site where classes will be held throughout the year for all interested early childhood educators. The next workshop will be held on September 11th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Wild Plum Center will share about their journey to becoming an ECHO Demonstration Site. Participants will also participate in hands-on training to learn how to engage young children outdoors in winter. To learn more or to register [Click Here](#)

- **Wild Plum Center, Longmont - Demonstration Grant**
- **Aspen Center for Child Development, Longmont - Seed Grant**
- **Exploring Minds Academy, Erie - Seed Grant**
- **Gateway Montessori School, Longmont - Seed Grant**
- **Jump Start Early Learning Center, Longmont - Seed Grant**
- **Our School Preschool, Boulder - Seed Grant**
- **TLC Learning Center, Longmont - Seed Grant**
- **YWCA Children's Alley, Boulder - Seed Grant**

The Annual ECHO Summit hosted at the Denver Botanic Gardens will be held on October 13, 9:00am to 3:00pm, cost \$50.00. Earn 5.5 hours of professional development. **There is a special opportunity for Family Home Providers to participate free of charge. For more information or to register please [Click Here](#)**

The Boulder County Family Child Care Association (BCFCCA)

BCFCCA is a group of licensed family child-care providers and advocates organized for the promotion of community welfare. We welcome all licensed providers and child care advocates in Boulder County and surrounding areas to join our group and attend our meetings.

Our mission is to offer support and guidance and community links to providers and families, provide referrals to families including current openings, increase community awareness of the importance of professional, high quality child care services, expand the skills and competencies of licensed providers, keep members informed of new laws and regulations, and promote the optimal development and well being of the children cared for by family child care providers.

Our next meeting and training will be held on September 4, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the St. Vrain Community Hub, 515 Coffman Street in Longmont. Tori Lee with Boulder County Public Health, will present "Creating a Breast Feeding Friendly Environment in Family Child Care".

For more information about BCFCCA or to become a BCFCCA member please visit www.bcfcca.org

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