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CHANGES to CCAP!

Someone once said “the only sure thing in life is change” and that is a saying we live by here in the CCAP office! Here is a recap of the changes that went into place July 1, 2019:

- Thanks to everyone for bearing with us in the renewal of not one, but two Fiscal Agreements! The second Fiscal which began on July 1, 2019 included a rate change. In most cases rates went up but a few age groups/quality levels may have seen a slight decrease. Our rates are set by the state, based upon the annual Rate Survey.
- Income eligibility for families increased from 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to **265% FPL**. This means that you may have currently enrolled families that now qualify for CCAP! To fill out a CCAP application please send families to www.BoulderCountyChildCare.com. Families can also apply for all benefits through [Colorado PEAK](#).

MARKET RATE SURVEY COMING SOON!

Please watch your email for the 2019 Market Rate Survey. It’s very important for all providers to complete the survey because 2020 CCAP rates will be based upon this information.

FALL REMINDERS

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 Application Form & Additional Care Needs BoulderCountyChildCare.org
- ECHO Training Opportunities [Click Here](#)
- Kid Connects [Click Here](#)

- Please **remind your families to complete the yearly redetermination** process as early as possible to avoid gaps in authorized care. Parents receive a redetermination packet 45 days prior to the completion deadline.
- If you have **openings for CCAP children**, please call 303-441-3544 or email CCProviderSupport@BoulderCounty.org Include the age range, number of slots and the date the opening will become available.
- Please **notify the CCAP team by email when children are no longer attending** your program so we can close the authorization. Otherwise, paid holidays and paid absences may continue and could be subject to recovery.
- Please **check the Correspondence Tab** in ATS **at least weekly**. Daily is best for authorizations, changes and payment summaries.
- Please **stay up to date on check-ins and check-outs in ATS** for all of your children. You have **9 days** to make corrections and have those corrections approved by the parent. If corrections do not happen within the 9 day window, CCAP may not pay for the missed days.
- Always log in to ATS using Google Chrome. For better functionality, clear the cache and cookies in the Chrome browser frequently.



Professional Development Program
EQIT and Touchpoints, monthly training calendar and financial assistance for college courses and Pyramid Plus training.
El Merrigan 720-548-3983

Quality Support Program
Colorado Shines QRIS and Quality Support Grants
Jessica Bernett Knight 720-548-3980
PDIS Support & QRIS Navigation
Nicole Malone at 720-548-3985

CCR&R at the Council
The Child Care Resource & Referral agency for Boulder County provides Colorado Shines provider profile updates.
Stephanie Curran 720-548-3982

New Lafayette location!
1285 Centaur Village Drive, Suite 200
ECCBoulderCounty.org

CCAP Provider Tips

Communicating with CCAP

Please use CCAP@BoulderCounty.org as your primary form of communication with the CCAP team. When sending an email to CCAP, always include detailed and specific information:

- Child(ren) and parent’s FULL name
- Name of your program and your license number
- Be specific about the information you are requesting. This helps us respond to your request more quickly.

Want to Increase Your CCAP Reimbursement Rate?

You can by increasing your Colorado Shines Rating. To explore options available for preparing for a Level 3-5 Quality Rating, contact ECCBC Programs Manager Jessica Bernett Knight at 720-548-3980 or jknight@eccbouldercounty.org

Signing In & Out with ATS

- 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, you will need to reopen kiosk mode.
- Do not leave your user name and password out for parents to use on their own. This is a violation of your CCAP Fiscal Agreement.

Temporary Parent Fee Reduction

Do you have a CCAP family that is experiencing financial hardship due to the loss of a job, illness, unexpected expense, etc.? Have them email CCAP to determine if they qualify for a Temporary Parent Fee Reduction. The parent must submit the request via email to CCAP 10 days prior to the end of the current month for the reduction to go into effect the following month.

Additional Care Needs Rate ~ Up to Double Your CCAP Rate!

Do you have children who require additional time and attention? Do they have a special need or exhibit challenging behavior? If so, please apply for this additional funding to help you meet their additional care needs. To approve this rate, we need information from the child care provider and information from the medical professional (or an IFSP or IEP) The additional funding is intended to help providers maintain a smaller group size or increase staffing to meet the child’s needs, pay for staff training, or accommodate the child’s needs in other ways.

Go to www.BoulderCountyChildCare.org and click on the **Provider Tab** to download the application packet.

SAVE THE DATE! Fall E.C. Provider Forum October 12, 2019

Please join us for a full day of exciting workshops for all early childhood settings and ages. Topics include challenging behavior, nature play at home, outdoor play in cold weather and more!

(Nature Play at Home workshop includes \$275 stipend for Family Child Care Providers who chose to participate.)

8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. ~ 6 hrs. of training
Morning Coffee & Lunch provided
Resources & Door Prizes!

Registration opens on September 12th
[Click here](#) to register

CCAP RULE 3.905.2 B

Adult caretaker(s) or teen parent(s) agrees to pay the parent fee listed on the child care authorization notice and understands that it is due to the child care provider in the month that care is received.

CCAP is aware that providers may have their own due dates for payment of parent fees, however, CCAP does not consider non-payment until the month after care is used. For example: per CCAP rules, the parent fee for May 2019 would be due before June 1st. Once June 1st arrives, a provider may report non-payment of parent fees to CCAP. You have 60 days to report non-payment of fees. The report will be noted in the client’s file and at Redetermination they will be required to pay the fee or set up a payment plan. If you have a different policy for the parent fee due date, this should be stated in your parent handbook and contract.

Training Resources, Incentives & Grants



Monthly ECCBC Training Calendar and associated flyers are posted on the ECCBC website.

[Click Here](#)

Colorado Shines Professional Development Information System (PDIS) your go-to location for free online training. Create your account: [Click Here](#)

ECHO Summit - Denver Botanical Gardens Oct. 26th [Click Here](#)

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

Nurturing Parenting Program - Lafayette English & Spanish Sept 17th—Nov 19th 303-665-4342 x144 Andrea@SisterCarmen.org

Nurturing Parenting Program - Longmont English Sept 4th—Nov 6th Spanish Sept 10th—Nov 12th Claudia.Orona@LongmontColorado.gov 303-774-3766

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

Family Child Care Providers, visit Tom Copeland's blog for the most up to date information on FCC business practices. [Click Here](#)

Healthy Child Care Colorado Health & Safety Training and Capital Grants: For more information see page 5 or [Click Here](#)

Emergency Preparation Oct 2nd, Nov 6th, Dec 4th 1:30—3:00 p.m. To register, [Click Here](#)



Attendance Reviews ~ Site Visits

CCAP will conduct random attendance samplings and site visits with all our CCAP providers. If selected, a request will be made for the CCAP parent sign-in and sign-out sheets from the previous month and the CCAP Billing Specialist will review attendance records for accuracy. Attendance reviews help us support you and any families struggling to use the ATS system. Site visits are an opportunity for you to get to know the CCAP Provider Support Team and to ask questions about the CCAP program. It's also an opportunity for our team to get to know you better.

Touchpoints Individual Level Training on Saturday

Touchpoints are the predictable times and events in child development at which a child's behavior seems to fall apart. The Touchpoints Approach teaches how to work with these times and events.

The Touchpoints Individual Level Training (ILT) teaches the theories and concepts of the Touchpoints approach, with emphasis on the developmental and relational elements of parent-child-provider relationships, and their practical applications.

Free! Saturday, September 14th, 21st & 28th, 2019 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Flagstaff Academy, 2040 Miller Drive, Longmont

To register [Click Here](#). Registration closes Friday, September 6th!

Touchpoints ILT is considered a "series" and a "high needs" training, each is worth an additional 2 points (4 points total) on your Early Childhood Credential in the PDIS. In addition, if you complete all six Reflective Practice sessions you will receive a total of 28 hours of ongoing professional development credit, maximizing your Early Childhood Credential training points.

To download the September 2019 Touchpoints Brochure [Click Here](#)

Questions? Contact Emily Robbins 720-548-3984

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Come explore unique outdoor spaces and child care programs and hear from center leaders as they share about their vision for their outdoor spaces.

The cost to attend this event is \$15. Lunch will be provided.

Register at:

<https://ezregister.com/events/30012/>

SATURDAY
September

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9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Multiple Locations
Boulder County, CO

For more details please
email echo@nwf.org or
call 303.441.5145

Community Spotlight

Third Avenue Preschool A Large Family Child Care Home in Longmont

In February 2018, Susan Callaghan and her husband Mr. Chad were awarded a Level 5 Rating in Colorado Shines. One of only four highly rated family child care programs in Boulder County, Third Avenue Preschool, located in a quaint Victorian home on Third Avenue in Longmont, seeks to provide a fun, safe, learning environment where children ages 2 to 6 years can find comfort in a “home away from home” setting.

The developmentally-based program incorporates a flexible balance of structured and unstructured activities designed to enhance self-direction in each child. The multi-age and multi-cultural setting encourages children to learn from each other and to be active participants in their own learning experiences. The teachers exemplify a positive approach to a child’s attitude and enthusiasm, and seek to guide children in making connections from classroom learning to the real world through play, imitation, and exploration.

Of the Colorado Shines Rating Susan said, “It was one of the best things we have ever done and has made us a better school! The coaches were great, the EQIT training was great, and the baseline FDCERS assessment pointed out where little changes could make a big difference. One example was moving the musical instruments to child level which sparked a music renaissance at the center. We try something and then reflect.” Susan also shared that working with CCAP has been great. “We love CCAP, everyone is so helpful!”

To learn more about Third Avenue Preschool [Click Here](#)



Healthy Childcare Colorado partners with local, state, and national stakeholders to promote and support health, safety, and wellness in early childhood settings and systems. They have expertise in health and well-being as well as early learning, which allows them to advocate for best practices and policies in Colorado.

On the website you will find:

- “Capital Improvement and Healthy Beginnings, Active Futures” grant information.
- A directory of child care health consultants and health and safety training opportunities.
- Certified Playground Safety Inspections and Preschool Outdoor Environment Measurement Scale, both of which can be used to earn points in the Colorado Shines ratings.
- Information about policy and advocacy, research and evaluation of their work, and resources, information and trends in the early childhood field.
- A training calendar and early childhood employment board.

NEW! Early Childhood Resource Roundup! Join for free and find best practice resources to support health and safety in your program. [Click Here](#)

Take a few moments to visit the website and see what is available to support your program! [Click Here](#)

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