

First Aid and CPR

- * Jim Sheldon 473-5482
- * Mark Schaefer 576-7299
- * Sav A Life 282-1779
- * Caring Hearts 686-8883
- * American Heart Assoc. 635-7688
- * American Red Cross 632-3563



Licensing

The El Paso County Department of Licensing is located at 17 N. Spruce Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80905. The main telephone number to the licensing specialists is 471-1165.

STATE OFFICE OF CHILD CARE SERVICES
1575 Sherman Street, Denver CO 80808-1714
1-800-799-5876

COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CCCAP)

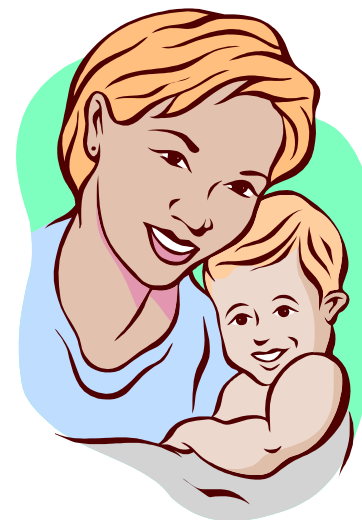
To be financially reimbursed for caring for children of low income families, contact Betty Studebaker at 444-5538, El Paso County DHS.

ESTIMATED FEES FOR BECOMING LICENSED

- * Pre-licensing training \$70.00—\$80.00
- * First Aid/CPR classes \$40.00 +
- * Medication Administration \$35.00
- * Fingerprinting Approx. \$15.00 per card
- * CBI or FBI check \$14.00—24.00 per card
- * Licensing fee \$22.00

You may have additional start-up costs such as home improvements, fencing, equipment and supplies.

Licensed to Care



Resources and Information For Becoming a Licensed Child Care Provider in Your Home



Child Care Connections
125 N. Parkside Dr. Suite 202
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
719-638-2070



LICENSING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

WHO NEEDS A LICENSE?

Colorado state law requires providers to have a license to offer child care on a regular basis (including part-time or part week) for unrelated children from more than one family.

IS ANYONE EXEMPT FROM LICENSING?

A provider may legally care for the children from one family without becoming licensed.

WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE OPERATES A CHILD CARE HOME ILLEGALLY?

The provider could be subject to fines up to \$100/day to a maximum of \$10,000 and the licensing agency could refuse to issue a license if one is requested. A court order could be obtained to prohibit the unlicensed home from operating.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET A LICENSE?

After your application has been mailed to the Division of Child Care, it can take 8 to 12 weeks for the licensing specialist to contact you for an appointment for your initial inspection.

WHAT STEPS DO I NEED TO TAKE TO GET A LICENSE?

1. Approval from local zoning or planning departments may be obtained for Colorado Springs residents by calling 385-5905. El Paso County residents may call 520-6300. All other counties must call your local zoning offices.

It is critical you receive zoning approval before you start your trainings.

2. If you live in a home with a home owners association, check your covenants to verify you can operate a business out of your home, If you are renting, you need written permission from your landlord.

3. Required training:

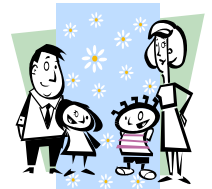
13 1/2 hours of state approved pre-licensing classes.
Infant/Child CPR & First Aid Certification.
Medication Administration Certification.

4. Background investigations are required for all household members over 18 years of age and include fingerprinting, a Colorado Bureau of Investigation background check and/or a Federal Bureau of Investigation background check if Colorado residency is less than two years.

5. All those living in the home must have "a medical statement signed by a licensed physician or licensed nurse practitioner, verifying that s/he suffers from no physical or emotional illness or condition or any communicable disease which would adversely affect children in care." Pet vaccinations must also be up-to-date.

6. All necessary forms for written application are in the "Application Packet for Family Child Care Homes" available from State Forms and Publications Center at 303-321-4164. Packets are also available at the Child Care Connections office.

7. A licensing specialist will call to make an appointment when your application has returned from the Division of Child Care. Your home will be inspected to insure that you are in compliance with licensing regulations. When the home passes inspection a report of inspection will be issued and child care can begin.



LOCAL CONTACTS:

Pre-licensing training:

- * Child Care Connections 638-2070 Classes held 6 times per year
- * Wildwood Resources 800-223-0557 (correspondence only)
- * An independent video study program is available from Aims Community College. Call their Continuing Ed Department at 970-330-8008 ext. 6418.
- * Creative Choices—Correspondence course 303-758-1289 or 303-233-9637.

Medical Administration Training:

- * Please call Child Care Connections at 638-2070 for a current list of trainers or check the Qualistar website at www.qualistar.org.