



# Child Care Connections

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## **Amendment for Family Child Care Homes Postponed**

On November 26, 2010, Rosemarie Allen, the director of the Colorado Department of Human Services Division of Child Care, announced that the amendment requiring family child care providers licensed prior to May 2007 to take a required 15 hour Advanced Training has been postponed until further notice.

In her letter, Ms. Allen writes, “ The Department has tasked a group of individuals to develop the curriculum and make recommendations to the Department for this Advanced Training.

This committee is continuing its work. Recommendations have not yet been submitted to the Department. No decisions regarding the training have been made.

Please be advised that due to the time constraints, the deadline to have completed this class has been postponed until further notice. Once decisions are made, you will be notified.”

**If you have any further questions regarding the Advanced Training requirement please contact the CDHS Division of Child Care at 303-866-5958.**

## **Background Checks for Child Care Providers Participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program**

By a vote of 416-3, the House passed H.R. 6469 to require child care providers to undergo a criminal background check, including a federal fingerprint check as a condition of receiving federal funding under the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The bill also makes child care providers ineligible for such funds if they employ a staff member who knowingly makes false statements on a criminal background check or is registered or required to be registered on a state sex offender registry or has been convicted of felony homicide, child abuse or neglect, crimes against children (including pornography), spousal abuse, rape or sexual assault, kidnapping, arson, or physical assault, battery, or a drug-related

offense. The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.

### **Background Checks for Child Care Providers Participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.**

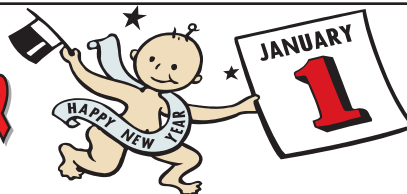
An effort to add the background check language to the child nutrition reauthorization bill (technically a Motion to Recommit) in order to require a background check on all child care providers who participate in federal nutrition programs failed by a vote of 200-224. A Motion to Recommit is a procedural move to make changes to a bill while it is being considered by the full House.

### **S. 3307, Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (child nutrition programs)**

By a vote of 264-157, the House passed S. 3307, legislation that authorizes federal child nutrition programs (such as the School Breakfast, School Lunch, and Summer Food programs, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) through FY 2015). The bill increases funding on child nutrition programs by \$4.5 billion over ten years and aims to end childhood hunger and address the epidemic of childhood obesity. With regard to the improvements to CACFP, the bill specifically:

For more information on S. 3307 click here: <http://edlabor.house.gov/newsroom/2010/12/houses-passes-sweeping-child-n.shtml>

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



from:

**Child Care Connections**

# Announcements

## New Beginnings

The past few months have been full of transitions at Child Care Connections. We are looking forward to the New Year and many new beginnings including the launch of our NEW website and venturing into the world of social media with Facebook and blogging. These tools will allow us to communicate more effectively with each of you, and we hope to be able to update you regularly with what is happening in the world of early care and education locally, as well as on a

state and national level. We are also looking into our options for going GREEN. If you would prefer to receive our newsletter and other mailings in an electronic format please send an email to Sarah at [ccc.officeadm@gmail.com](mailto:ccc.officeadm@gmail.com). We would love to update your contact information with your communication preferences. Thank you for your support through this time of change at Child Care Connections. If you have

suggestions on other ways that we can meet your needs please feel free to contact us.

## Important News from Child Care Connections

**Child Care Connections is pleased to announce the new launch of our website and social network in January! If you would like to receive an email update on when the website will be unveiled, please email us at [ccc.officeadm@gmail.com](mailto:ccc.officeadm@gmail.com)**

### We Want Your Input

This is a publication to inform you of the latest happenings in Early Childhood Education in El Paso, Teller, and Elbert counties and we want your input. If you have any suggestions of what you would like to see in our newsletter, please contact us at [ccoutreach4@gmail.com](mailto:ccoutreach4@gmail.com) or call us at 719-638-2070.

## Important Health Notice

Infants and young children are especially vulnerable to vaccine preventable diseases such as pertussis and influenza. We've had increased incidence of pertussis disease in Colorado and it is now flu season. In order to protect yourself and the children you care for, it is recommended that adults in child care and school settings receive both the Tdap and the Flu vaccines. It is also very important to make sure that children are up-to-date on their DTaP vaccines (and all required vaccines) and that parents are aware that it is recommended that children 6 months of age and older are vaccinated with the flu vaccine.

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## Have You Called Us Lately?

### For Families CCR&R provides:

- A list of child care options based on the expressed needs of the family
- Information about rates, policies, vacancies, licensing standards and other information about child care
- Guidelines on what to look for in quality child care
- Information about assistance paying for child care

### For Child Care Providers CCR&R provides:

- Free listing on our Child Care Referral Database
- Help with business, child care and regulatory questions
- Information about comprehensive trainings and workshops
- Bi-monthly newsletters

Call Child Care Connections to make sure your provider profile information is up to date.

Call Ginette @ 638-2057  
[ccreferralspec1@gmail.com](mailto:ccreferralspec1@gmail.com) or  
Leanne @ 520-1662  
[ccreferralspec2@gmail.com](mailto:ccreferralspec2@gmail.com).



**Are you a Child Care Provider in El Paso County interested in college classes for Early Childhood Education?**

**Did you know that Alliance for Kids-Office of Professional Development offers scholarship funding and support to help you be a successful college student?**

**Would you like more information?**

Visit our website at [www.allianceforkids.org](http://www.allianceforkids.org) then click on "for professionals" to see our scholarship application packet, or call (719) 635-8332 to talk to Jade Suter, Professional Development Coordinator

# Training Opportunities

## January

**Safe and Healthy Child Care Environments**– contact Child Care Connections @719-638-2070 for more info

- Tuesday, 1/25 from 6:00 - 9:00pm
- This class will identify the components of safe & healthy child care utilizing regulations, standards & resources with an objective to develop goals for improvement.

**Pre-licensing Training**- contact Child Care Connections @719-638-2070 for more info

- Saturday, 1/15 & 1/22 from 8:30am to 5:00pm

**Universal Precautions** - contact Child Care Connections @719-638-2070 for more info

- Saturday, 1/22 from 10:00am-11:30am

**Medication Administration**-contact Child Care Connections @719-638-2070 for more info

- Tuesday, 1/24 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm
- Saturday, 1/29 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**2011 Pyramid Project** - contact Alliance for Kids @ 719-634-8045 or visit the website at [www.allianceforkids.org](http://www.allianceforkids.org) for more information

- Application due by 1/7/2011
- Classes start Monday, 1/24/2011

**Please note. In February, Medication Administration and Universal Precautions prices will be changing. Medication Administration will now be offered at \$45 and Universal Precautions will now be offered at \$20. CDA Observations are now \$100.**

## Online Training

**Child Care Lounge - [www.childcarelounge.com](http://www.childcarelounge.com)**

- Offers a wide variety of ECE trainings including CDA trainings
- All classes are taught by Qualistar Advanced Level Trainers

**Pikes Peak Community College- [www.pccc.edu](http://www.pccc.edu)**

- Offers all courses for Group Leader and Director Qualifications

**Colorado Community College Online - [www.cconline.org](http://www.cconline.org)**

- Offers all courses for Group Leader and Director Qualifications

**Reducing the Risk of SIDS in Child Care - [www.healthychildcare.org/sids.html](http://www.healthychildcare.org/sids.html)**

- 1 hour training learning how to create a safe sleep environment to reduced the risk of SIDS and other sleep related deaths.

<b>B L O G S</b>	Birth to Thrive	Eye on Early Education
	Bridging Differences	Foundation for Child Development
	Early ED Watch	NACCRRRA Early Childhood Focus
	Early Stories	Preschool Matters
	Early years	Stories from School
	Edwin	The Frontal Cortex

## February

**PEAK Parent Center 2011 Conference on Inclusive Education**-contact PEAK Parent at [conference@peakparent.org](mailto:conference@peakparent.org) or visit [www.peakparent.org](http://www.peakparent.org)

- February 10-12 in Denver CO

**Pre-licensing Training**– contact Child Care Connections @ 719-638-2070 for more info

- Tuesday - Wednesday, 2/22-2/23 & 3/1-3/2 from 5:30pm to 9:30 pm

**Universal Precautions**– contact Child Care Connections @ 719-638-2070 for more info

- Wednesday, 2/23 from 5:30pm-7:00pm

**Medication Administration**– contact Child Care Connections @719-638-2070 for more info

- Tuesday, 2/22 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm
- Saturday, 2/28 from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Developmentally Appropriate Practices**– contact Child Care Connections @719-638-2070 for more info

- Saturday, 2/26 from 9:00am –12:00pm
- Discover how children grow and develop in the first 5 years of their lives. Explore what DAP looks like in your program and how it can work for you and your children. Learn ways to incorporate DAP activities into daily routines that stimulate growth and development for children with varied ages and needs in your care.

## CPR/First Aid Classes

**CPR– First Aid / Universal Precautions**– Contact Jim Sheldon @ 719-473-5482 for more info

- Monday & Tuesday, 1/10-1/11 from 6:00– 10:00pm @ Child Care Connections
- Monday & Tuesday, 2/14-2/15 from 6:00– 10:00pm @ Child Care Connections

**Sav-A-Life** – Contact Cindy Slater @ 719-282-1779 for more information

- Saturdays from 9-3 @ Sunrise United Methodist Church - 2655 Briargate Blvd.

**HeartSmart** - Contact Rich Perse @ 800-894-3439 for more information

- Saturday, 1/8 starting at 9:00 am w/CPR, First Aid in the pm @ Sunnyside Christian Church - 2025 N. Murray
- Saturday, 1/22 starting at 9:00 am w/CPR, First Aid in the pm @ Pueblo-CSU-Pueblo Childcare Center-on campus

**American Red Cross, Pikes Peak Chapter** - Contact Heather Wilma @ 719-632-3563 for more information

**Pikes Peak Family Connections** - Contact Dee Thomas @ 719-442-6333 for more information

**Simple CPR, LLC** - Contact Mark Schaefer @ 719-205-0003 for more information

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[www.childcareconnections.net](http://www.childcareconnections.net)

**CCCAP Office**  
**Location:** Office has moved. Call for location.  
**Main Business Line:** 719-444-8178

**Save the Date**  
**PEAK Parent's**



**2011 Conference on Inclusive Education:  
Expand Your Toolbox & Construct New Possibilities!**  
Bringing the nation best practice for the past 25 years!  
**February 10-12, 2011**  
**Denver, Colorado**  
Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center

**Session Topics in 2011 to Include:**

- Co-Teaching
- Autism
- Literacy, Comprehension, and Reading
- Cognitive Diversity
- Behavior Strategies
- Access to Curriculum and Concepts
- Early Childhood
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- School Reform
- Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
- Advocacy Strategies
- Systems Change
- Parent/Professional Partnerships
- Inclusive Practices
- Peer Tutoring and Support
- Progress Monitoring
- Differentiated Instruction
- Accommodations and Modifications
- Inclusive Performing Arts
- Transition
- Universal Design for Learning
- Technology
- Postsecondary Inclusive Education
- Social Relationships
- Classroom Management
- Self-Advocacy
- Assistive Technology
- And more!

Visit [www.peakparent.org](http://www.peakparent.org) or email questions to [conference@peakparent.org](mailto:conference@peakparent.org)

**Rocky Mountain  
Early Childhood Conference**

Save the Date — April 15-16, 2011

Presented through the collaboration of:



Colorado Head Start Association



Early Childhood Education Association of Colorado  
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Sponsored by:

**Key Note Speakers:**

- **Dr. Jerlean Daniel** - NAEYC Executive Director
- **Geoffrey Canada** - CEO of the Harlem Children's Zone

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**Pyramid Model Project**

**2011 Pyramid Model Project**



The Alliance for Kids is currently accepting applications from Early Care and Education Programs to participate in the 2011 Pyramid Model Project.

The Pyramid Model "evidence based curriculum" Project promotes social emotional development and helps staff address challenging behaviors.

Pyramid Project consists of:

- 3 Credit Pikes Peak Community College Course
- Site-based coaching
- Curriculum & Training Materials
- Pre/Post Assessments

If your center is interested in learning more about this project and many ways it can help your staff help children, please call Kris Ingram, Alliance for Kids Coordinator, at 634-8045 or visit the website at [www.allianceforkids.org](http://www.allianceforkids.org).

**Save the Date!**

Saturday, April 2, 2011

**4th Annual Alliance for Kids School Readiness Conference**

- 6 clock hours for Training
- Sessions for all Early Childhood Professionals
- Vendors
- Networking
- Breakfast & Lunch



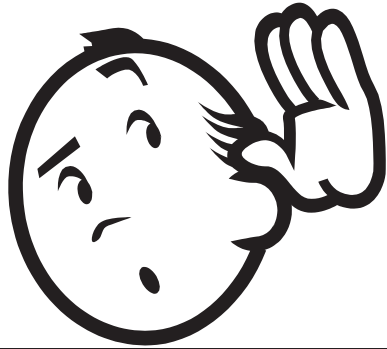
**Smart from the Start!**  
Keynote Address by Janet Humphreys "Critical Connections that Maximize Children's Potentials"



4 [www.allianceforkids.org](http://www.allianceforkids.org)



# Child Care Connections News



## CDA Program Child Development Associates Credential

A new CDA class will be starting January 6, 6:00 pm-9:00pm. We have a list of future candidates that should have received a letter along with the schedule of classes before the end of December 2010. Classes will be held on Thursday evening from January through June. If you would like to check if your name is on our list please call Sarah at Child Care Connections main number: 638-2070. If you would like basic information on the CDA process you can call Cathy at 638-2068, or go to the website, [www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org). We have some financial assistance available through the PCCA funding source.

## NAEYC Accreditation Facilitation

The participants of the NAEYC AFP project are making great strides towards becoming accredited through NAEYC with the hope being that the improvements in quality are impacting the children within their programs. If you would like more information about the NAEYC AFP program or on how your center can participate, please contact Michelle Gonzalez at 719-638-2070 or email her at [outreach4@gmail.com](mailto:outreach4@gmail.com).

## Meet our Newest Staff Members Sarah Mensch and Malie Visser

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season in the past, I want to take this opportune time to introduce myself as the new Administrative Assistant. My name is Sarah and I excitedly joined the team of Child Care Connections back in October. I have recently moved back to my home state of Colorado from San Diego. I attended Western State College from Gunnison, CO where I received my bachelors. I have several years experience in Business Administration as well as child supervision. I look forward to working with you all!

## MERIT/FCCQIP

I'd like to introduce myself as the new MERIT/FCCQIP coach. My name is Malie Visser and I have worked with preschool age children in Head Start programs and private programs for almost 20 years. I have spent the last 3 years as a Qualistar Ratings Specialist, rating child care centers and homes across Colorado. I am very excited to be working with the current

providers and programs enrolled in these programs and welcome the opportunity to serve more programs in Teller, El Paso, and Elbert counties. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or to request an application. My phone number is: 719-638-2067 and my e-mail is: [cccoutreach3@gmail.com](mailto:cccoutreach3@gmail.com).

## ACCYN

### ARMY CHILD CARE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The ACCYN program continues to thrive with military children receiving excellent care with quality providers. We have two family childcare providers who have recently received their CDA credential, Christine Layman in the Fountain area and Lakisha Byrd in Colorado Springs. We congratulate them for their hard work and know that additional families will be benefitting from their accomplishments.

A training and Meet & Greet is scheduled for all of the ACCYN providers in January. At this event we will be introducing the Fort Carson personal who will be directly overseeing the program. The training will consist of information on the social/emotional development of young children with an emphasis on military families.

If you know of a military family that could benefit from a financial subsidy or would just like to know more about the ACCYN program, call either Leanne @ 520-1662 or Cathy @ 638-2068.

## EQIT— Enhanced Quality Infant Toddler

We are proud to announce that Child Care Connections has 30 Early Childhood Educators who completed their EQIT training on December 16, 2010. The ECE group consisted of Family Childcare Providers, Center Staff, and Directors, who all have successfully completed a 16 week, 48 hour training to improve quality for young children in the El Paso County area. Congratulations to each and every one of them. CCC anticipates the next class to start in August 2011, please call Sarah to get on the waitlist at 638-2070.



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## Goodwill Licensing Update

Season's Greetings from your Childcare Licensing Department. It's been a busy year and it's hard to believe it's winding down. Thank you all for your hard work and patience during this past year. It has not gone unnoticed, and is greatly appreciated. As the year comes to a close, we wanted to address a few items to make sure everyone is on the same page entering 2011. First, the "Consultation" forms that have accompanied supervisory inspections the past year will no longer be utilized after 12/31/10. The expectation is that by 1/1/11, all providers will be compliant with the newest regulations and therefore the consultation form will no longer be needed. Also, many have asked about the 15-hour training that is required for all providers licensed prior to May, 2007. As of this newsletter, State has not yet

finalized a training curriculum, and therefore it is not yet available to providers. As a result, the 12/31/11 date that everyone was required to complete the class will be extended. Once the training is in place, the revised date will be established, giving everyone ample opportunity to complete the training. It has been an eventful year in licensing, and we want to simply tell you all how much we appreciate your hard work and partnership and we look forward to strengthening that partnership with you in 2011. As always, thank you for all you do for our children, and best holiday wishes to you and your family.



**719-574-9363**

## Your Licensing Specialist

### **Child Care Centers**

**Martha Lopez : 719-534-9181**

### **Family Child Care**

**Main Office : 719-574-9363**

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