



# Child Care Connections

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## **Attention Licensed Child Care Providers: New rules regarding criminal background checks become effective August 10, 2011**

### **1) FBI Background Check Requirement for All License Types**

House bill 11-1145, passed in the 2011 session of the Colorado Legislature, mandates that all employees hired on or after August 10, 2011 at any licensed child care facility, except summer camps operating for less than 90 calendar days, shall complete an FBI background check in addition to the CBI, TRAILS, and ICON background checks

currently required by law. The additional fee for an FBI background check is \$22.00. Providers or prospective employees will submit their fingerprint card through the normal procedure, but will attach the additional fee. The rule package, #11-6-7-1 containing this new rule can be found at <http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/publicnotice>

(Click on the link: Emergency Rule Package - Background Checks (Implementing HB 11-1102 and HB 11-1145):

NOTE: This law and rule ARE NOT RETROACTIVE and apply only to persons hired on or after August 10, 2011.

### **2) Portability of Background Checks**

House Bill 11-1102, passed in the 2011 session of the Colorado Legislature, creates limited portability of criminal background checks in the limited circumstances, which can be found below in a verbatim copy of the new law into the new rule, 7.701.33(I)(1), which becomes effective August 10, 2011. The other section of the new rule 7.701.33(I)(2), lays out the process the Department will use to assure compliance with background check requirements under the new law. The entire new rule regarding portability is printed below.

#### **7.701.33 - Criminal Record Check**

##### **I. Portability of Fingerprint-Based Criminal Background Checks**

1. Where two or more individually licensed facilities are wholly owned, operated, and controlled by a common ownership group or school district, a fingerprint-based

criminal history records check completed for one of the licensed facilities of the common ownership group or school district pursuant to this section for whom a criminal records check is required under Section 26-6-107, C.R.S., may satisfy the records check requirement for any other licensed facility under the same common ownership group or school district. A new fingerprint-based criminal history records check shall not be required of such an individual if the common ownership group or school district maintains a central records management system for employees of all its licensed facilities; takes action as required pursuant to section 26-6-104, C.R.S., when informed of the results of a fingerprint-based criminal history records check that requires action pursuant to Section 26-6-107 C.R.S.; and informs the Department whenever an additional licensed facility comes under or is no longer under its ownership or control.

2. When a licensee is inspected pursuant to the Child Care Licensing Act and records regarding CBI and FBI fingerprint-based criminal background checks, as well as records and reports of child abuse and neglect maintained by the State Department, and the comparison search on the ICON system at the State Judicial system are held at a central records management system, the licensee shall be afforded fourteen (14) calendar days to provide to the State Department documentation necessary to verify that employees at the licensed facility have the required records related to fingerprint-based criminal background checks.

House Bill 11-1102 creating background check portability for some licensees and House Bill 11-1145 requiring FBI background checks for all employees hired on or after August 10, 2011, can be found at the following internet link (Click on the link: Emergency Rule Package - Background Checks (Implementing HB 11-1102 and HB 11-1145):

#### **<http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/publicnotice>**

The emergency rule package promulgated by the State Board of Human Services, package #11-6-7-1, can be found on their website at the following internet link (Click on the link: Emergency Rule Package - Background Checks (Implementing HB 11-1102 and HB 11-1145)

**Division of Child Care  
1575 Sherman Street, 1st Floor  
Denver, CO 80203**

# Announcements

## Halloween Bunco Fund Raiser

Supporting  
Child Care Connections  
October 28, 2010 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
125 N. Parkside  
Colorado Springs, CO 80909  
\$15.00 each or a table of 4 for \$60.00  
Call 638-2070 for more information

## Have You Called Us Lately?

Dear Providers,  
Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies collect data on child care supply and demand. The data is used to:

- Help parents and providers understand average rates in given communities and specific ages
- Help families understand options that best meet their needs
- Help inform recruitment efforts
- Gain information needed to get funding for quality improvement, scholarships and support of family child care and center providers
- Help establish market rates for the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP)
- Help inform capacity building efforts
- Help determine training and support needs
- Help in communication and outreach to providers, including providing information about grant opportunities
- Help us advocate on behalf of early childhood professionals

The data collected during calls is to update provider profiles. We are contracted to contact every licensed facility at least twice a year to update the information contained in our data base. This information is not shared with the regular public and is used in aggregated form. We realize you are very busy, but encourage you to please take some time to assist us when contacted for an update. If you like to know what information we have for you or to update, please call:

**Ginette @ 638-2057**  
[ginetteb@childcareconnections.net](mailto:ginetteb@childcareconnections.net) or  
**Leanne @ 520-1662**  
[leannec@childcareconnections.net](mailto:leannec@childcareconnections.net)

## Important News from Child Care Connections

- **Have you found us on Facebook yet? By becoming a fan and liking Child Care Connections on Facebook, you will be the first to know about trainings, exciting happenings and other Child Care Connections information as it happens! Find us [www.facebook.com/childcareconnections](http://www.facebook.com/childcareconnections). See you there!**
- **Looking for a place to post your job openings? We'll do that for you!!! Contact Sarah at [sarahm@childcareconnections.net](mailto:sarahm@childcareconnections.net) or check us out online.**
- **You can now register for trainings online, from the comfort of your own home! Just go to [childcareconnections.net](http://childcareconnections.net) and look under Child Care Professionals.**



## 2011 Accreditation Facilitation Project Family Child Care Providers

Early Connections Learning Centers continues to work with Family Child Care Providers in El Paso County on becoming NAFCC Accredited. This is a great opportunity for Providers that are interested in being Accredited and receiving assistance to reach their goal. There is space for Providers to join the Project beginning in July 2011.

### Family Child Care Providers receive:

- Financial assistance in becoming accredited
- Training opportunities to meet accreditation standards
- Meeting opportunities to learn from others in the process
- On-site support in meeting accreditation standards

CONGRATULATIONS to previous project participants that have reached NAFCC Accreditation! These providers include **Margaret Becerra, Julie Brecto, Heidi Clearo, Valerie Dunn, Wendy Epp, Laura Fredrickson-Sena, Eudora London, Dawn Palazzolo, Tijuana Thornton-McLin and Vickie Shupe!** Great job!

For more information: Josie Watters (719) 632-1754 ext. 1014 or [jjwatters@earlyconnections.org](mailto:jjwatters@earlyconnections.org)

## Touchpoints Training

Through generous funding provided by the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, we are excited to offer 2 sessions of Touchpoints to the community. The Brazelton Touchpoints Approach is a strength-based, culturally sensitive method for working with families.

- Session 1: October 12-14
- Session 2: November 4, 5, 19

Preference will be given to those who serve military families. For more information please contact Jenny with the Alliance for Kids at 719-634-7619.

## Jardin Tax

Dan & Cheryl Jardin  
6674 Fielding Cir.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80911



# Training Opportunities

## September

### Community Collaboration in Child Abuse and Neglect

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

- Monday, 9/12 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- Learn what it means to be a mandated reporter, how to identify abuse and neglect, how to report, and what you can do to help prevent further abuse and neglect.

### Medication Administration

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

- Saturday, 9/17 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Monday, 9/26 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm

### CAEYC 2011 Fall Conference - Denver Merchandise Mart, Denver, CO

- More information at [www.Coloradoaeyc.org](http://www.Coloradoaeyc.org)
- Saturday, 9/24 Denver Merchandise Mart

### Pre-licensing Training

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

- Tuesday & Wednesday, 9/27 - 9/28 & 10/4 - 10/5 from 5:30pm - 9:30 pm

### Universal Precautions

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

- Wednesday, 9/28 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm

### Infant Safe Sleep and SIDS Risk Reduction

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

- Thursday, September 29th from 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome remains one of the leading causes of death in infants, ages birth to 12 months. This SIDS training will educate providers on best practices for creating and maintaining safe infant sleep environments. During this training providers will learn more about SIDS, SIDS risk reduction and how to implement policies and procedures to protect their youngest clientele.

## CPR/First Aid Classes

(For directory of all State Approved Vendors please go to <http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/FirstAid-CPR.htm>)

### CPR- First Aid / Universal Precautions

Contact Jim Sheldon @ 719-473-5482 for more info

- 9/19- 9/20 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm @ Child Care Connections
- 10/25-10/26 from 6:00pm - 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, 9/10 starting at 9:00 am w/CPR, First Aid in the pm @ Sunnyside Christian

Church - 2025 N. Murray

- Saturday, 9/17 starting at 9:00 am w/CPR, First Aid in the pm @ Pueblo-CSU-Pueblo Childcare Center-on campus

Norlynn Nelson - Contact 719-277-7219

for more information

### 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

## October

### Medication Administration

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

- Saturday, 10/15 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Monday, 10/17 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm

### Getting it Right the First Time: Marketing

Strategies for Child Care Providers - contact Child Care Connections @ 719-638-2070 for more info

- Tuesday, 10/11 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- Marketing and outreach -- they're necessary because they're powerful, and they're challenging because they're complex. And in our media-dense society it's easy to overlook critical marketing aspects when starting-up your child care program and even easier to neglect once your business begins to boom. But don't fret, Getting it Right the First Time will provide insights and ideas on proven strategies to get your marketing program up and running and keep it that way.

Don't Forget to Like Us on Facebook  
[Facebook.com/childcareconnections](https://www.facebook.com/childcareconnections)



### 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.ppcc.edu](http://www.ppcc.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.healthvchildcare.org/sids.html](http://www.healthvchildcare.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.

## Blogs

Birth to Thrive  
Bridging Differences  
Early ED Watch  
Early Stories  
Early years  
EduWonk

Eye on Early Education  
Foundation for Child Development  
NACCRRRA Early Childhood Focus  
Preschool Matters  
Stories from School  
The Frontal Cortex

**Child Care Connections**  
**125 N. Parkside Ste. 202**  
**Colorado Springs, CO**  
**80909**

Main Office: 719-638-2070

Referrals: 719-638-2057

Fax: 719-638-2059

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

### CCCAP Office

Location:

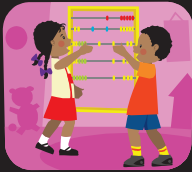
1675 W. Garden of the Gods Rd

Main Business Line:

719-444-8178

# SMART FROM THE START

A Parenting Event



Presented by:



Saturday, October 1, 2011  
9:00am - 3:00pm  
First United Methodist Church  
420 N. Nevada Ave.

Keynote Speaker **Janet Humphryes** on Brain Development

- Wide Range of Workshops available
- Vendors and Resource Information Available throughout the day

Cost: \$10 per adult, includes lunch

- Childcare provided for ages 0-6 for and additional \$10, this includes lunch and a snack. Contact Jenny at 719-634-7619 or [jenny@allianceforkids.org](mailto:jenny@allianceforkids.org) to RSVP

Purchase your tickets at [allianceforkids.org](http://allianceforkids.org) or at the door

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD SCHOOLS



### NAEYC Accreditation Facilitation Project

has openings for schools who are interested in seeking National Accreditation.

Contact Michelle at 719-634-6586 or [michelleg@childcareconnections.net](mailto:michelleg@childcareconnections.net)

Receive:

- 4 hours monthly coaching
- Financial Assistance for NAEYC Accreditation & Trainings
- Specialized Training based off of NAEYC Standards.

## Healthy Baby Fair

Saturday, 9/24 from 10:00am -2:00pm@ Imagination Space at the Citadel Learn more at [ElPasoCountyHealth.org](http://ElPasoCountyHealth.org)



SafetyFactor+ for Families Programs  
Offered September 19, 2011-  
January 28, 2012

SafetyFactor+ for Families is **FREE** injury prevention and safety program designed for adults who are caretakers of young children ages 0-6 years old as well as caretakers of older adults. The information provided aims to empower adults with the knowledge they need to provide safe environments and experiences for their children as well as safety skills that they can share with older adults. These older adults, ages 65 and older, may be serving as caretakers to young children as grandparents but are also a **high-risk audience** with a need to acquire safety skills to prevent accidents that frequently occur to their age group. Program participant feedback, follow-up and evaluation will be included.

**Presentation Topics:** Burn prevention, cooking safety, helmets and bike safety, outdoor safety for children, emergency phone numbers to know, basic first aid, choking and poisoning prevention, basic CPR and fire safety skills

**Who:** Adult audiences such as: caretakers, parents, preschool teachers, Headstart and Early Headstart teachers, babysitters, grandparents, PTA's

All programs are **FREE** of cost to the public and can be scheduled by calling Jane Zook at (719)385-7366 or email at: [jzook@springsgov.com](mailto:jzook@springsgov.com)



## Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler (EQIT) Care Classes

2011-2012 Registration

The 48-hour EQIT Curriculum provides a solid introduction to infant and toddler development, with a focus on providing quality group care for our youngest children. The EQIT course builds on the knowledge and experiences of infant and toddler caregivers through interesting, interactive and fun activities.

The EQIT Curriculum has been approved by the Division of Child Care as one of the classes that can be used for Early Childhood Teacher (formerly Group Leader) Qualifications AND will count toward the Infant Toddler class that will be required for Director Qualifications. Infant & Toddler teachers will have first priority in the classes; center directors will have second priority.

Funding has been provided by the Colorado Department of Education for the Alliance for Kids to offer four sessions of the EQIT training in El Paso County for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Two of these will be taught by Child Care Connections.

The \$30.00 registration fee helps offset some training supply costs. Each of these sessions will be limited to 30 participants. Refunds will not be given after sessions begin.

The Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler (EQIT) Care curriculum consists of 16 modules, covering the following topics:

- Emotional Development
- Responsive Care
- Family Partnerships
- Safety, Health, and Nutrition
- Learning Environments
- Curriculum
- Language Development
- Literacy
- Physical Development
- Culture
- Children with Special Needs
- Professionalism

Session B & D Still Available

You must attend all of the classes to get your certificate!

Register online at: [www.allianceforkids.org](http://www.allianceforkids.org) or contact

Jade Suter at (719) 635-8332 or

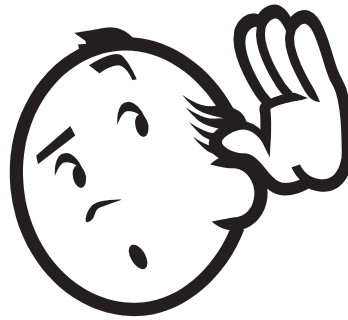
e-mail [jade@allianceforkids.org](mailto:jade@allianceforkids.org)

\*Classes also available in Elbert County. Contact Chris Logue @ (303) 646-6720 for more info

# Child Care Connections News

## Family, Friends and Neighbors

We are still looking for people who are providing care for children to whom they are related to, or are friends or neighbors with. These providers do not have to be licensed and can reside in El Paso, Teller, and Elbert counties. Participation in this program will give providers the opportunity to have free materials for the children, attend monthly play groups and story times, and I am able to go to their home to help with activity ideas or help with any difficult behaviors. Please contact me at: 719-638-2067 for more information. Malie Visser, Outreach Specialist



## CDA Program Child Development Associates Credential

**Fall CDA Classes Begin  
September 8th: Reserve  
Your Spot Now!**

A new CDA session will start on September 8th. Classes are held at Child Care Connections on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm-9:00pm. There are scholarships available to assist in paying for your CDA. If you would like additional information on this training call, Michelle @ 634-6586, or for more info on the CDA process visit [www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org).

## FCCQIP– Family Child Care Quality Improvement Program

We are pleased to announce that we have received funding to continue the FCCQIP program. We would like to thank all the family childcare providers who have participated in the past, and the ones who have expressed an interest in participating for this new grant cycle. At this time, we have full participation and would need to put anyone who may be interested on our wait list. For further information please contact Malie Visser at 719-638-2067.

## PARTNERING WITH PARENTS- “ SMART FROM THE START” PARENTING EVENT

As a child care provider, you soon discover that parents and children are a two-for-one deal. Developing positive relationships with parents is critical to providing the best care possible to their children.

One way to foster children's learning is through joint efforts involving both families and caregivers, where parents and teachers share responsibility for creating a working relationship that will help children succeed academically. Family and child care represent the primary environments in which young children grow and develop, and quality environments value parental involvement. The foundation for good parent-teacher relationships is frequent and open

communication, mutual respect and a clear understanding of what is best for each individual child.

What better way to build strong relationships with families than to sponsor their attendance to the "Smart from the Start" A Parenting event.

Please consider purchasing a block of tickets to give to parents who may not otherwise be able to attend. Five parents can go for \$50...including refreshments and a chance for a door prize!

Be sure to let your staff know about this event too! There will be certificates provided so it is a perfect opportunity to form a stronger learning relationship between teachers and families by having them attend together.

## NAEYC Accreditation Facilitation Project

The NAEYC AFP Program is looking for new schools to participate for the 2011-2012 year. If you are interested in improving quality and would like to know more information please contact Michelle Gonzalez at 719-634-6586 or email her at [michelleg@childcareconnections.net](mailto:michelleg@childcareconnections.net)

## CCC is Looking For Board Members

**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”**

**Margaret Mead**

Child Care Connections is actively recruiting volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors. We need professionals with a variety of backgrounds that value the importance of Early Care and Education and the population that we serve. Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of the month from 3:30pm -5:00 pm. If you or someone you know might be interested or would like more information, please call Deana @ 638-2065. Thank you for your continued support of Child Care Connections and the work that we do.

## What If - Innovation & Creativity Festival

September 10, 2010  
1 N Tejon St

Presented by Imagination Celebration

Downtown Colorado Springs

The 2011 WHAT If?! Festival of Innovation and Imagination is returning to a six-block area of downtown Colorado Springs on Saturday, September 10, 2011. The award-winning event, presented by Imagination Celebration in partnership with the Pikes Peak library District and All Pikes Peak Reads, will again show off the innovative nature of various organizations, businesses, schools and individuals in

the Pikes Peak region. The special daytime celebration, running from 10 am to 4 pm, will feature tech-enthusiasts, art-makers, garage inventors, performers, Do-It-Yourself-ers, scientists, culinary magicians, original musicians, robot builders, urban farmers, engineers and other thinkers and tinkerers. Each of these unique participants will share interactive projects, original performances, processes to demonstrate, hands-on experiences or inventive experiments.

This is a Free Event.

Info Phone: 719-597-3344

