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Sign Up for Colorado Child Care Assistance



Apply online at www.colorado.gov/PEAK



Visit your county department of human services to complete an application in person



Mail an application to your county department of human services. Download and print the application at ColoradoOfficeOfEarlyChildhood.com/cccap-families



Additional Resources

- ColoradoShines.com: Free search for high quality child care
- **877-338-2273**: Free child care resource and referral hotline
- ColoradoOfficeOfEarlyChildhood.com: State and local programs and services for children and their families
- EarlyLearningCO.org: Tools to support child development

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For Providers



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Colorado uses a system of **tiered reimbursement**, a pay structure that reflects an increased rate of reimbursement for high quality early childhood providers that accept CCCAP.

State-Recommended Rates for Tiered Reimbursement (July 2016)		
Colorado Shines Quality Rating Level(s)	Infants and Toddlers	Preschoolers
Level 1 and 2	25th Percentile of County Market Rate	10th Percentile of County Market Rate
Level 3	50th Percentile of County Market Rate	50th Percentile of County Market Rate
Level 4 and 5	75th Percentile of County Market Rate	75th Percentile of County Market Rate

Counties may elect to opt-out of state recommended rates or to exceed base rates.



- **ColoradoShines.com:** The state's child care Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)
- **ColoradoOfficeOfEarlyChildhood.com/cccap-providers:** Information on child care quality, licensing and assistance programs, and important provider resources