



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

Child Care Mini-Grant

Providing technical assistance and funding to aid providers with licensing

The Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance (ECCLA) and the State of Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood (OEC) are dedicated to increasing the statewide availability of licensed, high-quality child care in Colorado, and, through this mini-grant program, are proud to offer funding and technical assistance to individuals looking to become licensed.

THE NEED FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE IN COLORADO

- Colorado is home to approximately 400,000 children under age six, and 245,000 of these children live in families with working parent(s)
- Colorado's licensed child care centers and family care homes have capacity for over 108,000, or 44 percent of the total population of children with working parents.
- 56 percent of children may have a need for non-parental child care.
- Rural areas only have enough licensed part/full-time facilities for 9 percent of children under the age of two.

Licensed Family Child Care Mini-Grant:

Up to \$2,500

This funding opportunity is for individuals interested in starting, or who just have started, the process of becoming a Licensed Family Child Care Home Provider. This funding will help cover startup costs for items such as:

- training,
- inspections,
- permits,
- educational materials, and
- small home improvements to meet the Colorado licensing requirements.

Child Care Center Mini-Grant:

Up to \$5,000

This funding opportunity is for individuals interested in starting, or who have started, the process of opening a Child Care Center. This funding will cover startup costs for items such as:

- basic credentialing,
- business startup costs,
- and other expenses associated with opening a successful child care center that meets Colorado licensing requirements.



Eligibility

- Minimum 18 years of age
- Unlicensed family, friend, or neighbor caregiver or a provider that has started the process to become licensed

Requirements

- The applicant must complete and submit the application to the Office of Early Childhood and pass the background check (fee paid by the applicant)
- All the adults in the house must pass the FBI and CBI criminal background check (fees paid by the applicant)
- All grant recipients must register a fiscal agreement with the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) and provide services to at least two children that receive the state benefit for a minimum of one year after getting their license
- Grant recipients must work side by side with their local Early Childhood Council or Program Manager
- Grant funding must be utilized for licensing expenditures – costs that represent the typical licensing requirements like: pre-licensing classes, licensing fees; inspections; insurance; minor facility modifications etc. OR allowable purchases - costs that represent the educational/developmental materials needed to provide appropriate care including things like: cots, cribs, car seats, child-sized furniture, etc.

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