



FOOTNOTES

PPRFCCA c/o Alma Wiley 4407 Fencer Rd Colorado Springs, CO 80911

May/June 2025

www.cosfamilychildcare.com

Pikes Peak Region Family Child Care Association Provider Appreciation Potluck and Training

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:30– 9:00PM

At Holy Cross Lutheran Church

4125 Constitution Ave

Doors will open at 6pm

Potluck dinner will start at 6:30pm Awards at 7:15pm

Please bring a dish to share with everyone.

PPRFCCA will supply dessert, water, tea, and lemonade.

Training: Top Issues Facing Family Child Care Roundtable Discussion

Challenging Behaviors with Children

Contract and Policies

Mental Health/Burnout

Children w/Disabilities

Educator: Alma Wiley, Josie Waters, Aldria Mann, Stacey Buzbee

Category: Professional Development

June 2025

No meeting - Enjoy your summer

ALL PROVIDERS ARE WELCOME -FREE TO ALL PROVIDERS FOR MAY

***Participants must sign in at the beginning of each in person meeting or fill out google form at the end of the Zoom meetings, be present for entire meeting & stay until the closing of each meeting to receive a training certificate.**

No certificates will be issued after original meeting date.

PPRFCCA Policy: In accordance with the PPRFCCA liability insurance policy, no children under 18 years of age will be invited to attend meetings or conferences/workshops. We appreciate your understanding & consideration of others at these events.

****Please note - All Membership meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, except July, October, and December. If you question the exact date listed, consult your calendar.**

Referral Coordinators:

**Remember to keep your
referral coordinator
informed of openings.**

Heather Northup - 360-518-7511
80132, 80133, 80840, 80908, 80921, 80920, 80924

Cassie D'Amico - 719-440-4220
80106, 80808, 80831, 80918, 80923, 80927

Nancy Jones -719-648-5704
80809, 80813, 80819, 80829, 80863, 80904, 80905, 80906,
80907, 80913, 80914, 80915, 80917, 80919, 80926

Bethany Lewis -719-650-6088
80903, 80909

Erin Hatfield - 719-661-3917
80922, 80951, 80938, 80939

Leanne Cabral -719-660-5967
80911, 80925

Martha Smalley -719-271-0778 **** new number****
80817, 80833, 80864, 81007

Vacant
80910, 80916

Social Media Coordinator - Sandra Black



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

PPRFCCA MEETINGS

May 20 -In Person
June - No Meeting
July - No Meeting
August 7- Board Meeting on Zoom
August 19 - In Person

PPRFCCA Board Meetings

PPRFCCA Board Meetings
will be held on the quarterly. Next board
meeting will be **August 7, 2025** at 7pm.
Please call Alma Wiley at 719-290-2217 if you
would like the zoom link invite.

All members are welcome!

CAFCC Trainings

CAFCC trainings are held every second Thurs-
day of the month at 6:00pm on Zoom.
To register for trainings go to
www.coloradocafcc.org
Cost is \$10 for non CAFCC members



TREASURER'S REPORT For Security Service Bank



No Report at this time



Are you ever looking for emergency backup care for more than a couple hours?

Contact your referral coordinator. There may be other
providers near you who have 1, 2 or 3 chance openings
at the time you need it. Relatives get sick, water pipes
break, out-of-town emergencies occur at the least
convenient times. Peace of mind is precious. Consider
networking within your zip code area. Let's work together!

PPRFCCA Board Openings

As the saying goes TEAMWORK makes the DREAM-
WORK, we need your help. PPRFCCA has many vacant
positions available and to stay a strong and healthy associa-
tion we need volunteers so as to not burn out the few that
are helping. Please look at the list below and let a board
member know if you would like to help in any way.

Secretary
Legislative Rep
Nominations
Newsletter Contributors
Membership Rep
Provider Appreciation Chair

President's Notes:

Happy Provider Appreciation Day!! May you all know how valued and cherished you are each and every day. You all are AMAZING ROCKSTARS! Thank you for everything you do for the children and families you serve and for our community without you the workforce could not survive.

It is hard to believe we are into May and have another school year down. I hope that you get some down time during the summer.

As many of you know in March I was diagnosed with throat cancer. I will be having surgery on May 27 to remove the cancer. If you need me you can text me at 719-290-2217 or email at ajwiley@msn.com. I will not be available for phone calls, because I do not know how the surgery will effect my throat or my speech.

If there is anything that PPRFCCA can do for you, please reach out to us! We want to hear from you and we want to be here as your support system. If you are looking for ways that you may want to help, consider one of the open board positions. We would love to have your expertise.

Never stop be amazing!

Alma Wiley
PPRFCCA President

SAVE THE DATE

PPRFCCA FALL
CONFERENCE
WILL BE
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
730AM TO 430PM
REGISTRATION COMING
SOON



May:

11: Laura Fredrickson
-Sena
16: Lindsay Branch
21: Leanne Cabral
23: Alma Wiley
31: Vivian Merrill

June:

5: Cheryl Carter
9: Michael Flaten
12: Nancy Jones
16: Lynnmarie
Draney
20: Cita Carey
28: Teresa McKinley
28: Alyssa
Schweibish

July:

7: Paulina Clark
10: Elizabeth Perez
11: Jennifer Purcell
19: Bradley Richard-
son
24: Cassie D'Amico



Must be posted where all parents can see

To File a Complaint About This Facility Contact:

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood
Division of Early Learning Licensing and Administration
710 S. Ash St.
Denver, CO 80246 Or Call
303-866-5958 or 1-800-799-5876

Most recent report of inspection is available upon request.

The Colorado Early Childhood Coach & Consultant Network is a Colorado non-profit dedicated to supporting early childhood professionals by providing access to diverse resources, tools, coaching, training and support. Our mission is dedicated to supporting early childhood educators, caregivers, and organizations by providing an expert coaching, training, and consulting database, professional development, and networking opportunities. Our mission is to empower professionals to create nurturing, inclusive, and developmentally enriching environments for young children, fostering their growth, well-being, and future success.

COECCCN is developing a free, searchable online directory designed to connect ECE directors, teachers, family care providers, and other professionals with valuable resources and support. We also aim to build a strong network of coaches, consultants, trainers, Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants (ECMHC), Child Care Health Consultants (CCHC), and other technical assistance professionals.

By joining our network, these professionals will not only be listed in our directory but also gain access to:

- Monthly professional development presentations
- Free attendance at our annual conference this fall

We believe this resource will be invaluable to the ECE community throughout Colorado. Find us online at www.coecccn.org and on Facebook.



2025 PPRFCCA SCHEDULE

All meeting will still occur on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

January - Zoom Training 6:30 - 8:30pm

February - Zoom Training 6:30 - 8:30pm

March - Depending on weather and trainer this may be either Zoom or in person

April - In Person Training at Holy Cross Lutheran Church 6:45 - 9:00pm

May - Provider Appreciation In Person Training at Holy Cross 6:30 - 9:00pm

June - NO MEETING

July - NO MEETING

August - In Person Training at Holy Cross 6:45 - 9:00pm

September - In Person Conference on the Saturday Sept 27 - Extra fee NOT included in membership dues

October - In Person Training at Holy Cross Lutheran Church 6:45-9:00pm

November - Zoom Training 6:30 - 8:30pm

December—NO MEETING

Staying Up to Date With The Latest Information

Sign up to receive newsletters and updates from the **Department of Early Childhood (CDEC)** on specifics like Universal Preschool, Rules Advisory Committee (RAC), and everything thing else Early Childhood related at <https://cdec.colorado.gov/>

El Paso County's Early Childhood Council, Alliance for Kids (AFK), is housed under the Foundations program of Joint Initiatives for Youth + Families (JI). AFK is here to help you with referrals, universal preschool, professional development, and more. To stay up to date sign up for their newsletters at <https://www.allianceforkids.org/>

Universal Preschool (UPK) Joint Initiatives (JI) is El Paso county's Local Coordinating Organization (LCO) for all things UPK in El Paso county for families, providers, and school districts. To find more information visit their website at <https://www.jointinitiatives.org/lco-universal-pre-k/>

The Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC) will continue to host monthly informational Town Halls to provide families, providers, members of the workforce, and early childhood stakeholders with updates about the Department of Early Childhood and Universal Preschool Program implementation process and opportunities to get involved. These townhalls are on Zoom the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm to 6:30pm to register for go to <http://www.earlychildhoodcolorado.org/transition>

Rules Advisory Council (RAC) meetings are open to the public. Information on all RAC meetings can be found at <https://cdec.colorado.gov/for-partners/rules-advisory-council>

A member of the public may provide public comment or written testimony regarding the rules under consideration by the CDEC to be heard at the RAC meetings at <https://cdec.colorado.gov/for-partners/rules-advisory-council>. To provide written testimony or public comment you must do so by 10:00am on the previous business day before the RAC hearing.

Department of Early Childhood Transition Planning provides through the Our Voice newsletter - we encourage you to sign up to receive monthly updates as well as other announcements, resources and opportunities from the early childhood community at <https://mailchi.mp/b75d14e9614d/our-voice-newsletter-16897863?e=c561160242>

Early Childhood Community Check-in Call These calls are facilitated by Melissa Mares; Director of Early Childhood Initiatives, Colorado Children's Campaign. You can email Melissa at melissa@coloradokids.org to get the Zoom invite. A copy of the running minutes can be found [here](#).

Raise Colorado Infant-Toddler Task Force The calls are facilitated by Raise Colorado with Melanie Worley and Melissa Mares. They are held on the first Friday of every month via Zoom at 9:00am. Here is the link to join these calls <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87284250309?pwd=aGo1UUdZQ1BWZmRKNWpHL1pxZ0EyZz09#success>

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood has moved!

Please update your records and send any correspondence to the new address.

Our new mailing address is:
Colorado Department of Early Childhood
710 S. Ash Street
Denver, CO 80246



2025

Home Network Happenings

We support Family Child Care (FCC) Providers by offering

- Technical Assistance and Coaching
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Business Efficiencies
- Assistance with Enrollment
- El Paso County FCC Navigation Support
- Partnerships to provide Early Head Start and Head Start Services in FCC Homes

We have worked with FCC Providers for 25 years!
All our coaches have Colorado Coaching Credentials and have been FCC Providers or FCC Provider Assistants themselves!

Come join us!

For more information: Josie Watters
jwatters@earlyconnections.org
(719) 632-1754 ext. 1014

Reminder if your only phone service is a cell phone you must register your cell phone to receive reverse 911 notification. Visit www.elpasoteller911.org to register your phone to your address.



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- LegalShield/IDShield (Self Service)
- Life Insurance from 50+ Carriers
- Careington Dental & Vision Discount Plans (Self Service Site)
- Vision Plans from VSP (Self Service Site)



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Fundamental Medical Training

Senior Instructor Mayre Kemnitz

901-569-5777

mavrek@emergencytrainer.com

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MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION CLASSES

With Katie Vieux, (719) 651-9948

*Premier Surgery Center, 3030 N. Circle Dr.
(Middle Building) Suite #101
(SE Corner of Union & Circle Dr.)*

Cost is \$45.00, cash or money order only.

Classes may fill up fast so call Katie to reserve your spot.
Must have minimum of 5 people to hold a class.
Bring your last Meds Class certificate with you.

Bring in  Science Fairy?

80% off your first ever project



call or text (719) 640-0844

**Sav-a-Life
CPR and First Aid
with**

Cindy Slater
(719)661-8369

Email: savalife75@icloud.com
Website: www.save-a-life.net
Facebook page: Sav-a-Life CPR

Note: PPRFCCA appreciates the support, but does not endorse, those advertising in this newsletter.

Are You On FaceBook?

There are FB pages set up for childcare referrals. The more you 'like' and actively follow the pages, the more they are visible to parents looking for care. PPRFCCA has started one and there are 4 more.

Colorado Springs Licensed Daycares (Sandra Black)
Colorado Springs Licensed Family Child Care Providers (Cathy Meekins)
Colorado Springs Licensed Provider Support (Jessica Pounds)
Colorado Springs Licensed Childcare Providers (Bek Wyzykowski)

Our original page, The Pikes Peak Region Family Childcare Association, offers event info plus craft ideas and more for all PPRFCCA members.

County Associations

Arapahoe County: www.acfcc.org

A Caregiver Network: www.caregivernetwork.org

Colorado Association of Family Child Care:
www.coloradochildcare.com

Douglas County: www.douglascountychildcare.com/

FVCares: www.fountainvalleycares.org

Jefferson County Child Care Association:
Jeffcochildcare.org

Licensed Family Child Care Association:
(Larimer/Loveland) <https://licensedfamilychildcareassociation.com/about-us/>

Weld County Family Child Care Association:
www.wcfcca.net

CAFCC

Colorado Association of Family Child Care

CAFCC is the professional voice of Colorado's 4000 licensed family child care providers.

Since 1972 CAFCC has promoted:

The positive professional image of Family Child Care according to current Colorado rules and regulations.

The promotion of positive working relationships with the child care community at local, state and national levels.

The education of the community about the benefits of family child care.

MEMBERSHIP

Only through membership can the voice of one be heard by many! Dues are \$40.00 per year.

Join the state association today by contacting:
The CAFCC President, Stacey Carpenter

Meetings are being held via Zoom

Please check the CAFCC website for additional meeting information and dates.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

<https://www.coloradocafcc.org/>



www.coloradocafcc.org



El Paso County Family Child Care Home Navigator Special Announcement

Early Connections Learning Centers, Home Network of the Pikes Peak Region, will not be renewing our contract with Joint Initiatives for Youth and Families to provide FCC Home Navigation services past June 30, 2025. This is due to budget cuts at the State level.

Between now and then, keep the following support in mind :

Ask the Navigator's Office hours- Day sessions. Every Wednesday through May 21st on Microsoft Teams at 1:30 p.m. The last Office Hours will be May 21st.

Monthly email blast from the Navigators: We will send our last email blast in May of 2025. Also, please know that I am still available as an FCC Home Navigator to help all licensed Educators and those going through the pre-licensing process through May 30, 2025.

After May 30th you may continue to reach out for Navigation assistance until June 30, 2025. * Please note, a longer response time may occur due to limited resources.

Navigator Resource 1-pagers:

Here are some updated helpful resource 1-pagers.

[FCCH NAVIGATOR_1PG_CCCAP RESOURCE PAGE](#)
[FCCH NAVIGATOR_1PG_Food Program RESOURCE PAGE2](#)
[FCCH NAVIGATOR_1PG_Technology Platforms](#)
[Healthcare Options 1pg_Resource Sheet](#)
[FCCH NAVIGATOR_1PG_Child Care Insurance](#)
[Professional Development 1pg_Resource Sheet](#)
[FCCH_1PG_Quality Improvement Resource Page](#)

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you, helping you along your licensing journeys, advocating on your behalf when there were barriers, researching answers, facing hard questions when there wasn't an immediate answer, hearing the frustration in your voice, witnessing the successes and celebrations when you achieved the unthinkable. We know your stories and have witnessed your triumphs and are forever grateful for having the opportunity to become a part of your lives. There is no doubt that each of you will continue to do wonderful things for the children and families that you serve.

We are discussing ways to smooth this transition for providers. The Navigators are still available to answer questions and provide support for now. Our goal is to make sure you are still getting the best support possible.

We value and appreciate all the patience, trust and confidence that you have placed in FCCH Navigators over the last three years. It is our hope that in the future more funding becomes available to support this important work and maybe once again we can work together to provide much needed support to FCCH providers. We wish you much success in all your future endeavors!

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Pikes Peak Region Family Child Care Association

2025-2026 Membership Application



The Membership Application and Fee will cover renewals and new memberships for the fiscal year July 1– June 30. Please read and fill out the following information completely.

PPRFCCA RENEWAL APPLICATION \$40

Cash _____ Check# _____ Zelle to pprfcca@yahoo.com _____

CAFCC MEMBERSHIP (Colorado Association Family Child Care)

(Please join directly on CAFCC's website <https://www.coloradocafcc.org/>)

**Individuals may apply for membership at any time during the year,
but membership will always expire on June 30 each year.**

All Membership Renewals must be received before June 30 to avoid interruption of membership benefits.

- Make checks payable to PPRFCCA.
- Zelle payment can be made to pprfcca@yahoo.com put name and membership in memo line
- Mail your signed and completed application and membership fee to the PPRFCCA Membership
c/o Alma Wiley 4407 Fencer Rd Colorado Springs, CO 80911

For questions on membership or fees please call Alma Wiley at 719-290-2217

Name _____ License# _____

Business Name _____ E-Mail Address _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____ Circle One: Cell or Landline

Original Licensing Date _____ Birthday Month/Day _____

PPRFCCA MEMBERS are asked to ACTIVELY support and participate in their professional organization (PPRFCCA) by volunteering in some respect. I would like to participate in the following:

____ BOARD POSITION
____ NEWSLETTER STAFF
____ VENDORS
____ PUBLICITY

____ HOSPITALITY (help with greetings and/or bring food to meetings)
____ REFERRAL COORDINATOR

____ **EYES ON THE FUTURE** CONFERENCE _____ OTHER

I agree to abide by the current Pikes Peak Region Family Child Care Association Bylaws.
(Copies of PPRFCCA BYLAWS are available upon request).

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

For information & resources visit Pikes Peak Region Family Child Care Association website at www.cosfamilychildcare.com

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Stacey Buzbee ~ 719-649-9451

Secretary
Currently Available

Treasurer/Membership
Mary Paul ~ 719-439-6628

Head Referral Coordinator
Nancy Jones ~ 719-648-5704

Appointed Board

Education/Program Coordinator
Currently Available

CAFCC Reps
Currently Available

Hospitality
Currently available

CAFCC Legislation Rep
Currently Available

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Laura Weilert ~ 719-640-0844

Provider Appreciation
Currently Available

Ways & Means
Angela Sandoval ~ 719-393-2302

Election Chairperson
Currently Available

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Brianna Brown

General Resources

Div of Early Care & Learning
303-866-5948

Director
303 866-5943

Advisory Committee on Licensing
303-866-5110

Child Care Complaint Line
303-866-5958

Alliance For Kids
719-634-8045

Family Speak
719-466-0099

The Resource Exchange (TRE)
719-577-9190

El Paso County Public Health
719-578-3199

COAEYC Office
970-633-2294

CO Children's Campaign
303-839-1580

Kid's Nutrition
719-229-7532

Southwest Food Program
719-440-8990

Child Abuse and Neglect Hot Line
844-264-5437

Colorado Shines Child Care Referral
@ Mile High United Way
211

Children's Hospital Colorado
Parent Smart Hotline
720-777-0123 or 855-543-4636

Poison Control
1-800-222-1222

Child Find

D2 Harrison 719-538-1395

D3 Widefield 719-391-3378

D8 Fountain-Ft Carson 719-304-3550

D11 Colorado Springs 719-520-2542

D12 Cheyenne Mountain 719-475-6140,

Ext. 17

D20 Academy 719-234-1755

D38 Lewis Palmer 719-757-1435

D49 Falcon 719-494-8751

Pikes Peak BOCES* 719-622-2093

Ute Pass BOCES** 719-685-2166

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PPRFCCA's "PURPOSE"

- To offer a support system.
- To enhance and to promote professionalism among child care providers.
- To act as a liaison between providers.
- To further educate providers in all areas of child care.
- To have a voice in family childcare rules.

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