

Child Care Worker Educational Stipend Information

The goal of the Educational Stipend Project is to reduce the dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation and work. The Project will enhance the long-term self-sufficiency of eligible, low-income child care workers; reduce the number child care workers and their families living in poverty; increase the number of TANF eligible participants in meaningful child care work. This project is funded by the State Strategic Use Funds, Colorado Works, and Colorado Department of Human Services.

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible, participants must meet both the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and the Colorado Office of Professional Development (COPD) requirements.

TANF Requirements

1. Family income is less than \$75,000 per year
2. Have care and control of a dependent child
3. Verifiable lawful presence (anyone 18 years or older)

COPD Requirements

1. Participants must work directly with children in a licensed child care facility (centers, homes, before and/or after school programs) at least 20 hours per week
2. The facility must have a salary schedule
3. Participants must successfully complete, at a minimum, an approved three semester- hour course every semester. Summer semester is optional.
4. Participants must be working with an Early Childhood Council partner
5. Participants must forward a class schedule to COPD for class verification.

Stipend Amount:

- The stipend will be awarded after the participant has completed at least one three semester- hour course and received a grade of "C" or higher.
- Stipend amount is based upon the level of credential the participant is working toward or awarded.
- Participants will only be awarded one stipend amount regardless of the number of credits taken beyond the required three semester- hour course.
- Participants will be awarded a stipend in addition to any scholarship programs, TEACH, or financial aid they are receiving.
- Each council partner will have a total amount of funds that will be set aside and dedicated to their providers. The councils will decide how best to focus their stipend awards.
- Stipends can be used for credential renewal or promotion.

Applications:

- Participants must fill out a credential application; available in paper or online at: www.coloradoofficeofprofessionaldevelopment.org
- Early Childhood Councils will verify eligibility and provide Stipend forms (Eligibility form and W9)
- Participants must forward class schedule/registration each semester to COPD.

Salary Schedules:

The Colorado Office of Professional Development will have sample salary schedules for programs to use to develop their own.

Council Partners and Contacts:

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| 1. Adams | Shelley Sullivan | Shelley@ecpac.org | 12200 Pecos St Westminster 80234 | 303-552-8311 |
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| 3. Boulder | Danielle Butler Linda Schow | butlerd@bouldercolorado.gov lindaschow@msn.com | 2160 Spruce St Boulder 80302 | 303-441-1913 303-665-9474 |
| 4. Bright Futures (Delta, Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray) | Cathy James Jill Burchmore | cathy@brightfuturesforchildren.org jill@brightfuturesforchildren.org | 620 Mountain Village Blvd 2B-1 Telluride 81435 | 970- 369-1312 970-728-5613 |
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| 9. Elbert | Cathryn Reiber | elbertearly@comcast.net | PO Box 2633 Elizabeth 80107 | 303-955-1596 |
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| 11. Gunnison/ Hinsdale | Mollie Kudmore | mollierobbins@yahoo.com | 106 Irwin Street Gunnison 81230 | 925-708-9467 |
| 12. La Plata | Tamara Volz | TamaraV@tchs4c.org | PO Box 259 Durango 81302 | 970-247-5960 |
| 13. Larimer | Bev Thurber | bthurber@ecclc.org | 1730 S. South College Avenue, Suite 200 Fort Collins 80525 | 970-377-3388 |
| 14. Logan, Phillips, Sedgwick | Kathy Reinhardt | ecclps@yahoo.com | 115 N 5 th Ave Sterling 80751 | 970-526-2440 |
| 15. Mesa | Holly Jacobson Corina Ortero | hollyj@htop.org corinao@htop.org | Mesa County Partnership for Children and Families 1129 Colorado Avenue Grand Junction, CO 81501 | 970/244-3838 970/243- 5984/fax |
| 16. Montelores (Dolores, Montezuma) | Vangi McCoy | mecc.coordinator@gmail.com | PO Box 1725 Cortez, CO 81321 | 970-749-7017 |

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| 17. Morgan | Karen Schreiner | karens5@qwestoffice.net | 324 E Railroad Ave 100A Fort Morgan, CO 80701 | 970-867-6200 |
| 18. Pueblo | Cindy Bernal | Cindy.bernal@pueblocc.edu | 900 W Orman Ave CA211 Pueblo, CO 81004 | 719-549-3272 |
| 19. Northwest (Rio Blanco & Moffat) | Barbara West | bwest@moffatcounty.net | 595 Breeze St Craig CO 81625 | 970-824-8282 X447 |
| 20. Routt | Stephanie Martin | SMartin@co.routt.co.us | First Impressions of Routt County P.O. Box 772790 Steamboat Springs 80477 | 970-870-5270 |
| 21. Rural Resort (Western: Eagle, Lake, Garfield, & Pitkin) | Anne Fitzpatrick | anne.fitzpatrick@ci.aspen.co.us | 215 N Garmisch Ste 1 Aspen 81611 | 970-319-4914 |
| 22. Rural Resort (NE: Grand & Summit) | Lucinda Burns Sheryl Shushan | lucinda@earlychildhoodoptions.org director@grandbeginnings.org | PO Box 3355 Dillon, CO 80435 PO Box 95, Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451 | 970-513-1170 x 307 970-531-3134 |
| 23. San Luis Valley (Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache) | Sherri Valdez | svaldez@valleykidscares.org | 609 Main St Box 7 Alamosa 81101 | 719-587-5365 |
| 24. Teller/Park | Michele Solecki | micheletpecc@yahoo.com | 450 Bridle Drive Woodland Park, CO 80863 | 719-440-2557 |
| 25. Triad (Jefferson, Gilpin, Clear Creek) | Patricia Bolton | Pat.bolton@rrcc.edu | 13300 W. 6th Ave. Box 22B Lakewood, CO 80228 | 303-914- 6527 |
| 26. Weld | Sheila Watson | Sheila@UnitedWay-Weld.org | P.O. Box 1944 Greeley, CO 80632 | 970-304-6181 |
| 27. Yuma, Washington, Kit Carson | Stacy Severin | stacy@rcrcenter.info | Washington County Connections 77 Main PO Box 543 Akron, CO 80720 | 970-345-2225 |

Stipend Amounts

| Credential Level | Time it can be renewed | Stipend amount | Time allowed at this level | Requirements to receive a stipend: |
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| Entry Level | Non renewable: One time award | \$150 | Six months | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must work on pre-requisites, e.g.; GED, for college course work and documented 6 contact hours of community level training in early childhood during the six month period the stipend covers Includes any developmental classes that may be needed up to 3 semester hours. |
| Pre Level I | Two-time award | \$200 | Two semesters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must take 101 and any other class for Early Childhood Teacher (group leader) qualifications. Must then proceed with Level I credential requirements (Completion of ECE 102 or 103) |
| Level 1 Completion of ECE 101 and 102 or ECE 101 and 103 (or equivalent coursework), continue working towards Level II | Valid for three years, renews twice | \$250 | Three years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued enrollment in a 3 semester-credit course from an accredited college or university related to the next credential level. Must have a "C" grade or better. Working on attaining the other 6 courses required for a Level II Early Childhood Credential. |
| Level II ^{^**} Director Qualification or 30+ credits toward degree requirements, continue working towards Level III | Valid for five years, can be renewed indefinitely | \$300 | Three years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued enrollment in a 3 semester-credit course from an accredited college or university related to the next credential level. Must have a "C" grade or better Would also include ECE 111: Infant Toddler and/or ECE 112: Infant Toddler Lab for the Infant Toddler Endorsement and courses taken to renew a Level II Credential |
| Level III ^{**} Completed Associates Degree, working towards Level IV | Valid for five years, can be renewed indefinitely | \$400 | No time limit, awarded each semester as requirements are met | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued enrollment in a 3 semester-credit course from an accredited college or university. Must have a "C" grade or better Course(s) must be applicable to degree or early childhood education profession. Would also include courses taken to renew a Level III Credential or towards the next credential level. |
| Level IV ^{**} Completed Bachelors Degree, continued enrollment in coursework towards Master's Degree or for professional development | Valid for five years, can be renewed indefinitely | \$500 | No time limit, awarded each semester if semester as requirements are met | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued enrollment in a 3 semester-credit course from an accredited college or university. Must have a "C" grade or better Course(s) must be applicable to degree or early childhood education profession. Would also include courses taken to renew a Level IV Credential. |

[^] The Level II Stipend amount of \$300 will be awarded to eligible candidates for successful completion of 30+ credits towards an ECE Associates or Bachelor's degree. The Level II Credential will not be issued until the Credential requirements have been met.

^{**} Please note, credential levels above Level I require additional documentation of experience working with children – see the Early Childhood Credential Application Packet for details.