

Early Childhood Partners

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Week of the Young Child Activities



La Plata County: April 3rd-9th, 2011

April 4-30 ~ Kids Art Show (Ages 5 and under), Durango Public Library. For rules and information go to http://www.ecclaplata.org/family_childhood_resources.htm.

April 5 ~ “Baby, Books & Me!” Free at the Durango Public Library at 2 PM for infants-24 months and caregivers.

April 6 ~ Preschool Story Time, Free at the Durango Public Library at 10:30 AM for ages 3-5 years old.

April 6 ~ Provider Appreciation Event, Durango Arts Center from 6 to 8 PM (Invitation only/RSVP required)

April 7 ~ “Yoga for Youngsters”, Free at the Durango Public Library at 4 PM in the Children’s Room

April 7 ~ Preschool Story Time, Free at the Durango Public Library at 10:30 AM for ages 3-5 years old.

April 8 ~ Free Day at the Durango Discovery Museum from 10 AM to 5 PM

April 8 ~ “Fired Up Stories” with firefighters and rescue personnel, Free at the Durango Public Library at 10:30 AM

April 9 ~ Free Kid’s Fair at the Boys and Girls Club of La Plata County from 10 AM to 1 PM

April 9 ~ “Magic with Matt”, Free at the Durango Public Library at 2 PM

(Contact Heather Taylor at heathertaylor@mercydurango.org, or Barbara Dodds at bdodds@durangoaec.org for more information)

Archuleta County: April 16th-22nd, 2011

April 16 ~ Kid’s Fair, Our Savior Lutheran Gym from 10 AM to 1 PM, Contact Melissa Snarr, 970-731-3512

April 18 ~ Doll Day, Contact Pagosa Springs Head Start, Rose Salas, 970-264-2428

April 19 ~ Night of the Young Child, Our Savior Lutheran Gym from 6 to 8 PM, Contact Lynne Bridges, 970-264-5513.

April 19 ~ Support out Troop’s Day; wear red, white and blue

April 20 ~ Free Immunization Clinic by appointment, San Juan Basin Health, 970-264-2673

April 20 ~ Thank you Dessert, Our Savior Lutheran Gym from 6 PM to 7:30 PM, Contact Lynne Bridges, 970-264-5513

April 21 ~ Pinwheels for Peace, Contact Liz Parker, 970-799-2187

April 22 ~ Matinee Movie at Liberty Theater: Tangled at 2 PM

Montezuma County: April Celebrations & Events

April 1-30 ~ Children’s Art Shows at the Cortez Public Library

April 16 ~ Free Early Childhood Celebration, County Annex on Montezuma in Cortez from 9 AM to 3 PM.

April 28 ~ Early Childhood Professionals Appreciation Dinner

April 30 ~ Free Children’s Kiva KIDFEST at City Park in Cortez from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM, for more in visit www.childrenskiva.org

(Contact Vangi McCoy at mecc.coordinator@gmail.com for more information)

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Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale Assessment

For more information on the Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale Assessment (FCCERS-R), contact Diane Zimmerer at dianez@ecclaplata.org

The Early Childhood Council of La Plata County and the La Plata County Department of Human Services continue to support Licensed Family Home Child Care Providers by offering the opportunity to receive a Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale Assessment (FCCERS-R) and grant funds, up to \$1,000, to make quality improvements to their program. Participants will also have the opportunity to participate in a

Getting Ready for FCCERS-R class on Saturday, April 30th, 2011 and receive free coaching to increase the quality of their program. This is a great opportunity for Family Home Child Care Providers! For more information or to request an application, please contact Diane Zimmerer at 970-247-5960 x20 or dianez@ecclaplata.org. Completed applications are due April 1, 2011.

Office of Professional Development

Last call for stipends! This is the LAST semester for stipends for child care workers who are taking college classes and who are TANF eligible. Workers in Montezuma, Dolores, Dove Creek or San Juan Counties should contact Vangi McCoy at mecc.coordinator@gmail.com. Workers in Archuleta or La Plata County should contact Barbara Dodds at bdodds@durangoaec.org.

info from your 2011 federal tax return. If you need help, contact the college or Barbara Dodds.

Pre-registration for summer and fall classes at Southwest Colorado Community College will begin April 4th. The college posts the schedule on their website when registration begins.

Are you planning to take college classes next year (fall 11/spring 12/summer 12)? If so, it's time to apply or reapply for federal financial aid. Apply ASAP at www.fafsa.ed.gov using your federal tax

The Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Regional Conference will be held in Denver on April 15th and 16th. For more information or to register, visit the website: www.ecconference.com.

Update for Health Care Professionals: The New Car Safety Seat Recommendations

As you may be aware, an **updated AAP policy** addressing the use of car safety seats was released today. The new policy advises parents to keep their toddlers in rear-facing car seats until age 2, or until they reach the maximum height and weight for their seat. It also advises that most children will need to ride in a belt-positioning booster seat until they have reached 4 feet 9 inches tall and are between 8 and 12 years of age.

Several articles on HealthyChildren.org have been updated to reflect the new policy, including:

[Car Safety Seats: A Guide for Families 2011](#)
[Car Safety Seats Product Listing for 2011](#)
[Car Safety Seat Check Up](#)
[Air Bag Safety](#)

We encourage you to direct parents to these articles for the most up-to-date information on car safety seat selection and use.



Resource & Referral



By Jennifer Dallmann,
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As the referral specialist at your local Southwest Colorado Child Care Resource and Referral office, it is my

responsibility to keep information in our database on all licensed child care programs in La Plata, Montezuma, Archuleta, Dolores and San Juan counties. The child care information in our database is used to help parents searching for child care and many advocacy and funding organizations use our data to identify needs and set policy. You should know that your programs information always remains confidential as report data is given in quantitative results, not individual. Please watch in upcoming issues of the newsletter for data acquired within your personal county. **This month's highlighted county is Archuleta!**

Archuleta County currently has:

- 3 Licensed Child Care Centers
- 8 Standard Licensed Family Child Care Homes

- 4 Large Licensed Family Child Care Homes
- 1 School-Age Licensed Program

Did you know that:

- There are 2 licensed child care programs in Archuleta County that are open Holidays?

The average rate for Licensed Family Home Child Care Providers in Archuleta County is:

- \$26/day for children under the age of 2
- \$25/day for children from 2-5 years
- \$5/day for After School children

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Montezuma County News & Events

MECC has a new Facebook page! If you are on Facebook, search "Montelores Early Childhood Council" and "like" us to learn about events as we post them!!

- Boot Camp for New Dads on Monday, April 4 from 6 to 9 pm at the Pinon Project Annex in Cortez. For information, call Ellis Miller at 564-1195, ext. 124 or ellispinon@hotmail.com .
- Get your green on and support Girl Scouts of Colorado during the month of March (and show your Irish spirit) with a green streak. \$20.00 for each streak with proceeds benefiting local Girl Scouts. Call

Kelly at Cellar Cuts in Mancos @ [970-533-7056](tel:970-533-7056).

- EQIT (Expanding Quality in Infant and Toddler Care) classes will begin on April 22nd and continue for 8 weeks. For more information and to register, call Lindsay Havran @ [970-564-1195](tel:970-564-1195), ext. 225.
- MECC will be sponsoring a family night on Tuesday, April 4th. The topic is "Home Learning Environments" where parents will get ideas of how to help at home. For more information call Vangi McCoy @ [970-749-7017](tel:970-749-7017) or email mecc.coordinator@gmail.com.

Trainings & Events Calendar

<u>What</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Who to Contact</u>
Cradling Literacy Using Language and Literacy in Guiding Children's Behavior/ Effective Teaching Strategies for Supporting Social-Emotional Literacy	Saturday, March 26th	9AM—1:30PM	\$10	Diane Zimmerer, dianez@ecclaplata.org 970-247-5960 x20
Touchpoints Individual Level Training	Fridays, April 8th, 15th and 29th	9AM—4PM	\$35	Diane Zimmerer, dianez@ecclaplata.org 970-247-5960 x20
Medication Administration Training	Saturday, April 9th	9AM—1:45PM	\$40	Jennifer Dallmann, jend@ecclaplata.org, 970-247-5960 x25
Universal Precautions	Saturday, April 9th	3PM—4:30 PM	\$15	Jennifer Dallmann, jend@ecclaplata.org, 970-247-5960 x25
La Plata County Family Home Provider Appreciation Event	Friday, April 15th at Lost Dog Bar & Lounge	6:30PM—8:30PM	Free for Family Home Providers	Diane Zimmerer, dianez@ecclaplata.org 970-247-5960 x20 (Invite Only/MUST RSVP)
Getting Ready for FCCERS-R	Saturday, April 30th	9AM—12PM	FREE to Family Home Providers in 5 Counties	Diane Zimmerer, dianez@ecclaplata.org 970-247-5960 x20
Pre-Licensing Training	Saturday, May 14th & May 21st	9AM—5PM	\$50	Jennifer Dallmann, jend@ecclaplata.org, 970-247-5960 x25
CPR/1st Aid	Saturday, June 4th	9AM—3PM	\$60	Jennifer Dallmann, jend@ecclaplata.org, 970-247-5960 x25

*All classes require prior registration. Drop-in is not acceptable. Please contact appropriate person for registration information.

For any Questions or Comments regarding this Newsletter please contact Jennifer Dallmann at 970-247-5960 x25 or jend@ecclaplata.org.