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# Early Childhood Partners

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## Colorado Early Childhood Stipend Program

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Spring semester will be the last semester for the Colorado Early Childhood Stipend Program. If you applied previously and are enrolled for the spring semester, you don't need to apply again but you will need to send a final official transcript to the Office of Professional Development at the end of the semester after your final grades have been posted. If you have not applied in the past but are enrolled in a college class for the spring semester, please contact Barbara Dodds at [bdodds@durangoaec.org](mailto:bdodds@durangoaec.org) in the Durango/Pagosa areas for eligibility requirements. If you live in the Cortez/Dolores/Dove Creek or

Winter/spring is what I call "scholarship season". It's the time to search for and apply for scholarships for the next school year. Also, it is the time to apply for pell grants/student loans by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA should be filled out as soon as your taxes are filed for 2011. Even if you are not sure if you will take classes starting for the fall 2011 semester, go ahead and get your FAFSA filled out NOW so that if you do decide to take college classes for fall 2011/spring 2012 and/or summer 2012, you will be ready to go!



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Thank you for your part in working to improve the lives of children in Colorado. We could not do this work without your expertise and commitment. We look forward to continued success in the coming new year.

## The Magnitude of Underinsurance in Colorado

Provided by Missy Rodey,  
Health Integration Coordinator, Early Childhood Council LPC  
(Excerpted from a report by The Colorado Trust using data from the  
2008-2009 Colorado Household Survey)



Facts about the underinsured in Colorado:

- In 2008-2009, 678,000 Coloradans were uninsured; 650,000 (13%) were underinsured
- Federal Health Care Reform (Accountable Care Act), if funded and unchanged, will provide for coverage of approximately 500,000 of the uninsured, with cost-sharing subsidies helping individuals falling in the 133% to 400% FPL
- Underinsurance = the gap between what private insurance plans and public programs cover and the ability of individuals and families to meet out-of-pocket health care expenses, occurring when medical expenses exceed 10% of annual income (5% for those living below 200% FPL - \$44,100 for a family of four).
- The underinsured are less likely to have a usual source of care – an important measure of health and well-being. Underinsurance places individuals and families at similar risk for compromised health and lack of access to care as having no health insurance at all.
- The highest rate of underinsurance is among non-Hispanic Whites (15%), between the ages of 19-64, and live in families with annual incomes of \$30,000 or less.
- Only 45% of Hispanics are adequately insured.
- 13% of the underinsured have individually purchased insurance, and 4% have Medicaid or CHP+.
- 8.5% of La Plata County residents are underinsured.



## Week of the Young Child

The first planning meeting for the Week of the Young Child in Durango will be held on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM. Location to be announced. Please contact Barbara Dodds at [bdodds@durangoaec.org](mailto:bdodds@durangoaec.org) if you are interested in participating.

# Resource & Referral

By Jennifer Dallmann, jend@ecclaplata.org

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.



## Licensed Provider Data/County as of January 13, 2011:

County	# of Child Care Centers	# of Child Care Homes	# of School Age Programs	Total
La Plata	31	31	5	67
Montezuma	12	8	1	21
Archuleta	3	12	1	16
Dolores	3	0	0	3
San Juan	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>108</b>

## Assistant Early Childhood Teacher Position Announcement

Announcement per Rosemarie Allen, Director of Division of Childcare

In response to the Early Childhood Education Association of Colorado request, the Division of Childcare announced the reinstated position of Assistant

Early Childhood Teacher (formerly Assistant Group Leader). Additional information can be found by going to the Colorado Division of Human Services: Division of Childcare Website at [www.cdhs.state.co.us](http://www.cdhs.state.co.us).

**New Immunization Website: A great resource for parents!**

**[www.immunizeforgood.com](http://www.immunizeforgood.com)**

## Montezuma County Early Childhood Council

The next regular meeting of the Montezuma Early Childhood Council is Monday, February 7th from 11:45 - 2:00 at The Church of Christ Annex on the corner of Montezuma and Adams in Cortez. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Vangi McCoy - [mecc.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:mecc.coordinator@gmail.com) or 749-7017.

# Trainings & Events Calendar 2011

<u>What</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Who to Contact</u>
<b>Cradling Literacy</b> The Powerful Role of Stories in Supporting Early Language and Literacy/Cultural Influences on Language and Literacy Teaching Practices	Saturday February 26th	Durango Public Library	9AM–1PM	\$10	Diane Zimmerer dianez@ecclaplata.org 970-247-5960 x20
<b>Cradling Literacy</b> Using Language and Literacy in Guiding Children's Behavior/ Effective Teaching Strategies for Supporting Social-Emotional Literacy	Saturday March 26th	Early Childhood Training Center in Durango	9AM–1:30PM	\$10	Diane Zimmerer dianez@ecclaplata.org 970-247-5960 x20
<b>Touchpoints Individual Level Training</b>	April 8th, 15th and 29th	Early Childhood Training Center in Durango		\$35	Registration available in February 2011
<b>Music in Motion: An active, fun music class for children ages birth through five and their parents/caregivers</b>	Meet regularly beginning Jan 17th through March 21st	Jan 17th in Cortez  Jan 20th in Dolores	9:30 AM– 10:15 AM	\$10 (First Class is FREE, siblings 50% off)	Katya 970-565-0144
<b>Pyramid Model Training</b>	Module I, Jan 28th  Module II, Feb. 11th	San Juan Public Lands Office, 9211 Highway 184, Dolores, CO 81323	1:00 PM– 5:30 PM	FREE	Pam Wilderson pwilderson@sjbo ces.org 970-570-7749
<b>Incredible Years</b>	Feb 25th	Dolores Public Library			Lindsay Havran 970-565-1195 x225

\*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