



April 2025

Trinity Lutheran School is looking for a Preschool Teacher and a Kindergarten Teacher to join their team!

If you love working with kids and want to make a difference in a faith-filled environment, Trinity Lutheran School would love to hear from you! See below for more information.

Send your application to:

trinitylutheranalamosa@gmail.com

Trinity Lutheran School

WE ARE HIRING!

**PRESCHOOL TEACHER
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Qualifications

- **Bachelors or Associates in Early Childhood Education**
- **Level 2 Colorado Shines PDIS**
- **CPR & First Aid**
- **Love working with children**

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www.trinitylutheranalamosa.org

23-456-7890



We Are

HIRING

Kindergarten Teacher

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Kindergarten License
- Bachelors In Elementary Education
- Love Working with children
- CPR / FIRST AID



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Become a Teacher in the San Luis Valley

 **April 17**
5 – 7 pm

 **Adams State University**
Details provided upon registration

Considering a career in teaching in the San Luis Valley? When you choose to teach in Colorado's rural districts, you become an invaluable resource to those around you.

Leading a classroom is a big way to make a difference, and TEACH Colorado and the Colorado Department of Education can help you get there. In this session, we'll cover:

- Steps to get licensed to teach and choose a subject area
- Choosing and applying a licensure pathway and program
- How to get ongoing career and financial support from us, and more!

Get your questions answered in a live Q&A session with experts from the Colorado Department of Education and several educator preparation programs.

We can't wait to support you on your journey into teaching!

Take the guesswork out of becoming a teacher. We can help make your path to a teaching career more manageable.



Sign up now to get **free 1-on-1 coaching**, financial support, how-to guides, and more up-to-date info and resources on how to become a teacher.

Sign up now: ontch.org/BecomeATeacherSanLuisValley



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COLORADO.ORG



Join Adams State's COMTSS Regional Team for the Become a Teacher in the San Luis Valley Event on April 17th from 5-7 PM

Are you interested in becoming a teacher? Whether you're a student, paraprofessional, substitute, or community member considering a career in education, the COMTSS Regional Team invites you to the Become a Teacher in the San Luis Valley event!

Why Attend?

This event is designed to help future educators explore pathways into teaching, learn about funding opportunities to

pay for college, and connect with educator preparation programs. Attendees will gain valuable insights into the steps needed to become a teacher and discover available support to make that journey possible.

What to Expect

After an informative presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to visit with representatives from local school districts to learn about current and future job openings. Educator preparation programs and the Colorado Department of Education's Educator Recruitment and Retention team will also be available to answer questions and provide guidance.

Don't miss this chance to take the next step toward a rewarding career in education! Register now on the TEACH Colorado website or Eventbrite. We look forward to seeing you there!

How do you register?

Registration for the Become a Teacher in the San Luis Valley event is now posted on the TEACH Colorado website [here](#) and on Eventbrite [here](#).

Tax Credits

Tax season is here!

Colorado's new Family Affordability Tax Credit will deliver up to \$3,200 per child to eligible low-income families in 2025. Consultants and child care programs can support family financial well-being and improved health and educational outcomes by helping more families know about tax credits and where to find free and secure tax help.

Go to getaheadcolorado.org to learn more.

Whether it's tax credits that put more money in your pocket, free online tax filing services, or free in-person tax help – we're here to help you get the most out of your taxes.

Get started



Colorado Universal Preschool Updates

Register for UPK 2025-2026 now!

Use this link <https://upk.colorado.gov/>

The second family-to-provider matching round will start on **March 10th**.

Please see the [2025-2026 Universal Preschool Calendar](#) for more details.

Family Matching Timeline

- **March 10:** Second matching round runs at noon for all new applications submitted between Feb 11th and Mar5th and families not matched in pre-registration or the first matching round.
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- **March 12 - March 21:** Providers review and accept or decline matches after receiving notification of matches at noon on March 12th.
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- **March 24:** Families notified of second round matches at noon. Families must accept or decline by March 31.
- **April 1st** until the end of the 2025–26 school year direct enrollment for non-IEP families will occur directly through providers.

If you have any questions about application status or help from either a family or provider, please contact Lindsey Witz at [719-214-6202](tel:719-214-6202) or Lcoresource@eccslv.org



Celebrate Parent Leadership Month Colorado Fatherhood Program

To support strong and resilient families, CDEC proudly offers the Colorado Fatherhood Program.

With 7 programs statewide, we provide dads and father figures with the tools to build positive parenting skills and healthy relationships. Our programs also connect participants to job training, child support services, housing resources, and more. Find your nearest fatherhood program!

<https://cdec.colorado.gov/colorado-fatherhood-program>

Positive Solutions for Families (PSfF) Trainer Endorsement Training

We're excited to launch the PSfF Trainer Endorsement Training this April, thanks to the dedication of the [PSfF Workgroup](#)! This endorsement ensures trainers have the tools and resources needed to deliver impactful sessions that help families create healthy, nurturing environments for their children.

April 16 & 17, 2025 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Who should attend: Anyone who is currently delivering PSfF training is required to attend the Trainer Endorsement this year (another training anticipated Fall 2025). This training is also open to those who meet the prerequisite and are interested in delivering PSfF.

Prerequisites: To attend the PSfF Trainer Endorsement, you must have completed the 7-session PSfF Training

**This no-cost training is made possible by time-limited federal stimulus funding awarded to Colorado. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official view of Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition or Colorado Department of Early Childhood.*

Register



FCCH Facilities Improvement Grant Application Now Open

The Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance (ECCLA) is excited to announce that the application window for the Family Child Care Home (FCCH) Facilities Improvement Grant is now open! This grant supports family child care businesses in Colorado to start up, maintain operations, or expand licensing capacity in their family child care home.

Application Window:

- ☐ Opens Today, March 10, 2025
- ☐ Closes April 30, 2025

Get full details for the grant [here](#)!

Coaching

Exchange Everyday

Cultivating Gratitude

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.

– *Helen Keller*

The book, *Heart-Centered Teaching Inspired by Nature*, by Nancy Rosenow contains a number of tools to help early educators move into a more joy-filled, heart-centered approach to their work (and their lives). Here's one example, an exercise called "Using Gratitude":

"I invite you to begin cultivating an intentional attitude of acceptance – the first step in learning to live with more gratitude. For three days, simply observe your life with no judgment about how it 'should' be. Whenever you find yourself judging something as 'good' or 'bad,' gently remind yourself to simply focus on what is happening. 'Just the facts'....Each night, write down some of your observations. Re-read your observations, and if you find you've used judgment words in your writing, change them to more neutral, descriptive words. [By the way, acceptance does not mean approval. When we accept reality and don't waste too much energy complaining, we have more reserves of strength to help us take action and make positive change when needed.]

"After the first three days of acceptance, spend the next three days looking for reasons to be grateful. I invite you to see this as a light-hearted challenge. Each evening for those three days, write down at least ten reasons you found to be grateful that day. Can you find especially interesting or unexpected reasons to feel grateful? This six-day process is a technique you can use every so often to help keep your gratitude tool extra sharp."

Revised Regulations for Health & Sanitation of Child

Care Facilities

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has completed a yearlong stakeholder process to revise 6 CCR 1010-7, Health and Sanitation of Child Care Facilities in the State of Colorado. The revised regulations were adopted by the Board of Health and go into effect on April 14, 2025. There are several upcoming opportunities to learn about the changes.

[Learn More](#)



Raising Colorado Kids-A Resource Guide

Raising Colorado Kids Guide is brought to you by the Colorado Department of Early Childhood. This website has information to help you and your family find the support you need, all in one place.

How does it work?

This tool is designed to help you find early childhood services that may suit your family's needs. It is not an application itself. Your responses will remain anonymous unless you choose to create an account. After answering the questions, you will receive a summary of services you might be eligible for, along with information on how to apply for the programs that interest you.

Get started here:

<https://raisingcoloradokids.com/en/>

Early Head Start Free

Early Head Startx

Free Quality Child Care Services!
Birth to 3

Expectant Families and Teen Parents

- Child Care 28+ hours per week
 - Year-Round Program
 - Family Services
 - Education Services
 - Health Services
 - Nutrition Services
 - Disabilities Services
 - Community Resources



Families with children with special needs are encouraged to apply
Military families encouraged to apply
We do not provide daily transportation to & from the center. However,
we may be able to provide transportation in certain circumstances in
conjunction with other community agencies.

[Begin Application Here](#)

Contact us Today!
(719) 937-4010
401 Santa Fe Ave
Alamosa, CO 81101



Service Areas:
Saguache
Costilla
Alamosa
Rio Grande

Quality Child Care Services

Now accepting applications for Early Head Start! Click the link below to complete the interest form.

Click [Here](#) for interest form.



Coming Soon: Cavity Free Kids Training in PDIS!

The Cavity Free Kids (CFK) self-paced, online training is now available in the Professional Development Information System (PDIS) in both English and Spanish!

To access the training sessions:

1. Log into PDIS
2. Search for the following titles:

- Cavity Free Kids (Online)
- Cavity Free Kids en Espanol (Virtual)

3. They are both self-paced online modules. Please note that the "virtual" designation for the Spanish version is the translation of "online".

Community & Family Support

Funding Opportunity: Equitable Community-Designed Outdoor Spaces Grant

The Colorado Health Foundation is offering a remarkable funding opportunity to support the transformation of outdoor spaces for young children. The Equitable Community-Designed Outdoor Spaces Grant is designed to help communities create safe, accessible, and inclusive outdoor environments, with a strong emphasis on early childhood.

If your organization or community is working to develop outdoor spaces that promote play, learning, and well-being for young children, this grant could be an ideal fit. This is a unique opportunity to enhance outdoor environments that support child development while creating welcoming spaces for families and caregivers.

To learn more about this opportunity and how to apply, visit [The Colorado Health Foundation](#).

Free Webinars

Browse all Webinars now through October [here](#).

>>>NEW<<<

[Let's Play! Making and Tinkering with Loose Parts, by Beth VanMeeteren, ED.D. and Dr. Allison Barness](#)

April 2, 2025

REGISTER NOW

>>>NEW<<<

[A Strengths-Based Approach to Transforming Your Program Classroom by Classroom, by Ellen Drolette](#)

April 9, 2025

Do you have something you would like to share in our newsletter?

If individuals and organizations in the community want to share relevant information through this email list, ECCSLV will do their best to include the information in the next available e-newsletter.

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