



May 2025



Join our community effort to support state-of-the-art Early Childhood Learning in Alamosa, Colorado.

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Alamosa Mayor's Challenge: Supporting the new Little Learner Academy through Colorado Gives.

Together, We Build the Future: Support the Little Learners Academy

Big dreams are being built in the heart of the San Luis Valley—dreams that begin with our youngest learners and ripple outward to strengthen our entire community.

The Little Learners Academy, a state-of-the-art Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC), is set to rise on the Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley (BGCSLV) Alamosa Campus, and we're calling on our neighbors, families, and local leaders to help bring this vision to life.

Once complete, this transformative facility will serve up to 160

children, ages 0–6, providing a strong foundation for lifelong success. But its impact doesn't stop there. The center will create 40+ new jobs, fueling the local economy while becoming a vital resource hub for early childhood education professionals across the Valley.

Why does this matter?

Because access to quality early childhood care and education is one of the most powerful tools we have to close opportunity gaps, strengthen families, and prepare the next generation to thrive. Today, families across our region face limited options and long waiting lists for affordable, high-quality care. The Little Learners Academy is our answer—a bold step forward to meet that need.

This isn't just a project. It's a community movement.

In partnership with the Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley, BGCSLV has united a remarkable coalition of partners who believe every child deserves the chance to learn, grow, and succeed. These organizations include:

- Adams State University
- City of Alamosa
- Trinidad State College – ECE Department
- San Luis Valley Health
- Valley Wide Health Systems
- Alamosa & Monte Vista School Districts
- Center for Restorative Programs
- First Southwest Community Fund
- Conejos County Housing Authority
- Alamosa Chamber of Commerce

Together, we're building more than a building—we're building futures.

Now, we need you.

Your donation to the Little Learners Academy will help lay the literal and figurative foundation for generations to come.

Whether large or small, your gift is an investment in our children, our workforce, and the well-being of the entire San Luis Valley.

Join us in making this vision a reality. Donate today and be part

of a legacy that begins with learning and lasts a lifetime.

□ <https://www.coloradogives.org/story/Eclc>

Immunization Branch School and Child Care Newsletter



The **May, 2025 Immunization Branch School and Child Care Newsletter** contains the following important information:

- Impact of House Bill 25-1027 on School Immunization Requirements
- New measles resource! What you can do to prepare now for measles in your school or child care
- CIIS: Reminder to reset passwords
- Coming soon! New immunization forms and resources
- Vaccine spotlight: HPV
- Older child and teen immunization toolkit

Click [here](#) to view full newsletter

Coaching

TIPS FOR ENGAGING YOUNG INFANTS IN CONVERSATIONS

View flyer [here](#).

Conversations aren't just for older children. Very young children and adults can have conversations too! Adults can help when they watch for cues and respond to children's facial expressions, gestures, vocalizations, and words.

SET THE STAGE:

- Make sure the infant is calm, comfortable, and ready to interact.
- Bring the infant to your level.

- Draw the infant's attention.

START THE CONVERSATION:

- Observe. What is the infant doing? What does she show interest in?
- Match the tone of your voice, your facial expressions, and your mood to the infant's.
- Make a comment about what the infant shows interest in or is doing.
- Pay attention and respond to her cues.
- Ask a question. Even young infants can respond with a vocalization, facial expression, gesture, or body movement!
- Pause and give the infant enough time to respond.
- When the infant babbles or gestures, copy her sounds or gestures.
- Follow the infant's lead for a while, then change your response slightly to create novelty and help her stay engaged.
- Watch for cues that the infant is tiring, and then stop.

For more information, contact NCQTL at: NCQTL@UW.EDU or 877-731-0764

**Colorado Shines Shoutout to
Sangre De Cristo Preschool!**

CONGRATULATIONS SANGRE DE CRISTO PRESCHOOL

COLORADO SHINES LEVEL 5

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE CHILD CARE BUSINESS?

I HAVE BEEN TEACHING FOR TWENTY-SIX YEARS. I HAVE TAUGHT A VARIETY OF GRADES, INCLUDING FOURTH GRADE, SECOND GRADE, FIRST GRADE, KINDERGARTEN, TITLE I (INTERVENTION), MUSIC, AND PRESCHOOL. ALTHOUGH I'VE ENJOYED TEACHING EACH OF THESE GRADES OR SUBJECTS, PRESCHOOL BECAME MY PASSION. I'VE SPENT OVER TWENTY YEARS IN THE PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM!

WHAT'S THE MOST REWARDING PART OF PROVIDING SUCH A VALUABLE SERVICE?

THERE IS NOTHING LIKE SEEING MY PRESCHOOL STUDENTS BLOOM AND GROW! IT IS HARD TO CHOOSE WHAT IS MOST REWARDING, BUT I WOULD SAY FOSTERING THE RELATIONSHIP TO MAKE THE STUDENT'S AND THE FAMILY'S FIRST EXPERIENCE IN A FORMAL SCHOOL SETTING A POSITIVE ONE IS EXTREMELY GRATIFYING. I STRIVE TO BUILD GOOD RAPPORT AND HAVE A TRUSTING, MUTUALLY RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF MY FAMILIES AND STUDENTS. I WORK CLOSELY WITH THE FAMILIES, SUPPORT SYSTEMS SUCH AS BOCES, MY FELLOW STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATION TO DO MY BEST FOR OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY OF YOUR CAREER?

ONE OF MY FAVORITE MEMORIES IS WHEN ONE OF MY STUDENTS WANTED TO NAME HIS BABY COUSIN AFTER ME. I THOUGHT IT WAS THE GREATEST COMPLIMENT!

-JENENE HOLCOMB



You're Invited: Lakeshore Furniture Expo in Denver!

Looking for fresh inspiration to enhance your learning spaces?

Join Lakeshore Learning at their Furniture Expo and explore innovative solutions designed for modern education environments!

❑ **Location:** Social Capital, 6543 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada, CO 80003

❑ **Dates:** May 7th & 8th

Here's what to look forward to:

- Modern Edge Furniture Line – Discover sleek, innovative designs built to elevate any classroom.
- Custom Solutions – Consult with in-house educators to

- tailor materials and furniture to your needs.
- Interactive Design Studio – Collaborate live with design experts to reimagine your learning space.
- Expert Insights – Hear from Patti Clark, M.S. Ed., Lakeshore’s Chief Academic Officer.
- Plus: Enjoy snacks, beverages, giveaways, and more!

Space is limited—RSVP today:

☐ [Click here to register](#)

Don’t miss this exciting opportunity to connect, create, and transform your learning environments!



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



Early Head Start Free 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.

FCCH Careers in Early Childhood Education:



Have you considered a career in Early Childhood Education?
You can help our younger children by becoming a Family Child Care
Home Provider or an Early Childhood Educator.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

- Child Care is a stable career
- Work out of the comfort of your own home
- Make a difference in a child's life.

CENTER BASED CARE

- Helping children achieve their milestones.
- Stable career pathways
- Room for growth.

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

(719) 937-4010
401 Santa Fe Ave, Alamosa Co.

**CALL
NOW**



Positive Solutions for Families: Build Stronger Bonds Through Connection & Communication

Do you ever wonder how to get your child to really listen? Struggle to navigate tantrums? You're not alone—and there are positive solutions.

We're excited to offer Positive Solutions for Families, a **free 7-session training series** designed to help families build a strong foundation for their child's social and emotional well-being.

Whether you're a parent, family member, or caregiver, this engaging series will give you practical tools you can use every day.

What You'll Learn:

- ✓ How to nurture your child's social and emotional skills
- ✓ Understanding challenging behaviors and their root causes
- ✓ Positive approaches to guide and teach appropriate behavior

Training Details:

- ☐ Dates: Tuesdays, May 13 – June 24, 2025
- ☐ Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- ☐ Format: Hybrid (join in-person or online via Zoom)
- ☐ Zoom links will be emailed weekly upon registration
- ☐ BONUS: Attend all sessions and receive a Pyramid Model At-Home Kit filled with valuable tools and materials to support your learning journey!

Ready to Join?

RSVP by May 6, 2025 to:

- ☐ Veronica Cisneros – sesbi@eccslv.org
- ☐ Or call (719) 588-0752
- ☐ Or scan the QR code on the flyer to register!

Spaces are limited—sign up today and take the first step toward a more peaceful, connected home.

View full size flyer [here](#).

Do you find yourself asking
some of these questions?

How do I get my child
through a tantrum?

???

How can I get my
children to listen
to my directions?

POSITIVE SOLUTIONS FOR FAMILIES

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

These sessions will help build a strong foundation for children's social and emotional skills with this engaging and informative training. Positive Solutions for Families offer practical strategies to promote your child's social and emotional well-being and success at home. You will learn:

- Learn how to build children's social and emotional skills
- Understand challenging behaviors and their causes
- Use positive approaches to teach appropriate behavior

Please RSVP by **May 6th, 2025**

Veronica Cisneros sesbi@eccslv.org or at (719)588-0752

Or

Here is the QR Code to Register

You have the
option to do it
in-person or
do it virtually
from your own
home!



Receive materials
and resources!

7 evening sessions for 1 hour

The link will be provided by email when you sign-up

Starting **May 13th** and ending **June 24th** from **6:00-7:00**. All classes are hybrid (virtual and in-person) and a zoom link will be sent weekly to families.

When you attend all classes, you will receive the

Pyramid Model At-Home Kits!!!!

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.

ECCSLV considers requests based on relevance, capacity, and timeliness. We do not guarantee that all information will be shared.

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bi-weekly newsletters.
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