



August 2025

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## The ECC SLV is Hiring!

We're  
Hiring!

*Full Time Parent Educator*

The Early Childhood Council of the SLV is seeking a full time Parent Educator to join the Parents as Teachers Program to serve Rio Grande county. Qualified applicants must hold a high school diploma, a minimum of two years working with young children and families, strong communication and interpersonal skills, ability to build strong relationships, strong computer skills and the ability to work independently. Travel required. This position offers a 3% IRA match, generous time off benefit, and salary range of \$39,500 - \$43,500 per year. No health benefit available. Please email resume and letter of interest to [office@eccslv.org](mailto:office@eccslv.org) by August 6<sup>th</sup>.

APPLY NOW!

# Children's Garden Early Learning Center is hiring!

We're helping spread the word!

Children's Garden is looking for passionate early childhood educators to join their team for multiple positions. Check out the flyer below for details and help us share with anyone who might be a great fit!

Call Lionel Espinoza at [719-937-4654](tel:719-937-4654) or email your resume to [director@childrensgardenalamosa.org](mailto:director@childrensgardenalamosa.org)

# WE'RE HIRING!

## Join the Children's Garden Early Learning Center Team

**Now hiring for:**

- Infant & Toddler Classroom Teachers
  - Preschool Teachers
  - Classroom Floats

Be part of a nurturing, creative, and supportive environment.

📞 Call Lionel Espinoza at 719-937-4654

✉ Email your resume to:  
[director@childrensgardenalamosa.org](mailto:director@childrensgardenalamosa.org)



## Free Dental Clinic – October 17–18 in Loveland

COMOM (Colorado Mission of Mercy) is hosting free dental care at The Ranch in Loveland. This event is for anyone and there

are no sign-up rules or costs—just show up. It's first come, first served. You can sign up early on Thursday, October 16 at 4pm. People who need dentures may also get help. See the flyer for more info. They are also looking for volunteers who speak English and Spanish!

# Free Dental Care!



**2025 Loveland COMOM**  
Friday, October 17 – Saturday, October 18  
The Ranch  
5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO 80538

## Who should come?

- Anyone in need of dental care

## What is provided?

Fillings  
Extractions  
Root canal treatments  
Cleanings  
Children's dentistry

On a limited basis  
Crowns  
Flippers  
Dentures (Friday only)



## When to come?

- Early! Can line up night before clinic
- Warm inside shelter
- Clinic doors open at 6:00 am
- Doors remain open until clinic is full
- Clinic becomes full early in day
- No appointments
- First come – first served

## What to bring?

- Medication list
- Books, magazines, puzzles to help pass the time
- Snacks and water



## More information?

[www.COMOM.org](http://www.COMOM.org)

720.648.0919

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## WHAT TO EXPECT

- *Optional* → Thursday, doors will open at 4:00 pm to enable you to be seen by a dentist – before the clinic – to identify your dental treatment plan. (You will then return on either Friday or Saturday for the planned treatment.)
- Friday and Saturday, doors open at 6 am and will remain open until the clinic is full.
- Clinic becomes full early in the day.
- A dentist will help you decide your most important dental needs.
- You will first receive treatment for your primary need.
- If dentists and dental hygienists are available, you may be able to receive treatment for another dental need.
- Dental treatment will be provided on a first-come, first served basis.
- You will be treated when it's your turn, and the wait may be long.
- As dentists and dental hygienists become available, you will be taken to clinic area for treatment.
- During the dental clinic, you will be shown how to care for your teeth.
- You will be asked to participate in an exit interview about your experience.

## DENTAL TREATMENTS PROVIDED

Fillings

Due to preparation time, a limited number of:

Extractions

Crowns

Root canal treatment (nonmolars)

Flippers

Cleanings

Dentures (Friday only)

Children's dentistry

## DENTAL TREATMENTS NOT PROVIDED

Extraction of wisdom teeth

Extractions for patients who are taking:

Root canal treatment of molars

Blood thinner medications

Dental implants

Osteoporosis medications

## PATIENTS WITH DIABETES OR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

- Blood pressure testing will be performed on all patients, and blood glucose testing will be performed on patients who have a history of diabetes.
- Patients with blood pressure or glucose levels that are too high cannot be treated at COMOM.

## CHILDREN AND INFANTS

- Children and infants are welcomed at COMOM to receive dental care.
- If parent/guardian is to receive treatment, an adult must be present to be responsible for the children brought to the clinic.

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# Coaching

## The Importance of Schedules and Routines

Familiar activities can provide comfort for both adults and children during challenging and uncertain times. Just like adults, children feel more confident and secure when their daily activities are predictable and familiar. A consistent daily schedule and step-by-step routines give children a predictable day. Schedules and routines in the group care setting and at home help children:

- Feel in control of their environment
- Feel safe, secure, and comfortable
- Know what is happening now and what comes next
- Know how to do an activity or task
- Engage in learning

### **Why are routines and schedules important?**

When infants and toddlers are part of familiar activities and routines, they develop relationships with the people they interact with and gain a sense of self-confidence.

As older toddlers and young children grow, they can follow routines, demonstrate emerging independence, and adjust to change more easily.

### **What is the difference between a schedule and a routine?**

A *schedule* represents the big picture and includes main activities that happen across the day.

*Routines* are the steps needed to complete each part of the schedule.

### **Reinstating Schedules and Routines**

- Re-teach and remind children of the:
- Schedule and routines using visuals
- Steps in common group care routines, such as meal time and washing hands
- Note changes in the schedule that result from being away from the program.
- Review the schedule at the beginning of each day.
- Refer to the schedule before and after activities throughout the day.
- Model the steps and allow children to practice them.
- Provide positive, descriptive feedback when children both attempt to follow or succeed in following the routine.

Hemmeter, Mary Louise; Michaelene Ostrosky, and Lise Fox. "Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning: A Conceptual Model for Intervention." *School Psychology Review* 35(4) (2006): 583–601.

The Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley EQIT Team is pleased to announce the upcoming EQIT Fall 2025 Course.

The course will be held virtually and a sneak peek at the schedule is available below.

Registration is still open through August 8th, 2025. You can register by accessing your Professional Development Information System (PDIS), click **learning search** and *search for **Expanding Quality in Infant Toddle Care San Luis Valley***.

Click [here](#) for to view the fall schedule.

Click [here](#) for more information.

If you have questions, need more information or support with registration, please contact any of the EQIT Team Members-Tina Esquibel, Amy Bolt, Romona Silva at 719-937-4010.

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## Boost Your Skills with Pyramid Model Training!

Want to better understand and manage children's behavior while building a more positive classroom environment? The Colorado Pyramid Model Training is a 50-hour series designed just for early childhood educators like you!

You'll learn how to:

- Reduce challenging behaviors
- Promote social-emotional growth
- Lower stress and avoid burnout
- Keep your center thriving

Plus, when you complete the training, you'll earn a Special Recognition badge in PDIS—a great boost for your career! Don't miss this chance to grow, connect, and make a bigger impact with your kids!

Ready to sign up or want more info?

Message Veronica Cisneros at [sesbi@eccslv.org](mailto:sesbi@eccslv.org)

Click [here](#) to register.

See full size flyer for details [here](#).

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## FCCH-Mark Your Calendars!

The next round for the Family Child Care Home Facilities Improvement Grant is opening on September 1, 2025!

The application will be open until October 10, 2025, at 5:00 PM. ECCLA will not be accepting late applications. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS for any reason (including technical issues.). **THIS IS A VERY COMPETITIVE GRANT!** Please give yourself adequate time to answer the narrative questions, collect bids, photos, and upload the required documentation.

If you need support, please reach out to Amanda Atencio at [ecresource@eccslv.org](mailto:ecresource@eccslv.org)

## Back to School Blast Fundraiser!

Please come out and support Trinity Lutheran School with a Back to School Blast Fundraiser Saturday August 23rd from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon at the Del Monte Gun Club.

# BACK TO SCHOOL BLAST FUNDRAISER



\$60 A ROUND  
SHELLS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE CLUB  
12:30PM LUNCH  
RAFFLE TO FOLLOW



Trinity Lutheran  
School

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD  
9:00AM-12:00PM  
DEL MONTE GUN CLUB

## FREE CHILD CARE SERVICES IMMEDIATE OPENINGS!!

Early Head Start has free childcare spots open now in several locations for qualifying families.  
Contact Ramona or Erica at [719-937-4010](tel:719-937-4010) for more information.

Spots are limited—apply today:

Click the link below to complete the interest form.

Click [Here](#) for interest form.

# Early Head Start

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

## COLORADO UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL UPDATES



# Enrolling for UPK 2025-2026!

Starting to think about Preschool in the fall? Not sure how to go about registering for UPK? Follow the link below and check this out!

Quick and easy enrollment at <https://upk.colorado.gov/>

Questions? Reach out to us today, we're here to help!

[Lcoresource@eccslv.org](mailto:Lcoresource@eccslv.org)  
719-214-6202

## HOW DO I ENROLL FOR UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL?

UPDATE

**Families looking to continue care with a known provider** can pre-register during the pre-registration window a child who is currently enrolled, who has a sibling currently enrolled, or who has a parent or guardian currently employed with a Universal Preschool Provider. Families can register at [upk.colorado.gov](https://upk.colorado.gov), select their current provider as their first choice, or work with their provider for a direct link. The pre-registration window will match families to their current provider as the first choice in their application if they meet the pre-registration eligibility criteria **AND** they must answer at least one of the continuity of care questions in their family application.

**Families looking for a new preschool provider** can visit [upk.colorado.gov](https://upk.colorado.gov) to browse high-quality, licensed providers, see if they qualify for additional hours, and register to be matched with one of their top 10 providers of choice during the matching rounds of enrollment.

**Families who have yet to register to Colorado Universal Preschool** will be able to work directly with a Universal Preschool Provider to enroll during the direct enrollment period, through the end of the school year, as space allows.

**Families with a child eligible for special education with an Individualized Education Program (IEP)** can register for IEP Direct Placement to align Universal Preschool with their child's IEP through [upk.colorado.gov](https://upk.colorado.gov).

**Families who need to fill out a paper application** can contact their LCO for support. Visit the [bit.ly/FindMyLCO](https://bit.ly/FindMyLCO) of our website to contact your LCO.



## Check out these educational opportunities!

**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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