



October 2025

San Luis Valley Little Learner Academy (SLVLLA) is seeking a part time Start Up Director to help launch a new early learning center in Alamosa!

Now Hiring!

San Luis Valley Little Learner Academy (SLVLLA) is looking for a Start-Up Director (Part-Time Contract) to help lay the foundation for a brand-new early childhood education center.

Contract: Jan–Aug 2026
\$1,350/month | ~45 hrs/month
San Luis Valley
Apply by Oct 31, 2025

Be part of something new and meaningful—apply today!

To view the full description of the role, please click [here](#).

Please send your resume and cover letter to:
SLVLLABoard@outlook.com

Mental Health - 988 in Colorado

The 988 Colorado Mental Health Line (988) is the easy-to-remember number that allows anyone with emotional, mental health, or substance use concerns to be immediately connected with a trained specialist. 988 offers free, immediate, confidential human support 24/7.

If you or someone you know is struggling with an emotional, mental health or substance use concern, **call or text 988** or **visit 988Colorado.com** to live chat.

For more information on this resource, please click [here](#).



How 988 works

When you live chat, call, or text 988, you'll be connected with a trained specialist. They'll ask a few questions to learn more about your concerns. Then they'll listen to you and provide support. If needed, they'll share relevant information and resources.

Parents As Teachers:

Exciting news!! Beginning October 1st our Parents as Teachers program will be expanding and engaging with families from Rio Grande County. If you know a caregiver or guardian that is interested in participating in the program, please reach out to Esther Vasquez at: pathv4@eccslv.org or [719-937-4010](tel:719-937-4010) ext. **114**

Strengthening Bonds

A child's first and most influential teachers are their caregivers and families—those who know them best and strive to see them flourish. At Parents as Teachers, we actively engage family members and nurture positive connections so every child can grow to reach their full potential.

Our Approach

The Parents as Teachers approach is to partner, facilitate and reflect. These are parallel processes that occur at every level of

our organization, from a Parent Educator visiting a family in their home all the way to work of the National Center.

- **Partner:** We welcome expectant families and those with children up to five years old to choose Parents as Teachers regardless of their background or circumstances. We strive to serve all because we care about the well-being of every family.
- **Facilitate:** Our services are delivered by Parent Educators who focus on understanding each family's specific strengths. By building trust, we can better support the whole family.
- **Reflect:** Parents as Teachers engages with families in environments that are most convenient and comfortable for them. Our Parent Educators provide emotional support and access to knowledge and additional resources. They are not there to evaluate or judge.



UPK Preschool Spots Available!

Looking for preschool for your child?

Universal Preschool (UPK) slots are still open in Rio Grande (Sargent), Alamosa County, Mineral County, and Saguache!

Give your little one a great start with high-quality early learning!

Many Spots available still—enroll today!

Apply now at upk.colorado.gov
Contact Lindsey at [719-214-6202](tel:719-214-6202) for application help

Coaching

Young children have big emotions and need support to help them calm down and regulate their emotions.

Click [here](#) for information needed to create and use emotion regulation visuals to help infants and toddlers understand how they can regulate their emotions.



 Now Enrolling: Quality Family Child Care Homes 

Serving Rio Grande, Alamosa & Conejos Counties.



Are you in need of trusted, high-quality childcare?

Our licensed Family Child Care Home Providers are now accepting new enrollments!

- Small group settings
- Individualized attention
- Safe, nurturing environments
- Flexible availability

We currently have multiple openings in:

- Rio Grande County
- Alamosa County
- Conejos County

Let us connect you with a provider who fits your family's needs!

Contact Amanda Atencio at ecresource@ecclsv.org

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 [Here](#) to complete the 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

Quality Improvement

Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Funds

Colorado Shines Quality Improvement funds are now available for licensed childcare programs that are rated at a Colorado Shines Level 1 or higher. Quality Improvement funds are allocated based on program type (center or home-based), the number of classrooms, coaching observations, and Colorado Shines quality rating level.

If you need additional information, please contact Monique Bosch at eccoach@eccslv.org

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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