EARLY CHILD CARE MATTERS

90% of a child's brain develops in the first 5 years.

Early care helps children become:
- More likely to be employed.
- Less likely to become teen parents.
- More likely to earn a higher average salary.
- Less likely to be arrested for a violent crime before age 18.

CHILD CARE SELECTION TIPS

CONSIDER PRIORITIES
- Do you need childcare when you work?
- Will your child be happier at home or at school?

DO YOUR RESEARCH
- Ask for references.
- Ask to see your child's classroom.
- Does the center have adequate facilities?

VISIT & INTERVIEW
- Do you like the environment?
- Does the provider have a positive attitude?
- How well do the children get along?

HOW IS CONFLICT HANDLED?
Address any conflicts or issues your child faces immediately with the provider and pay close attention to how the provider responds and handles the situation.

BE OPEN TO CHANGE
If things aren't working out, don't be afraid to make a necessary change. Children are resilient and will adjust to new surroundings. You are the most qualified person to determine the needs for your child.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) provides financial assistance to families that are income eligible, are working, searching for employment, or in an educational activity and need child care to support their efforts and/or maintain self-sufficiency.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY

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Families are assessed annually based on the family size and income.


LOCAL CHILD CARE RESOURCES

BRIGHT BY TEXT
brightbytext.org

CHILDREN FIRST
pueblocc.org/childrenfirst (719-544-3411)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
pueblocharities.org (719-544-4223)

PUEBLO HEALTH.ORG

COLORADO OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD
coloradoofficeofearlychildhood/sect/5020-17880-1670

EARLY MINDS MATTER
earlymindsmatter.org (719-857-3161)

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
pueblolibrary.org (719-698-5460)

PUEBLO STEP UP RESOURCE DIRECTORY
pueblostepup.org/pueblo-resource-directory (719-567-5466)

Pueblo Department of Public Health & Environment