

EARLY CHILD CARE MATTERS



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

Early child care helps children become: →



MORE LIKELY
to be employed



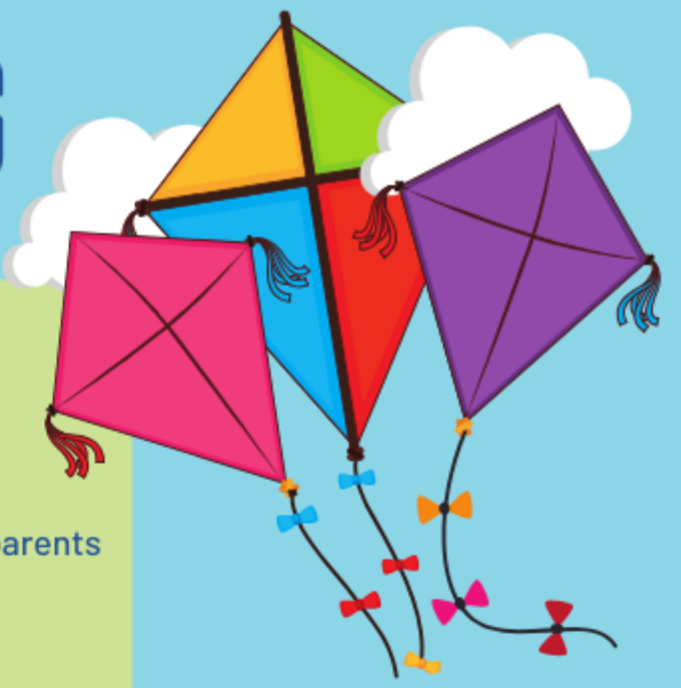
LESS LIKELY
to become teen parents



MORE LIKELY TO EARN
a higher average salary



LESS LIKELY
to be arrested for a violent crime before 18



CHILD CARE SELECTION TIPS

CONSIDER PRIORITIES

- Closer to work or closer to home?
- Will your child be happier with more or less kids?

DO YOUR RESEARCH

- Ask others for recommendations.
- Consider your child's likes, dislikes, and personality.
- Does the setting compliment your child's characteristics?

VISIT & INTERVIEW

- Phone: Ask about hours, fees, flexible schedules, ages of other children, and how many they care for.
- Visit: Ask about daily physical and mentally engaging activities.
- Is the center clean?
- Is there enough staff?
- Does it feel safe?
- Are you comfortable?
- Does the provider have appropriate certifications?
- How long has the provider been in business?

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

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MONTHLY GROSS INCOME
2	\$2,537.58
3	\$3,203.58
4	\$3,869.58
5	\$4,535.58
6	\$5,201.58
7	\$5,867.58
8	\$6,533.58
9	\$7,199.58

Families are assessed a parent fee according to the family size and income.

Visit bit.ly/pueblo-county-dhs for more information

LOCAL CHILD CARE RESOURCES

BRIGHT BY TEXT
brightbytext.org

CHILDREN FIRST
pueblocc.edu/childrenfirst | 719-549-3411

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
pueblocharities.org | 719-544-4233

COLORADO OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD
coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com/oec | 800-799-5876

EARLY MINDS MATTER
earlymindsmatter.org | 719-549-3411

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
pueblolibrary.org | 719-562-5600

PUEBLO STEP UP RESOURCE DIRECTORY
pueblostepup.org/pueblo-resources-directory | 719-557-5886

