

# Childcare Lunch and Learn Licensed Family Childcare Home and Infant Care Community Feedback



## CHILDCARE LICENSING

In response to Senate Bill 63, The Colorado Office of Early Childhood asked communities to gather feedback in 5 areas as it applies to the need for licensed infant and family home childcare. This is the first of those areas, with the top 3 to 5 barriers and solutions. We had over 9 total pages with your comments, so please know that we will use those locally even if they didn't all make the top 5.

### Barriers

- ◆ Space in a resort community that meets indoor and outdoor licensing requirements, size, egress, fencing, and more.
- ◆ Rules in affordable housing developments and other HOA neighborhoods that are not clear, and often prohibit providing home childcare.
- ◆ Physical space for center-based care is full, too expensive or does not exist.
- ◆ Cost of getting licensed, making improvements, background checks.
- ◆ Support/network for anyone providing home care, coaching, Nurse Consultant etc.

### Ideas / Solutions

- ◆ Change affordable housing rules to encourage licensed home childcare.
- ◆ Ask early childhood council to advocate regionally for state policy development.
- ◆ Use Colorado Shines to evaluate/reward high vaccination rates and provide incentives.
- ◆ Financial, coaching, and nurse supports for someone providing home care (or infant care).
- ◆ County could be asked to help find usable space for infant center-based care.

Kids First staff continues to work with partners in the community, with childcare licensing, and with current childcare providers to identify space, and to recruit new licensed childcare providers. Kids First does offer incentives for starting or expanding childcare services; we also offer operational funding for infant and toddler classrooms based on their Colorado Shines rating. Kids First staff includes a registered nurse who provides health consulting and training to all licensed childcare programs.

We look forward to sharing the other areas that we asked for your feedback. Please also contact us to learn more about the services we provide and how we work with childcare programs and families.

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