



Child Care Resources Navigation Services



Need more information? Contact our Navigation Services Team at 303-432-5130 or navigation@jcmh.org

If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.

Due to limited State and Federal funding, CCAP enrollment has been frozen as of Jan. 1, 2025. The timeline for the freeze is currently unknown but a change in 2025 is not anticipated.

Child Care Assistance Programs (CCAP)

<https://cdec.colorado.gov/colorado-child-care-assistance-program-for-families>

- CCAP aids eligible, low-income Colorado families to apply for childcare services from birth to age 13 (or age 19 if the child has special needs or a disability and requires childcare).
- Each county establishes its own eligibility criteria and income guidelines. Please contact the Department of Human Services in your county of residence for more information or check your eligibility online at www.colorado.gov/PEAK
 - Applicants must agree to cooperate with Child Support Services
 - Families can choose their own provider.
- To find providers who accept CCAP, call **1-844-447-4441** or view a list of providers online at <https://www.coloradoshines.com/home>

Jefferson County Department of Human Services – CCAP

Phone: 303-271-4484 Email: CCAPCustomerService@co.jefferson.co.us

Fax: 303-271-4447

Paperwork Drop Off: 3500 Illinois Street, Laramie Building, Suite, 2200, Golden, CO 80401

<https://www.jeffco.us/2495/Child-Care-Assistance>

CCAP Contacts in Other Counties

- Denver County | Email: denverccap@denvergov.org
<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-human-services/be-supported/child-care.html>
- Arapahoe County | Phone: 303-795-4400
https://www.arapahoeco.gov/your_county/county_departments/human_services/food_financial_and_medical_benefits/child_care_assistance.php
- Adams County | Phone: 720-523-2337 | Email: AdamsCCAP@adcogov.org
<http://www.adcogov.org/ccap>
- Gilpin County: 303-582-5444 ext. 7204 | Email: david.josselyn@state.co.us
 - <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/departments-offices/human-services/child-care-assistance>
- Clear Creek County: 303-679-2300
<https://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/index.aspx?nid=113>

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Child Care Search Resources

Colorado Shines

<https://www.coloradoshines.com/home>

- Childcare search engine provides a listing of child care and family care providers, including information about location, hours of operation, ages served, licensing, and if the provider accepts CCAP.
- Website also provides information about how to choose a safe, quality child care program, including how to do a licensing check, conduct a phone interview, request a tour, and check references.

Colorado's Universal Preschool Program

<https://cdec.colorado.gov/universal-preschool-colorado>

- Application to Apply [here](#)
- Universal Preschool (UPK) Colorado ensures that every child in the year before they are eligible for kindergarten is eligible for half-day (15 hours), state-funded, voluntary preschool beginning in the 2023-24 school year.
- Three-year-olds with qualifying factors are eligible for part-time (10 hours) preschool programming. Families of children in the year before they are eligible for kindergarten with certain qualifying factors, are eligible for an additional 15 hours stacked on top of the half-day programming, bringing those children to full-day programming.
- UPK Colorado allows families to choose the right setting for their child, whether it is in a licensed community-based, school-based or home-based preschool setting.

Child Care Providers

Jefferson County Head Start

<https://www.jeffco.us/816/Head-Start>

Arvada | Address: 5150 Allison Street | Phone: 720-497-7900

Wheat Ridge | Address: 12725 W. 42nd Ave | Phone: 720-497-7680

- Provides no cost, comprehensive, preschool services for children ages 3-5 years.
 - *Children must be 3 years-of-age, and not yet 5 years-of-age, by October 1 of the calendar year in order to be enrolled.*
 - Families are encouraged to apply prior to child's 3rd birthday and can be enrolled immediately upon child turning 3 years old.
- Serves low-income families in Jefferson, Clear Creek, Gilpin and Park counties.
- Income guidelines and enrollment packets are available at: <https://www.jeffco.us/1870/Apply>

Lakewood Head Start

Phone: 303-987-2490 | Email: headstart@lakewood.org

Multiple locations – Contact Lakewood Head Start for more information

<https://www.lakewood.org/Government/Departments/Community-Resources/Programs-and-Activities/Family-Services/Head-Start>

- Provides no cost, comprehensive, preschool services for children ages 3-5 years.
 - *Children must be 3 years-of-age, and not yet 5 years-of-age, by October 1 of the calendar year to be enrolled.*
- Eligibility:
 - Families must reside in Lakewood.
 - Families must be low-income, homeless, or have a child with identified special needs.

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Mother's Day/Parent's Day Out

- Provided by many area churches, Mother's Day/Parent's Day Out offers low-cost childcare and respite for parents and care givers of young children. Childcare is provided one or two days per week for a small fee.
- Multiple Locations. Please contact each location individually for times, dates, and cost of services.
 - Lakewood United Methodist Church: 303-205-0534 | 1390 Brentwood St., Lakewood, CO 80214
<http://www.parentsdayoutcolorado.com/>
 - United Methodist Church of Evergreen: 303-674-4810 | 3757 Ponderosa Dr., Evergreen, CO 80439
<https://the-great-escape-evergreen.constantcontactsites.com/about>

Mile High Montessori

303-861-2602 | info@milehighearlylearning.org

616 East Speer Blvd., Denver, CO 80203

<http://www.milehighmontessori.org/>

- Offers extended day and year-round childcare programs for infants and toddlers at six early learning centers and two drop-in centers in Denver.
- Multiple Locations can be found [here](#)

Financial Assistance for Federal Employees and the Military

Child Care Subsidies for Federal Employees and the Military

<https://www.gsa.gov/resources/citizens-and-consumers/child-care-services>

- Childcare subsidy programs provide financial assistance to employees and military members who have children enrolled, or who will be enrolled, in licensed family care homes or childcare centers.
- Children must meet the following eligibility criteria:
 - Ages birth to 12 years of age (Exception: For the National Park Service children's ages must fit in the range of birth to 6 years).
 - Or, Disabled and under the age of 18.
- For more information or to complete an enrollment packet visit: <https://www.gsa.gov/resources/citizens-and-consumers/child-care-services/for-parents>

Education Programs for Teen Parents

McLain High School JCAPP/ McLain Child Care Center

Phone: 303-982-7460 | Address: 13600 W. 2nd Pl., Lakewood, CO 80228

<https://mclain.jeffcopublicschools.org/learning/special-programs/jcapp>

- Jefferson County Adolescent Parenting Program provides parenting and child development classes to pregnant and parenting teens while they are attending Achieve Academy, as well as child care for students of Jefferson County Schools and Jefferson County school district employees

Florence Crittenton High School

720-423-8900

96 S. Zuni St, Denver, CO 80223

<http://flocritco.org/>

- A Denver Public Schools Alternative Program for pregnant and parenting teen moms, grades 9 through 12. Provides academics, onsite early childhood education, and family support and services for young fathers.

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Children's Haven Child Care Center

www.childrenshaven.com

303-980-6620 | Email: childrenshaven@outlook.com

2600 S. Sheridan Blvd., Denver, CO 80227

- Offers affordable childcare programs for infants, toddlers, and preschool children, as well as before and after school care for children up to 12 years of age.
- Children of teen parents are welcome. Priority enrollment is given to children of teen parents who are finishing their high school education.
- Serves families who *receive CCAP* and private pay families in Denver, Jefferson, Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas counties.