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ECCLA Awards \$69,000 in Facilities Improvement Grants to Family Child Care Homes in Colorado

[Wheat Ridge, CO] – To address the declining number of licensed slots within family child care homes and to improve quality within home-based learning environments, the [Buell Foundation](#) granted funds to the [Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance \(ECCLA\)](#) to provide facility improvement funding to family child care homes. This funding opportunity is intended to help family child care homes start up, expand, or maintain consistent operations, increase capacity, and reduce the number of family child care homes closing their doors due to financial restrictions.

In the first round of funding, ECCLA is providing 18 family child care homes across Colorado with awards totaling \$69,000 for facilities improvements focused on expanding licensed capacity, health, safety, and quality improvement.

“Families across our state rely upon child care providers to provide high-quality learning environments for their children. These facility improvements will help providers keep their doors open for the kids and families they serve. ECCLA is proud to partner with these child care providers,” Amy Payton, Executive Director.

Applications for the second round of funding will be available on June 15, 2020, with applications due by August 28, 2020. Technical assistance webinars will be provided to help guide family child care providers through the application process. Additional information will be posted at www.ecclacolorado.org/fchgrant.

ECCLA is a collective impact leader with strong relationships among all of Colorado’s 34 Early Childhood Councils who serve 63 of 64 counties. In collaboration with Early Childhood Councils, our efforts enable us to effectively align, scale, and lead solutions that contribute to building and supporting Colorado’s’ robust early childhood system.

Awardees & Locations:

- 8th Street Child Care, Sedgwick
- Alphabet Explorers, Jefferson
- Bean N Buddie, Montrose
- Britt’s Tot Spot, Yuma
- Chamblee Family Daycare, La Plata
- D’s Daycare, Montezuma
- Daisy Bear Childcare and Preschool, Montrose
- Douros Daycare, Adams

- Gianina Franz, Kit Carson
- Just Like Grandma's Daycare, Larimer
- Kika's Child Care, Weld
- Khanoi's Little Friends, Alamosa
- Kristina's Daycare, Adams
- Learn, Laugh, and Love Childcare, Mesa
- Room to Bloom Preschool, Adams
- Tami's Tots, Broomfield
- Trina's Fun House, Ouray
- Wondering Bees Childcare, Larimer

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