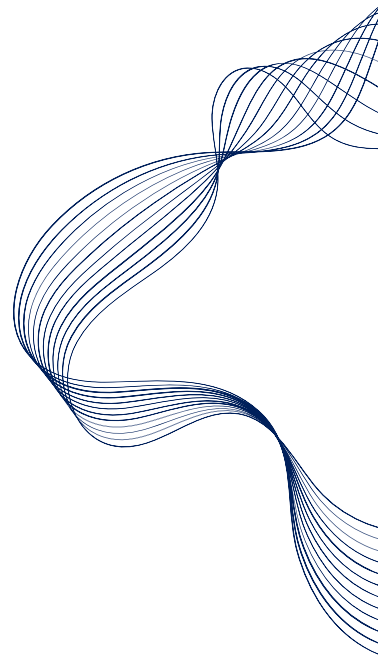


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**Fall 2022
Participant
Newsletter**



100%
of participants
were impacted
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Congratulations!

You are one semester closer to completing your Early Childhood Credential!

Another semester has come and gone, but you should be proud of your achievement and your continued dedication to make a difference in the lives of Colorado's children and families.

As a reminder, **don't forget to update your Expense Report if you have expenses that need to be paid.** If other expenses come up during the semester, just update the form and email Cameron! To update the form, visit this link, login to your account, click Scholarship Packet on the left-hand side of the page.

Please reach out to Cameron Fall with any questions or concerns that you have throughout the semester. Cameron can support you in **any of the following areas:**

- Enrollment, registration, understanding the total cost of obtaining your degree, CAFSA, FAFSA, financial aid, scholarships, and more!
- Navigating institutional barriers, academic hurdles, and social, wellness, familial, and personal concerns
- 1:1 support to ensure progression toward the completion of your credential/degree
- Resources, careers, and transitioning back into the workforce

Thank you for your hard work. We see and appreciate all of the work you are doing. Feel free to reach out at any time with any questions or concerns!

Thank You!



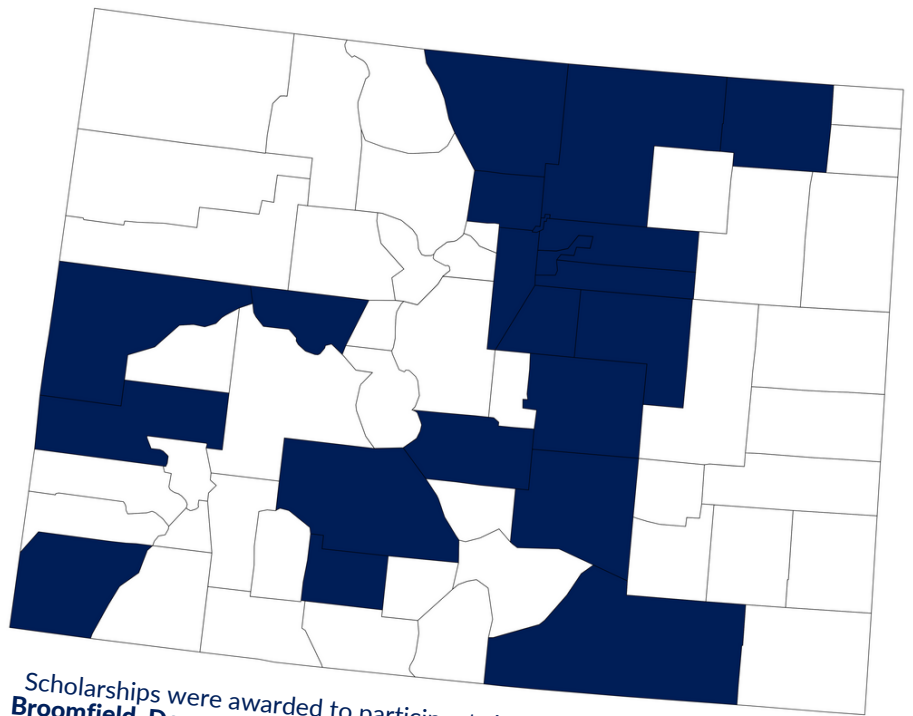
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Back to Work: Early Childhood Education is a scholarship program that works to support Coloradans that have experienced an economic loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as lost or adverse changes in employment, increased food or housing insecurity, had to withdraw from college after March 13, 2020, or suffered another form of economic loss. The Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance (ECCLA) is an equal opportunity scholarship provider. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, gender, age, national origin, ancestry, disability, marital status, military status, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression in any of its activities or operations.

The Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance (ECCLA) is proud to partner with the Colorado Department of Higher Education's COSI program to help provide the education and training you need for your next job in the Early Childhood field, through the new Back to Work Grant!

Across the state, there are only enough licensed child care services for 45 percent of the 256,000 kids birth to age six with working parents. There is a substantial increase in the need for early childhood teachers and leaders – between 33-43% (depending on job category) through 2025. Back to Work is a strategy that helps to support increased capacity and quality for young children while increasing education for professionals.



Scholarships were awarded to participants in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, El Paso, Fremont, Jefferson, Larimer, Las Animas, Logan, Mesa, Montezuma, Montrose, Pitkin, Pueblo, Rio Grande, Saguache, and Weld Counties.

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53 Recipients



3.33

Average GPA

1

Degrees Completed

3

Certificates Completed

Congrats!

289

Credits Completed

\$63,669



Scholarships Awarded



Congratulations to Fall 2022 Graduates!

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VOICES FROM THE FIELD

Participants are at the heart of the Back to Work: Early Childhood Education Scholarship Program. **And their stories matter.**



Meet Anita

I was so happy to move back to Colorado but it was not without financial hardships and other COVID-19 related issues. The Back to Work Scholarship was not only fairly easy to navigate through, but Cameron Fall has been the voice of calm I so greatly need. I have highly recommended this scholarship to my fellow ECE cohorts as well.



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Meet Jerranda

I am an Early Childhood Educator and a Director in Elizabeth Colorado. I am a first-generation college student, and I am the recipient of a back to work scholarship. I received a full scholarship to complete a yearlong coaching program through Dynamic Coaching Systems and the University of Colorado Denver. I will earn a coaching credential. Being a first-generation college student and receiving the back to work scholarship has been a great source of support. I am grateful for the gift to further my education. Prior to receiving the Back to Work Scholarship, I was able to complete my associates degree after putting my education on hold 28 years ago.

I have the opportunity while in the yearlong coaching certificate program to earn 9 hours of university credit from University of Colorado at Denver. I am proud to say that I have completed the first three semester hours with an A. The back to work scholarship has greatly impacted me academically, as well as boosted my self-confidence. Thank you for this incredible gift!