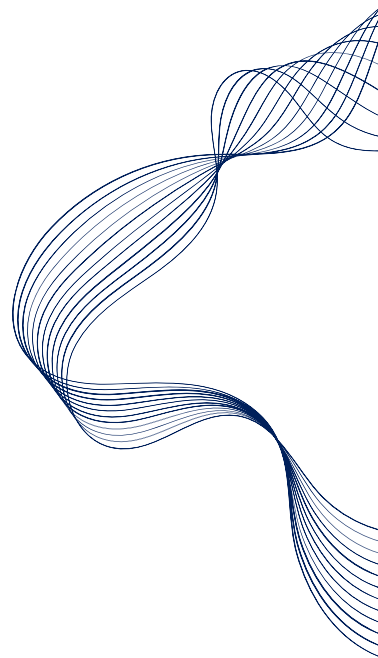


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**100%**  
of participants  
were impacted  
by COVID-19



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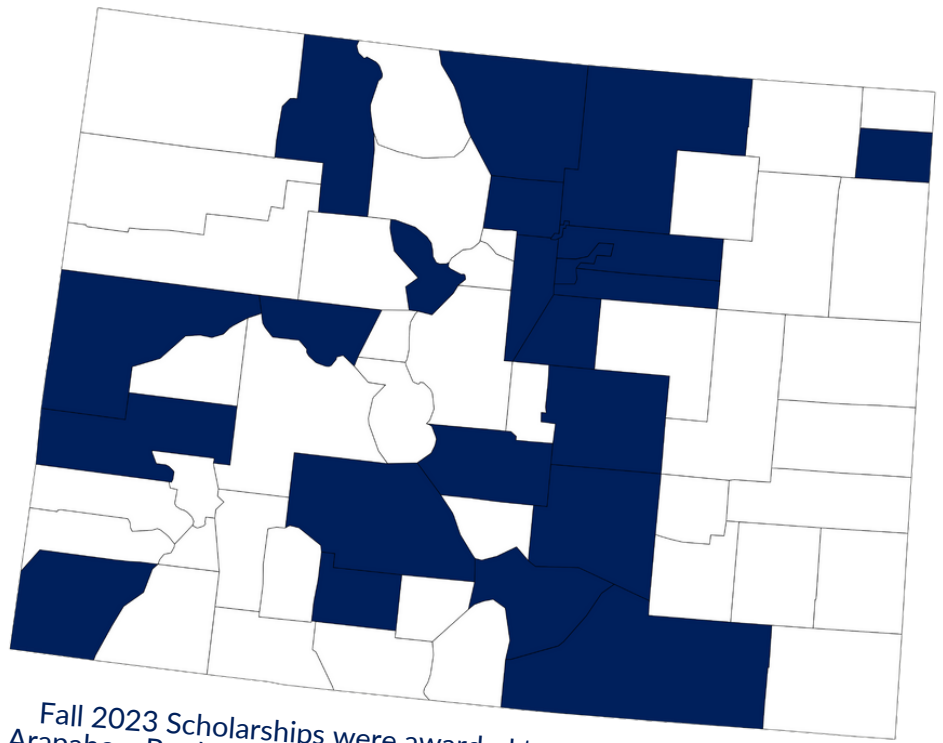
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Across the state, there are only enough licensed child care services for 45 percent of the 256,000 kids birth to age six with working parents. There is a substantial increase in the need for early childhood teachers and leaders – between 33-43% (depending 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.

Back to Work supports recruitment and retention through \$3,500 scholarships to help professionals advance in their education and careers.

ECCLA's Back to Work: Early Childhood Education Scholarship is a unique program that supports early childhood professionals who experienced an economic loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic and want to earn undergraduate-level degrees and certificates related to Early Childhood Education. Through the Back to Work Grant, ECCLA is proud to partner with the Colorado Department of Higher Education's COSI Scholarship Program to help provide the education and training you need for your next job in the Early Childhood profession! The Colorado Recovery Plan expands the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) grant to support Coloradans that have experienced an economic loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic or suffered another form of economic loss.



Fall 2023 Scholarships were awarded to participants in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Fremont, Huerfano, Jefferson, Larimer, Las Animas, Mesa, Montezuma, Montrose, Phillips, Pitkin, Pueblo, Routt, Rio Grande, Saguache, Summit, and Weld counties.

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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 submit expenses that need to be paid along with your schedule for the next semester.** If other expenses come up during the semester, just update your Expense Report and email Cameron! To update the Report, visit this [link](#), login to your account, and edit your Scholarship Packet.

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, financial aid, scholarships, grants, understanding the total cost of obtaining your degree or certificate, [FAFSA](#) assistance, [CASFA](#) assistance and more!
- Navigating institutional barriers and academic hurdles along with social, wellness, familial, and personal concerns
- 1:1 support to ensure progression toward the completion of your degree or certificate
- Connection to various types of resources, career navigation and support, and support with 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!

**[Check out ECCLA's Scholarships & Grants!](#)**

*Thank You!*



# IMPACT

55 Recipients 

*Congrats*

3.33

Average GPA

287

Credits  
Completed

2

Degrees  
Completed

14

Certificates  
Completed

\$21,680



Scholarships  
Awarded



Congratulations to Fall 2023 Graduates!

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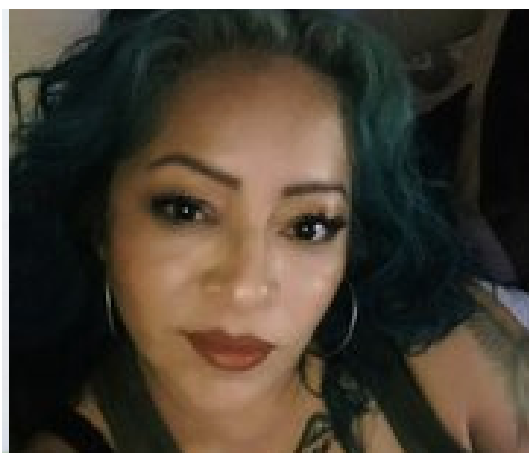
## VOICES FROM THE PROFESSION

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



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### Meet Trini



I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Back-to-Work Scholarship Program for the support it has provided me. Thanks to this program, I am able to pursue my academic goals while fulfilling my duties as a full-time employee and caregiver for my children. With this scholarship, I have been able to return to school and advance my education in early childhood. The generosity and the help of the Scholarship & Career Coordinator, Cameron Fall, who has been devoted to helping me and always keeping in touch to offer any resources I may need. Thank you for your dedication and empowering individuals like myself to achieve their full potential is deeply appreciated.