

What is the Early Childhood Council?

The Early Childhood Council is a group of child care providers, parents, health care professionals, and other community members who have a vested interest in improving the healthy growth and optimal development of all young children so that each child is ready to succeed in school and life.



Visit our **web site** for a detailed **list of child care providers** in Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties. You can also find useful links to upcoming **training opportunities** for providers, information about how to **become a licensed child care provider**, and other helpful community information.

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Our **mission** is to expand and improve quality early childhood services and educational opportunities for families in Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties.



Your Hub for Local
Early Childhood
Services & Information

Call: (970) 641-7913 for more info

Parents of young Children

The ECC is your local resource and referral

for child care. Choosing quality child care is

important. According to

Qualistar Early Learning, "Children who receive high-quality care

- Demonstrate greater social skills throughout their education
- Excel in reading and math
- Have better school attendance records
- Are more motivated to learn and have a higher commitment to school
- Are more likely to graduate from high school and pursue a post-secondary education or training
- Exhibit a lower rate of unemployment
- Have the potential to have higher earnings over their lifetime".

"Research indicates that 90% of a person's intellectual, emotional, and social ability is formed by the age of three, making the early years a vitally important time in a child's life".

Qualistar Early Learning



Child Care Providers... Make your voices heard!

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Early Childhood Council? The ECC meets on a monthly to quarterly basis to discuss



topics in early childhood services and education that affect our community.

Your knowledge and expertise will help our Council expand quality services and educational opportunities for families in our area.

ECC meetings help us all to understanding the needs of our community by bringing professionals and parents together.

Join the ECC

Do you have ideas about how to improve early childhood services and educational opportunities? Or are you a parent, provider or interested in becoming a provider? Help us build a stronger early childhood community.

Resources for Parents

The ECC can help you find information about all early childhood resources in our community such as...



- The best **child care provider** for your family. The ECC works closely with licensed child care providers.
- Physicians, dentists, and mental **health care providers**.
- **Classes** and educational conferences for **parents and providers**.
- Info about local **programs** for young children.



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