



To become licensed: Family child care homes and center

Becoming licensed can be a confusing process. The following information is from the Colorado Division of Child Care and will help you to get started.

- 1) To become a licensed provider, you will need to obtain a copy of the Application for Rules & Regulations, and other materials relating to the type of child care facility that you wish to operate.
- 2) All facilities must comply with local planning and zoning of the city, community, and county.
- 3) The first step in obtaining a license as a family child care provider is to order the application packet- it will have all the materials that you will need to apply for your child care license. Call the Division of Child Care to order your packet at 303 866-5958 or 1-800-799-5876
- 4) Child care centers are required to meet the regulations that State Department of Human Services, State Department of Public Health and Environment, and the local fire department. Contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at (303) 692-3620 to obtain rules and regulations governing the sanitation of child care centers in Colorado.
- 5) Call the local fire department for their rules and regulations.
Gunnison Fire Department (970) 641-8153
Crested Butte Fire Department (970) 349-5333
Lake City Fire Department (970) 944-2653



To contact the local office of Resource and Referral for the Early Childhood Council, please call (970) 641-7978