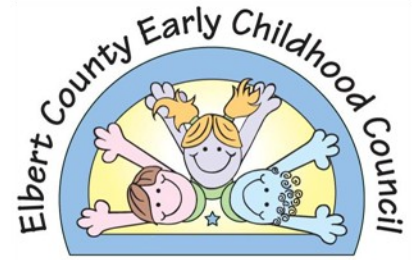




Early Childhood Council Highlights



May Happenings

Early Learning

An exciting new training opportunity has been offered to Early Childhood Councils by the Colorado Department of Education. The training will expand upon the language and literacy information that is already included in the EQIT Curriculum and allow trainers to share the **Cradling Literacy Curriculum** modules with a wide variety of groups. Deana Hunt, Jan Gabe-hart, Chris Logue, and Sue Dischner will be attending the training on May 5, 6, & 7th in Denver. Please welcome our new training team! Congratulations!

Family Support and Parent Education

William Madden of Life's Changes began the first Love and Logic class on Monday April 19th at Singing Hills Elementary. The small group setting in which William instructs is wonderful for parents to share their stories and challenges. The class was a great success. Thank you to Elbert County Department of Social Services and Elizabeth C-1 Schools for allowing this opportunity to enhance parenting skills.



Health and Mental Health

Colorado Trust news: The ECECC has a community professional provider training date set for Cavity Free at Three on June 11th, 1- 4 at the Elbert County Health Building. Good news from Elizabeth family dental, Dr. Dan Hill's office is accepting CHP+ patients! He will be a significant champion to our Elbert County community and Cavity Free at Three. Scherry Clark, ECS from Centennial Mental Health has been through her first training for the Pyramid Model. She will complete the training in May and then proceed to plan the implementation of provider training of the Pyramid Model.

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Important dates to remember:

- Saturday May 8th Summer Safety Fair and Bike Rodeo
- Wednesday May 12th ECECC Council Meeting
- June 11th provider Cavity Free at Three training

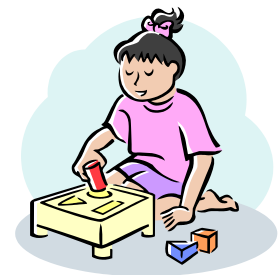
Community Children's Festival

The Second Annual Community Children's Festival was a success again this year despite the snow! Many thanks to all of our participants that drove through wind, snow and rain to get to the festival in Kiowa on

Saturday April 24th. Thanks also to the families that braved the snow and wind to come and have fun at the event. We can never trust the weather around here, but we can trust our partners and families who

were supportive in making the event happen. We had great food, wonderful goodies and many connections made.

THANK YOU!



2010 Summer Safety Fair and Bike Rodeo on May 8th

Be Alert Don't Get Hurt

The Elbert County Sheriff's Office is hosting the 1st Annual Summer Safety Fair and Bicycle Rodeo. Bring your bicycle, your family, as well as your friends and have a great time with us.

The Summer Safety Fair and Bicycle Rodeo will be held May 8, 2010 @ 10:00am at the Elizabeth Wal-Mart parking lot (NE corner).

Lots of FREE Activities.
FREE ADMISSION & Lunch.

www.elbertcountysheriff.com

In the event of bad weather a reschedule date of May 15, 2010

- *Certified Car Seat Safety Inspection*
- *Finger Printing Fire Safety*
- *Bike Rodeo Poison & Home Safety K-9 Demo*
- *Heat Safety Equestrian Safety 911*
- *Bike Helmets Face Painting*
- *Dunk Tank*
- *Bike Raffle*
- *& much, much, more*



Elbert County Health and Environment Sports Physicals

Elbert County Public Health Office will be taking appointments for Sports Physicals at their office in Kiowa on the following dates:

May 26, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

June 16, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

June 23, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

July 7, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

July 22, 8:30 am-4:30pm

August 3, 9: 00 am-4:30 pm

August 18, 8:30 am -4:30 pm

Call Elbert County Health and Environment at 303-621-3144 to schedule an appointment. The cost is \$20.00 and a parent must be present for the appointment.



Advocate: New America Foundation

The Early Education Initiative is releasing a report calling for "[A Next Social Contract for the Primary Years of Education](#)." The report envisions a new system that serves children starting at age 3, erases the artificial divide between "preschool" and "K-12" programs and extends high-quality teaching up through the early grades of elementary school.

The Early Education Initiative seeks to promote a high-quality and continuous system of early care and education for all children, birth to age 8. Much of our focus is on pre-K up through 3rd grade.

Our work is made possible through generous grants from the Foundation for Child Development, the W. Clement and Jessie V. Stone Foundation, and the Strategic Knowledge Fund, co-funded by the Foundation for Child Development and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.



Educate: Colorado Department of Education

New Finalized PreK-12 Content Standards

Standards for Early Learning The Building Blocks to the K-12 Content Standards:

Colorado's early learning guidelines take what we know about a child's early years and use that knowledge to describe the Building Blocks necessary to give our children the greatest chance of success throughout their lives.

Follow the link below to see the new finalized PreK-12 content standards.

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/UAS/CoAcademicStandards.html>



Booster Seat Law Passed!

Senate Bill 10-110, which enhances our booster seat law, passed. Once the Governor signs the bill, booster seats will be required for kids ages 4-7! The bill also makes ALL child restraint violations primary and requires all kids under 1 year to ride in the back seat.



The law will go into effect on August 1, 2010, but will have a 1 year warning period before law enforcement will start issuing tickets for violations for the booster seat portion of the law (the laws pertaining to 0-3 year olds will remain primary).

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*Ensuring that Elbert County is a
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of well rounded, happy, healthy,
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children and families.*



As an early childhood council, our role is to:

- Build and support partnerships with community and agency organizations
- Provide information to families to facilitate connection to services and supports
- Build public awareness of early childhood services and issues
- Promote and support high quality professional development and formal education for adults who work with young children
- Strengthen and support community-based mental health services that identify and serve young children
- Strengthen coordinated efforts to support the health and wellness of children.

It is our mission to work with all public and private organizations as a partnership to enhance the quality of early childhood services to children and families in Elbert County.

ECECC is made up of a collaborative of members
from

Elbert County:

Community agencies, health partners, school districts, higher education, child care professionals, and individuals who are interested in improving early childhood services.

We invite you to join us!

We're on the web!
www.ececc.org