

Classes offered for becoming a licensed child care provider

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Since most mothers are now in the workforce, there is a large need for licensed family child care providers. Walk into any business in Northeast Colorado, and odds are one will find at least one person there with a child in some form of child care.

Most parents don't just hire a baby sitter anymore. They hire a licensed family child care provider who has taken classes in medication administration, universal precautions, first aid, CPR and 15 hours of pre-licensing training. Licensed providers are also required to have 15 hours of continuing education training each year. These providers have had their houses inspected, and they meet state licensing standards.

Licensed providers are most likely on a food program to provide nutritious meals and snacks to children. They have safe and appropriate equipment, toys, books and games for children to learn with while they play. Additionally, they provide many hours of developmental learning experiences for the children in their care.

It takes a special person to be a licensed family child care provider. Licensed family child care providers are dedicated to their profession. They provide the kind of high-quality care families and children want and need. The licensed family child care provider plays an important role in rural communities.

Child care providers in rural communities allow parents to work and support their families while they can be assured their children are being cared for in a place that is licensed by the state.

If one has ever thought about staying home with their own children while still earning an income by becoming a licensed family child care provider, now is a great time to start. To find out how to become a licensed family child care provider, contact Sheila Anzlovar at the Northeast Colorado Child Care Resource and Referral at 970-848-3867 ext. 23.

They have state licensing packets and information about the process of becoming a successful licensed family child care provider.

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Classes for becoming a licensed provider are being held in October and November.

Northeast Colorado Child Care Resource and Referral provides services in nine counties in northeast Colorado including Cheyenne, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma.

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