

OPERATION CHILD CARE PROJECT

Help Finding Childcare

Description	<p>Operation Child Care Project is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit dedicated to serving military families. Our mission is to advocate for military children by providing them with resources and tools to help them navigate the challenges of military life. We offer case management services to ensure that families have access to the support they need. Our national advocacy efforts aim to protect the rights of military families and help them thrive.</p>
Mission	<p>Our mission at Operation Child Care Project™ is to provide active-duty military families with access to high-quality childcare resources.</p> <p>We understand that balancing the demands of military life, while providing a safe and comfortable environment for your child, can be a challenge.</p> <p>We take this burden off your shoulders and help you find the perfect childcare resource for your unique needs. Our team is committed to supporting military families and easing the burden of finding quality childcare.</p>
Case Management	<p>Step 1: Initial Consult - At Operation Child Care Project™, we understand that finding affordable, quality childcare can be overwhelming. That's why our process starts with a thorough initial assessment. Our team will reach out to your family to discuss your unique needs, challenges, and goals related to childcare. We believe that every family deserves access to quality childcare, and we're here to help every step of the way!</p> <p>Step 2: Comprehensive Assessment - Our Comprehensive Assessment service is the second step toward providing the support that families in need require. Our team of specialists conducts a thorough assessment, gathering information about your family's situation to ensure that we fully understand your unique needs. From your location to any special considerations, we take everything into account and develop a personalized plan to maximize the impact of our services.</p> <p>Step 3: Resource Identification - Finding the right childcare subsidies and resources can be overwhelming, especially if you're unfamiliar with the available options. At Operation Child Care Project™, our Resource Identification service takes the guesswork out of the process. We draw from a wide network of resources and know about available subsidies and programs so that we can identify potential options for your family. From military subsidies to specialized childcare services for military families, we'll help you find the support you need.</p> <p>Step 4: Plan Development - At Operation Child Care Project™, we are committed to helping families find quality childcare that meets their unique needs. Our team provides plan development services that are tailored to your specific situation. We work with you to create a plan of action that outlines the steps needed to access the resources you need and helps you overcome any potential barriers to access.</p> <p>Step 5: Implementation & Support - Operation Child Care Project™ offers ongoing support for families, assisting them in coordinating subsidy applications, connecting with childcare providers, and navigating any issues that may arise. Our team works closely with each family to provide personalized assistance throughout the process, ensuring that children can access quality childcare that meets their unique needs and circumstances. Operation Child Care Project™ is committed to empowering families by providing the necessary support and resources to help them secure dependable and affordable childcare options, ultimately promoting the well-being and development of children.</p> <p>Step 6: Follow-up & Adjustment - Once a solution is in place, Operation Child Care Project™ remains in contact with the family to ensure the childcare arrangement meets their needs. The plan can be adjusted if necessary to address any new challenges or changes in the family's situation.</p>



	<p>Operation Child Care Project™ understands that family dynamics can shift over time, and we are dedicated to providing ongoing support to ensure that the childcare solution remains effective and supportive for the family. This commitment to continuing communication and adjustment sets Operation Child Care Project™ apart and reflects their dedication to providing personalized and responsive support to families in need of childcare services.</p> <p>Step 7: Resolution - Operation Child Care Project™'s ultimate goal is to provide support and resources to families in need of childcare assistance. The process concludes when a stable childcare solution is in place and the family feels confident moving forward. Additionally, Operation Child Care Project™ ensures that the family knows how to seek further assistance in the future if needed. Our organization is committed to providing immediate support and empowering families to access ongoing resources and assistance as needed.</p>
Contact	https://www.occproject.org/contact
Address	Virtual Support
Webpage	https://www.occproject.org/



CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

Childcare on Fort Carson

Description	<p>Programs include full-day childcare, part-day preschool, hourly care services, school-age services, online tutoring programs, teen programs, in-home childcare (FCC), youth sports, and instructional classes (<i>formerly SKIES</i>) through MWR.</p> <p>Registration is FREE! Registration is required to participate in all programs.</p>
Eligibility	<p>Active-duty military personnel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DoD civilian employees paid from either APF or NAF funds • Reserve Component military personnel on active duty. • Combat-related Wounded Warriors assigned to a Soldier Recovery Unit (SRU). • Surviving Spouses of Military Members who died from a combat-related incident. • Those acting in lieu of parents for the dependent child of an otherwise eligible patron. • Space Available for DoD contractors, retirees and others authorized with in approved exception.
Registration	<p>1. Make an Appointment at Parent Central</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call (719) 526-1101 or (719) 526-8220 for an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. • Appointments will take approximately 30 minutes per child. • Complete the forms listed below (as applicable) to expedite the registration process. • Must register your child(ren) in person at Parent Central. <p>2. Complete Required Forms – to access these forms, visit https://carson.armymwr.com/carson-CYS/cys-registration</p> <p>3. What do I need to register?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government ID • Contact information • Two local emergency contacts • Immunization Documentation • Deployment orders (if applicable) • LES/pay voucher, student letter, or seeking employment verification. • All completed forms (below) <p>4. At your Parent Central Appointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYS will process your paper work. • CYS will input your child's (or children's) vaccine records. • CYS will issue your WebTrac username and password. WebTrac is where you enroll in sports, make hourly care reservations and make CYS payments. • CYS will be able to enroll you into requested programs and make future reservations during this appointment. <p>5. Proof of Immunizations is required for CDC (ages 6 weeks-5 years) children upon registration. Children and Youth ages 6-18 who are enrolled in school are not required to submit proof, however, it is encouraged.</p> <p>If a child/youth does not have documentation of any given immunization for which Army Public Health Nurse (APHN) has deemed an outbreak, the youth will be excluded from care until the outbreak has resolved OR proof of immunization is provided. An exemption for an immunization may be permitted for medical or religious reasons. Philosophical exemptions are not permitted.</p> <p>Click here for the Immunization Waiver Request.</p>



	<p>CYS follows Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6060.02 Child Development Programs Immunizations which states: Children enrolling in or currently enrolled in DoD CDPs must provide written documentation of immunizations appropriate for the child's age. Per AR 40-562/BUMEDINST 6230.15A/AFJI 48-110/CG COMDTINST M6230.4F (Reference (u)), immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) are required.</p> <p>These recommendations are in line with the recommendations by the Center for Disease Control and the State of Colorado.</p>
Contact	(719) 526-8220 or (719) 526-1101
Address	1352 Ellis St., Bldg. 5939 Fort Carson, CO 80913
Hours	Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm
Webpage	https://carson.armymwr.com/CYS



CPCD HEADSTART / EARLY HEADSTART <i>Free Childcare</i>	
Description	Head Start and Early Head Start programs deliver free, comprehensive services to children ages birth to five and their families in core areas of early learning, health, nutrition, and family well-being.
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The best way to determine eligibility is to call or visit their office
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your Child's Birth Certificate - Your Child's Immunization record or signed exemption forms* - Driver's license or ID, U.S. Military ID card, U.S. Military dependent's ID card, U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner or Native American Tribal Document - Proof of your family's current income and income for the previous 12 months (<i>i.e. W-2's, income tax forms, 12 months of pay stubs, written employer letter, LES statements, TANF award letter, SSI, SS, Foster Care, school grants, unemployment, child support or alimony</i>)
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colorado Department of Early Childhood Education – Head Start / Early Head Start - Find a center near you by visiting https://cdec.colorado.gov/head-start/early-head-start - Contact the center of your choice - Follow that centers instructions to apply
Contact	(719) 635-1536 or 1-866-763-6481
Address of Fort Carson Center	7330 Womack Street, Bldg. 2765 Fort Carson, CO 80913
Hours	Varies by location
Webpage	To learn more: http://www.cpcdheadstart.org

CPCD | Universal Pre-K (UPK)**Free Childcare**

Description	In the 2022 Legislative Session, HB22-1295 established the Colorado Universal Preschool Program to offer voluntary, high-quality universal preschool to every Colorado child in the year before kindergarten. The Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) is charged with operating the program to enable families to choose from a mixed-delivery system of high-quality preschool settings, including licensed community-based programs, school-based programs, and licensed home providers. High-quality preschool has demonstrated positive outcomes for children and families in the short and long-term.
Eligibility	<p>All children in Colorado can apply for up to 15 hours per week of free, high-quality preschool in their year before kindergarten through Colorado's Universal Preschool program. See More Information in the UPK Guide for Families.</p> <p>Families may qualify for more free hours based on a number of qualifying factors, per available funding. See more information here.</p> <p>Depending on the provider, families have the option of paying for additional hours if desired. Families of 3-year-olds should contact their school district for preschool services.</p> <p>Preschool-aged children with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) should contact their Special Education Administrative Unit (AU) before registering.</p>
Application	<p>Step 1: visit website at https://www.cpcdheadstart.org/enrollnow and apply.</p> <p>Step 2: Once you have submitted your application, visit the UPK state at https://upk.colorado.gov/ and select "Submit application"</p> <p>Step 3: Complete application by entering your family information, uploading proof of income and selecting the location/school you would like your child to attend. Be sure you choose the CPCD location you want your child to attend as your first option. You can find all CPCD classrooms by typing CPCD into the program search.</p>
Contact	<p>Call 303-866-5223 for live support 8am-6pm MST Monday - Friday</p> <p>Email us at universalpreschool@state.co.us</p> <p>Contact Help Desk online at: https://help.upk.colorado.gov/hc/en-us/requests/new?ticket_form_id=33719963950611</p>
Website	<p>Check out the Colorado Universal Preschool Handbook here</p> <p>https://cdec.colorado.gov/universal-preschool-family-information</p>

COLORADO SHINES

Help Searching for Childcare in Colorado

Description	<p>The Best Things in Life Are Free. The Colorado Shines program is free for both families and early learning professionals.</p> <p>As a parent or caregiver, you want the best for the children in your life. From their health and wellness to their development and growth, the choices you make for them today will help to determine their success later on.</p> <p>The State of Colorado offers a free search tool to help you find and research licensed child care programs in your community. We show you each program's quality rating, licensing history, and monitoring reports to help you make the best decision for your family.</p> <p>You can also contact the Colorado Shines Child Care Resource and Referral phone line at 877.338.2273 for free, personalized support with your child care search. Child care navigators are also available by email, and you can contact childcarereferrals@unitedwaydenver.org.</p>
Contact	Email: cdec_coshines@state.co.us or childcarereferrals@unitedwaydenver.org Phone: 877-338-2273 or 844-447-4441
Address	710 S. Ash Street Denver, CO 80246
Webpage	To learn more: https://www.coloradoshines.com/



EL PASO COUNTY – COLORADO CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CCCAP***Financial Assistance for Childcare***

Description	Provides childcare assistance to families needing childcare services to support their efforts toward self-sufficiency. CCCAP provides eligible families with children under the age of thirteen (13) access to reduced cost childcare at licensed child care facilities or qualified (unlicensed) providers during employment, job search or school/college.																		
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents who are working, or searching for a job (within State established time limits), or - Teen parents (up to age 21) in a high school or GED program. - Parents needing childcare for up to 48 months for post-secondary education or training (up to a bachelor's degree), GED, ESL, or Adult Basic Education, for up to 24 months, or - Families receiving Colorado Works/TANF that are completing countable work activities. - Applicants must be residents of the County. - Applicants must be under the income guidelines and in an eligible activity to receive day care assistance: <table> <tr> <th>Family size</th><th>Maximum Monthly Gross Income</th></tr> <tr> <td>(2)</td><td>\$3,151.17</td></tr> <tr> <td>(3)</td><td>\$3,980.58</td></tr> <tr> <td>(4)</td><td>\$4,810.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>(5)</td><td>\$5,639.42</td></tr> <tr> <td>(6)</td><td>\$6,468.83</td></tr> <tr> <td>(7)</td><td>\$7,298.25</td></tr> <tr> <td>(8)</td><td>\$8,127.67</td></tr> <tr> <td>(9)</td><td>\$8,957.08</td></tr> </table>	Family size	Maximum Monthly Gross Income	(2)	\$3,151.17	(3)	\$3,980.58	(4)	\$4,810.00	(5)	\$5,639.42	(6)	\$6,468.83	(7)	\$7,298.25	(8)	\$8,127.67	(9)	\$8,957.08
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