

What community partners have to say:

"Alliance for Kids' partnership with CCI's Child Development Specialist Apprenticeship program, has allowed us to support El Paso County Early Childhood Professionals in becoming Early Childhood Teacher (ECT) and Director qualified. Through our partnership with CCI, we are able to offer professional development opportunities and resources to support the early care and education workforce. Through this program, Apprentices' continue to build the skills and knowledge in the implementation of developmentally appropriate practice and effective early care leadership."

~Erica Evans

Professional Development Specialist
Alliance for Kids, El Paso County's Early
Childhood Council



Child Care Development Specialist Federally Registered Apprenticeship

Community Partners

Child Care Innovations partners with local community partners in counties across Colorado and continues to expand to support partnerships with local community agencies and Early Childhood Councils. The opportunity for each county to identify their community needs and resources has helped build an equipped Early Childhood Workforce.

Local Workforce Centers: This partnership has allowed early childhood professionals and those looking to enter the workforce to gain funding and access to enhance their skills and training in Early Childhood Education. The resources have proved valuable as we work to professionalize the early childhood industry and continue to work towards quality staff.

Community Colleges across the state have also worked in partnership with the Child Care Development Specialist Apprenticeship to gain access to scholarships and coursework to further traditional education for teachers looking to pursue higher education and certificate programs.

Community partners should expect:

- ◆ To identify the early childhood workforce needs within their community
- ◆ To identify resources for education and training within their community
- ◆ Work in partnership with CCI staff to implement a high quality apprenticeship program

Community partners will:

- ◆ Recruit local early childhood programs to participate as employer sponsors
- ◆ Provide support in developing professional development plans for apprentices and mentor teachers
- ◆ Build professional relationships with their local workforce center, early childhood council and child care resource and referral agency.
- ◆ Provide information to their communities to promote early childhood career pathways

Each community partner will work to design their partnership in accordance with the Federal Standards with Child Care Innovations.

How do I become a Community Partner?

To become a community partner please contact Julia Brink for more information and resources to bring Child Care Development Specialist Apprenticeship to your community.

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