



Child Care Development Specialist Federally Registered Apprenticeship

Child Care Innovations, Red Rocks Community College has worked with Child Care Development Apprenticeship since 2000. Currently Child Care Innovations (CCI) holds the only federally registered Child Care Development Specialist Apprenticeship in Colorado. These standards were revised in early 2018 to be in alignment with the Colorado Competencies for Early Childhood Educators and Administrators and licensing requirements.

During this process, CCI was able to create a model that allows us to support organizations and sponsoring programs across the state in an administration capacity. These organizations will create their own policies in alignment with Federal Standards.

Child Care Innovations now partners with 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 a well trained Early Childhood Workforce.

Working with Child Care Innovations

Staff help organizations and sponsoring programs assist local early childhood teachers in obtaining higher levels of education and experience in the field.

The apprenticeship is set up to be a two year project encompassing 4,000 hours of work experience and 306 hours of training and education. This may be reduced based on previous experience and education.

Programs employing apprentices make a commitment to wage increases as apprentices meet specific milestones. CCI will work with an organization or sponsoring agency to establish policies that align with the Federal Standards of Apprenticeship, track all required documentation in hard copy and digital form, ensure all of the apprentice information is logged in the US Department of Labor's database and supply the required documentation to the apprentices upon completion of the program.

Child Care Innovations is dedicated to supporting Employer Sponsors, Apprentices, Mentor Teachers and Community Partners in broadening their opportunities in advancing the Early Childhood Workforce.

How do I apply?

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