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The Department of Human Services Child Care Program supports early childhood professionals in licensed family childcare homes and centers.

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Did you know...

- More than 85% of brain development takes place in the first five years of life
- High quality care in the early years of life will have a lifelong impact
- Garfield County Department of Human Services Childcare Program supports over 90 licensed programs including family child care homes, centers, preschools, school age programs & camps serving children and their families in the Roaring Fork Valley



Programs coordinated by the Department of Human Services Childcare Program include:

Licensing which includes pre-licensing consultation, professional development opportunities and ongoing technical licensing assistance and support for licensed programs.

Responsive Coaching and consultation is available. Whether you have a child development question, want help tweaking the daily schedule, support with activity ideas, setting up an environment conducive to different types of play and learning or addressing challenging behaviors, our consultant is available to help meet needs as they arise.

The Resource Van is available to any licensed childcare provider in Garfield County. A “lending library on wheels,” it includes books and play materials for children, along with curriculum, classroom management, and administration resources for early childhood professionals.

Training opportunities are offered throughout the year and often in collaboration with community partners. Not seeing what you are looking for? Just ask. We can help find, coordinate or design a training.

Child Care Financial Assistance Navigation is available to any family needing assistance with what options are available when child care costs seem out of reach. Our bilingual outreach consultant is happy to help navigate choices and necessary paperwork.

Coalition for Families offers a support team to help Garfield County families with children younger than 5 years of age create collaborative service plans. Service planning can include brainstorming options, troubleshooting challenges, connecting families to community resources and services or mental and behavioral health providers. We serve as an outreach and referral point.

Whether you are thinking about opening a licensed child care program, have questions regarding when a license is required, or are a new or long time early care and education professional... support is just a call or email away!