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President's Letter

Fireworks of a Different Kind

July 4, 2021

Fellow FCCH Professionals,

I am an experienced FCCH provider and teacher of thirty years and am needing to share a recent personal experience along with sage advice for your consideration.

Since the 2020 COVID19 pandemic outbreak, I have proactively followed all mandates and best practices to protect myself and others, while striving to remain open for business. Like you, I have dealt with overwhelming and ever changing data/information, updates, mandates, recommendations... while remaining committed to helping and educating others, screening, reporting, shutting down, opening up, losing families, income, rebuilding, getting vaccinated..... all the while following CDC, CDPHE recommendations to the very best of my ability. The most recent personal challenge being..... gradually working my way out into the everyday world, navigating among others, and eventually re-connecting with family and grandchildren.

Now for ignition and blast off!

Early this week hosted vaccinated family from out of state and saw young grandchildren for the first time in 18 odd months. Joined in a small extended family indoor gathering last Sunday. Some vaccinated and some not. By Tuesday, preschool age grandchild presenting with very mild, intermittent, cold/allergy symptoms and by Wednesday morning I was becoming ill. By that evening, I was very ill with fever, chills, muscle aches, congestion etc. and in bed. PCR tested Thursday morning with positive COVID results Friday evening. As a fully vaccinated, active, in shape, healthy diet, proactive 63-year-old, I had Covid! Likely the Delta variant. Have now spent 4 days of my vacation time in bed, very ill, with revolving flu/cold symptoms and have just turned the bend. I notified close contacts before and after test results. I remain contagious and was so 48 hours before symptoms. Expecting a gradual recovery, cannot return to work, remain isolated, contacted by health officials and hope to connect with them on Tuesday.

Now for some sage advice.

Did not see this coming and want to educate others that COVID variants will be our reality for the future and current Delta variant is not a joke. Vaccinated or not, please take strong protective measures now, even beyond the current guidelines. Given this experience, I remain grateful to science, public health, our health care providers, our government, our Colorado Office of Early Childhood, the Colorado Association of Family Child Care, Colorado Family Child Care Affiliate Associations, our Early Childhood Councils, etc. I had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated with a level of protection from being potentially hospitalized or worse. I was professionally trained, educated and supported by my early child hood community.

My family has rallied on my behalf and we will get through this collectively.

[Now for some graying wisdom.](#)

Ignoring matters will not make them go away.

Minimizing/denying matters, not a solution makes.

Ignorance or feigning ignorance is not a valid excuse.

Our personal character is still being tested. We continually need to muscle up the courage/support to do the right thing for ourselves and others.

For now, sit back and enjoy the fireworks! Celebrate!

KABOOM!

Angela Rosales

**“Act as if what
you do makes
a difference.
IT DOES.”**

WILLIAM JAMES

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In the Spotlight



Cathy Zeiler

Tell us about yourself and your professional accomplishments:

My name is Cathy Zeiler. I have operated a licensed FCCH in Highlands Ranch for almost 31 years. I have a degree in Child Development from Colorado State University. After college I had jobs as a preschool teacher and a director of a small employee child care center in Winter Park. I hold a 3 under 2 license and currently care for 6 children. In 2013, I took EQIT classes to update my director's credentials. I hold a level 2 rating in the Qualistar system. In 1995, I and three other providers founded the Northern Douglas Child Care Association. At different times, I served as the Newsletter Editor, the Referral Agent and the President of NDCCA. After 7 years we dissolved the association and most of our members re-joined DCCCA. I currently serve as a Referral Agent and Election Coordinator for DCCCA. I am a firm advocate and supporter of FCCHs as I believe they provide many benefits to families, children and providers. My program is a child directed play program. I offer many varied material and toys for the children as well as planned experiences and "pre-school" and "school readiness" activities. I offer a bi-weekly music program and we have had the same music teacher for 7+ years. I am hoping to be given the go ahead to bring back our library volunteer soon.

What inspired you to go into your profession?

I worked as a paralegal in downtown Denver for 7 years. When my efforts at balancing work and real life became more difficult, I decided to open my own FCCH which I named Wee Play Family Child Care. Caring for and teaching young children was my first career choice and so I hoped I had the knowledge and experience to be successful. Even though I had a clear vision of how I wanted to run my business and I was excited to spend my days with my daughters, it was a scary proposition to give up the security of a stable income and benefits. I have learned so much over the years and my business and the way I do business has evolved as I continue to learn and became more experienced. There have been so many changes in Family child care since 1990. When I was first licensed, "Margaret" from Douglas County came to my house, sat at my kitchen table, looked at my paperwork and handed me a license. Though I am sometimes frustrated and annoyed by regulations and changing rules, the movement of licensing responsibilities to the state has provided valuable education, oversight and support to childcare professionals and to families.

What do you find to be the most satisfying things about your profession?

The best thing about my business is being my own boss and having control to care for the children in the way I feel is best. I like having control over my finances and my time. I love the multi-age groups and sibling groups FCCH's provide. I believe it offers so many opportunities for developing empathy, kindness, tolerance, personal responsibility and problem solving. I enjoy watching the children grow and to see little personalities and friendships develop. There is something to laugh about every day! My son was born in the 4th year of my business. He is now 26 and has never known our home without daycare children. I am fortunate that all 3 of my children have positive feelings about sharing their home and their mom with so many others over the years. They still come over and play with the kids often. Two of my own children found their best friends in my child care home. I counted once and I could name from memory 85 children who have come through my program. Some stayed for a short time and many stayed until they started kindergarten and some still come back to visit. My family often laughs about certain children and the things they have done and said. Many of their funny sayings have become part of my family lexicon. My husband retired 3 years ago and has become an integral part of the business. He plays with the children, provides substitute care for me and is the fixer of all things. He enjoys the kids and they love him....more than they love me at times. I feel fortunate and proud to have been able to stay in business for so long but I do look forward to retirement within the next 5 years.

What do you love to do outside of work? Interests/hobbies.

Outside of my childcare work, I like to swim, paddle board, hike and ski. I also like to paint and draw and crochet. I enjoy watching sports especially soccer and basketball. I am a Colorado native and have been married to another Colorado native for almost 37 years. I have 2 daughters and a son and 3 grandchildren. My 2 oldest grandchildren 7 and 4, live in Tacoma, WA and my youngest grandson will be 1 year old next week. I am fortunate that he lives nearby and is part of my daycare crew. I have 4 brothers and a sister and my extended family numbers 46 right now. Most live nearby. 34 of us just spent a fun and hilarious 4th of July picnic at my brother's house. It was great after not seeing everyone for more than a year.



LICENSED, LEGALLY EXEMPT AND ILLEGAL UNLICENSED CHILD CARE

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

LET'S REVIEW:

Licensed Family Child Care Home Programs

*Holds a child care license from the Colorado Department of Human Services

*Programs follow multiple rules and regulations designed to keep children safe and promote quality care

*All adults living in the household pass a fingerprint, FBI, CBI, and Abuse/Neglect background check

*All members of the household have a statement of health

*Program and physical premises have inspections no less than once a year

*Annual training in Safe Sleep, Prevention of Shaken Baby, Immunizations, Mandatory Reporter, Standard Precautions, Social Emotional; completes no less than 15 hours of training each year

*Required training in First Aid, CPR, Medication Administration, Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Response, Building & Premises Safety, Prelicensing

*Safety requirements such as monthly fire drills, tornado drills (March–October), quarterly lockdown, shelter-in-place and active shooter drills, plus more

*Program information and licensing history is found on Colorado Shines website

*Eligible to purchase commercial professional liability insurance

*Eligible to participate in the Child and Adult Food Care Program to ensure healthy meals are served

*Eligible to enter into CCCAP fiscal agreements with area counties

Legally Exempt Programs (Family, Friend, Neighbor care)

*May care for children without a license from the Colorado Department of Human Services under the following circumstances:

- Occasional care of children with no pattern
- Care for children who are directly related plus children from one additional family **OR**
- Up to four children, with no more than two under 2 years of age. Total number of children includes provider's children. This is per property, not per adult on the premises.
- Licensed by another state or federal agency
- Parents stay on-site such as at the gym or church and care is for less than 3 hours
- Must tell families they are not licensed
- These rules apply to nannies and nanny-share situations as well

*Colorado Department of Human Services does NOT track or inspect these programs or properties other than through complaints

*No annual or required training; provider and household members are not required to have passed a fingerprint, FBI, CBI or Abuse/Neglect background check or completed statements of health

*Information is not currently on Colorado Shines website

*Not eligible to purchase professional liability insurance, participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program or enter into a CCCAP agreement

Qualified Legally Exempt

Same as above with the following exceptions:

- Eligible for a CCCAP agreement with payments at a discounted rate
- Provider completes fingerprinting, CBI, FBI, child Abuse/Neglect background check
- Premises inspected annually
- Completes certain required trainings

Illegal Unlicensed Child Care

*NOT following Colorado State Law by caring for more than four non-related children, more than two children under 2 years of age, or more than one non-related family along with a provider's own relatives

*Provider is subject to fines and injunctions by operating outside of the law

*NOT licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services

*Colorado Department of Human Services does NOT track or inspect these programs or properties other than through complaints

*Household members may not have passed a fingerprint, FBI, CBI or Abuse/Neglect background check

*Information is currently not found on Colorado Shines website

*Provider may not have any health, safety or child development training

*Is not covered under home owner's or professional liability insurance

*May not follow proper business practices which could have tax implications for families and provider

*Not eligible to participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program

*Not eligible to enter into a CCCAP fiscal agreement

Colorado Association of Family Child Care

The Colorado Association of Family Child Care is a non-profit organization dedicated to the support and education of home-based child care providers in the state of Colorado.

<https://coloradochildcare.com>

Treasury Report

April. 1, 2021-June 30, 2021

		Balance Forward	\$6,185.19
Income:		\$0.00	
	Total Income	\$0.00	
Expenses:	Telephone	\$165.67	
	Website SOS4NET	\$120.00	
	Office Supply	\$38.97	
	Bereavement	\$50.00	
	Class Speaker	\$250.00	
	Total Expenses		\$624.64
Ending Balance			\$5,560.55
Respectfully Submitted, Susan Moberly DCCCA/Treasurer/Membership			

April-June 2021 Referrals

Castle Rock		Highlands Ranch		Parker	
Under 2	23	Under 2	16	Under 2	17
Full Time:	21	Full Time:	8	Full Time:	17
Part Time:	2	Part Time:	8	Part Time:	0
Over 2	9	Over 2	4	Over 2	2
Full Time:	8	Full Time:	2	Full Time:	2
Part Time:	1	Part Time:	2	Part Time:	0
School Age	2	School Age	1	School Age	0
Total	34	Total	21	Total	19
DCCCA WEBSITE	4	DCCCA WEBSITE	4	DCCCA WEBSITE	19
Colorado Shines	0	Colorado Shines	1	Colorado Shines	0
DCCCA Referral Line	0	DCCCA Referral Line	0	DCCCA Referral Line	0
PROVIDER	6	PROVIDER	1	PROVIDER	0
OTHER:	6	OTHER:	0	OTHER:	0

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ADDITIONAL DCCCA VOLUNTEERS			
President	Angela Rosales	303-766-9241	amagr8rose@q.com
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Douglas County Zoning	OPEN		
Employer Identification	EIN#	1-800-829-4933	http://www.irs.gov/businesses/smallbusinessesself-employed/employer-idnumbers

LICENSING SPECIALIST INFORMATION AND OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS		
Castle Rock: 80104, 80108, 80109	Heather Sporrer	303-866-5958 heather.sporrer@state.co.us
Highlands Ranch: 80129,80130	Jodie Gillespie Lead Licensing Specialist	720-415-6141 Jodi.gillespie@state.co.us
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Parker: 80134, 80138	Nicole Hubbell	303-866-5958 Nicole.Hubbell@state.co.us
Centennial: 80122	Cammile Espinosa	303-403-2677 Cammile.@IREEInc.com
Colorado Department of Human Services	303-866-5958	Coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com
24 Hour Child Protective Line	303-271-4131	
Immunization Line	303-237-7178	
Rocky Mountain Poison Control	303-222-1222	
NAFCC (National Association for Family Child Care)	800-359-3817	
Child Find for Douglas County	720-433-0020	
	Food Programs	
Kids Nutrition Company	303-987-4851	
Southwest Food Program	719-573-2246	
Wildwood Food Program	303-730-0460	
Douglas County Child Find	720-433-0020	https://www.dcsdk12.org/cms/One.aspx?

Child Care Insurance Options

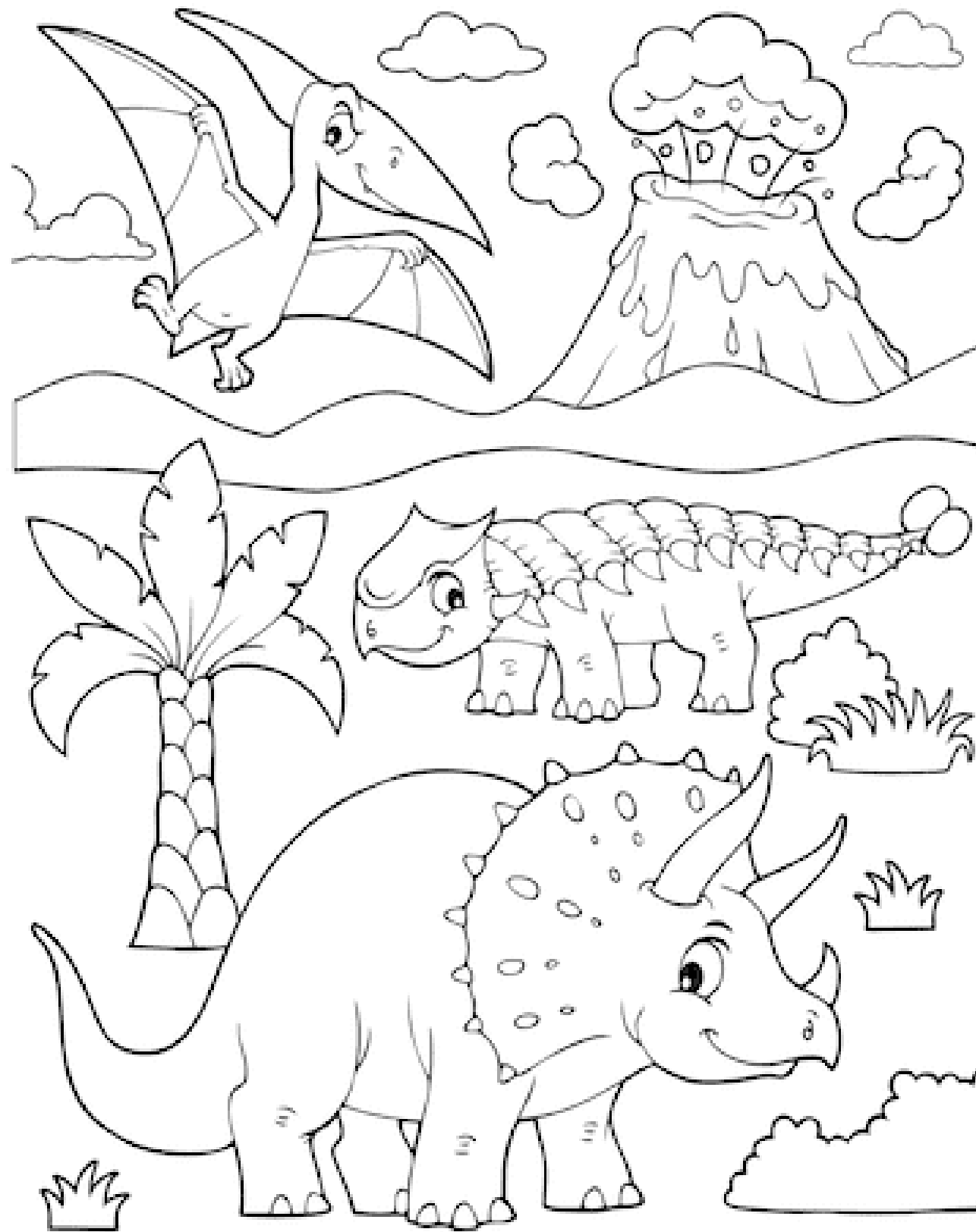
Dawna Nolan, Broker	720-519-0291	dawna@cowest.com
ADCO General Daycare Insurance	303-893-5770	
Adults & Children Alliance	800-433-8108 x2028	acainc.org/partners.html
Allstate Insurance	303-833-5588	
Assure Child Care	855-818-5437	Assurechildcare.com
Cherry Creek Insurance Group	303-799-0110	travelers.com
Child, Inc. Liability Insurance	800-844-8288 x108	
Child Care Insurance	800-819-9992	
Dan Gillespie, Insurance Broker	303-656-6912	
Daycare Defender	800-414-1066	scdefender.com
DC Insurance Services, Inc.	800-624-0912	dcins.com/contactus.html
Farmers Insurance—Daniel Cashmore	303-970-0315	
Mike Boling Markel	888-515-8537	
New England Ins. Services, Inc.	888-845-8288	neisinc.com
State Farm Ins.—Daniel West	303-790-4333	

Paper Plate Dinosaur



<https://www.madetobeamomma.com/paper-plate-dinosaur/>

Coloring Sheet



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A Night Owl Blog



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For the Younger Child

Scrunched Tissue Paper Autumn Leaf



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Cake Mix Cookie Bars



<https://www.foodlovinfamily.com/cake-mix-cookie-bars/>