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## *President's Letter*

### *July 2022*

#### BEHIND-THE-SCENES

Silent, unannounced, undisclosed, unmentioned, unsaid, untold, clandestine, personal, closeted, hidden, backstage, offscreen, offstage, concealed, furtive, undercover....

Behind-the-scenes work is not antithetical to transparency. It more dutifully reflects the “grunt work” process necessary in an organization’s pursuit of its goals and aspirations, culminating in all measured success, great or small.

Many local, state and national early childhood/ child care organizations, toil behind the scenes in the often-thankless work of promoting, educating, supporting, stabilizing, representing, networking, strengthening, transforming, problem solving, trail blazing and much more on our behalf. This work may not get them due credit, but the real reward is in making a collective difference.... because WE MATTER!

Our industry has been under great duress, challenged beyond belief, and of late.... newly inoculated with due respect, recognition, growing support, available guidance, business opportunity, a seat at the table, personal and financial assistance, coaching, mentoring, upward mobility, and professional direction. We are simply asked to lean in, put forth the effort, and discover opportunities that await. Change and growth are not easy, or happen overnight. But any personal gains made, are rewarding and often profitable.

Our Douglas County Child Care Association, with special thanks to the board and volunteers, remains a well-oiled machine that celebrates and utilizes our individual strengths for the betterment of our organization. We serve as a guide and resource organization for family child care providers, and are continually challenged as you are, to stay informed, relevant, innovative, positive, professional, forward thinking, balanced, on task, and helpful. Link to the Douglas County Child Care Association website.

<https://www.douglascountychildcare.com/>

Our CAFCC, Colorado Association of Family Child Care has garnered state and national recognition due to its board and volunteers’ collaborative efforts on our behalf. Planned direction in the year ahead will be transformative. Links to the CAFCC website and including its recent Annual Report below.

<https://www.coloradocafcc.org/>

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jr\\_AZNKGgUX7xYF1Qh3cug08hKDZB5S8/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jr_AZNKGgUX7xYF1Qh3cug08hKDZB5S8/view?usp=sharing)

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Our Douglas County Family Child Care Home Providers can expect a tsunami of information, opportunity and business options for consideration in 2022-2023.

Universal Preschool

Colorado Shines QRIS

Volunteer County/State level

Food Program, CCAP

State Benefit Package Programs

Early Childhood Professional Credential

CAFCC, DCCCA and PDIS Trainings

Grants, Financial Resources

New Colorado Department of Early Childhood

Revised FCCH Colorado State Rules and Regulations

Food for thought from Mark Twain....

-If you want to change the future, you must change what you’re doing in the present.

-It’s better to be an optimist who is sometimes wrong than a pessimist who is always right.

-To be great, truly great, you have to be the kind of person who makes the others around you great.

-The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.

Respectfully,

Angela Rosales



The background of the graphic is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The text is overlaid on this background.

# *Independence Day*

Freedom has its life in the hearts,  
the actions, the spirit of men and so  
it must be daily earned and refreshed -  
else like a flower cut from its life-giving  
roots, it will wither and die.

~Dwight D. Eisenhower

# In the Spotlight



## Beth Burke

(QRIS/Navigator/Coach)

**What is your profession/with whom and how long?** I am an Early Childhood Site Coach. I work for Child Care Innovations in Douglas County. I work in tandem with Douglas County Early Childhood Council (DCECC). I started this job in early May. I help home Family Childcare Providers get started in the licensing process and work to help improve those childcares that want to level up in QRIS. Once you are a level 3-5 then Abbie Freeman and Katie Nester will help level up.

I have been in early childhood education for a while. I met my husband while working in a group home for dual diagnosed, behavior problem children. We moved to Colorado, and I worked for 2 years collecting data, managing payment, and scheduling at a preschool/Head Start hybrid program. I ran my own in-home child-care for 5 and a half years. I then started teaching for Douglas County School District as a Pre School teacher. I have been teaching preschool for 8 and a half years. My classroom was inclusive.

I have a lot of experience with managing behavior problems, inclusiveness, visual schedules, ERS rating scales, PDIS and QRIS. I have worked closely the past 6 years with special service providers and have some great tricks for helping develop skills in young children. I have a BS in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology. I am a licensed preschool teacher in Colorado. I am here to help you all in a way that is meaningful to you and your business. I can help answer questions about grants and funding as well as CCCAP (or point you in the right direction).

**What made you decide on your profession?** I have always loved children. As I began Graduate school my father passed away. He helped pay half of my tuition. I could not afford to pay tuition alone. A good friend in my masters program pointed out I always was given the hardest little people to work with during our clinicals. I was good at working with those kids and it was what I loved doing. I have not looked back since. I love babies and young children! I want to help improve their future.

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**What are some of the most satisfying things in your position?** I love meeting new providers and finding out about their home business. Being able to help. I remember how alone I felt when I ran my own in-home daycare. It is a bonus day when I can play with little people!

**Tell us a little about your life outside of work. Family, hobbies, etc.** I have two children 22 and 18. I will be an empty nester in August! My 22-year-old is getting a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy at CSU. My 18-year-old is heading to Montana State University. My husband manages mental health hospitals.

I love animals (we have 4 cats, a chinchilla, and a dog). I enjoy reading, hiking, gardening, teaching, learning about nature and baking.



**Have you been looking for a way to get your kids playing outside more? Do you want a way to engage them in creative, open-ended play? Build them a mud kitchen!**

## Making a Mud Kitchen



There are so many ways to put together this magical mud kitchen. Collect some old pallets and nail them together, simple as that.

You could also look for a used piece of furniture that child height to use for the base. We used a jigsaw to cut a hole for a large metal bowl sink, but if you have one laying around, just use a real sink. No matter how simple or elaborate you make it, the kids will jump right in mixing, stirring, dumping, and creating.

## Learning through Play

Younger children enjoy the simplicity of scooping, dumping, and mixing. They will have fun using their imaginations to make mud pies, stone soup, or simply enjoy the feel of the water or mud.

## What to include in your mud kitchen

First, look to nature to fill your kitchen. Water and dirt are the only essentials. Beyond that, you can include:

- Rocks
  - Wood pieces
  - Grass, weeds, herbs, flowers
  - Gems, or scraps from the kitchen such as the cut-off ends of celery or whatever you happen to be chopping up that day
  - You'll also need a variety of utensils, bowls, containers, pitchers, ice trays, medicine droppers, etc.
  - A scale and balance add to the science fun!
  - Another thing to consider including is a pump-style soap container. We had one that was mostly out of soap, but the kids were able to add water and get bubbles.
  - You can also check your recycling bin for treasures such as empty juice bottles, yogurt containers, egg cartons, etc.
- Local thrift shops can be a great resource for interesting things to include as well.



(Teaching Preschool)



# Treasury Report

## April 1, 2022—June 30, 2022

		Balance Forward	\$5,355.80
Income:			
	Fraud Charge Reversed	\$16.53	
	Total Income	\$16.53	
Expenses:	Telephone	\$173.11	
	Website SOS4NET	\$120.00	
	SOS Registration	\$10.00	
	Education	\$38.97	
	Fraud Charges	\$49.59	
	Total Expenses	\$391.67	
Ending Balance			\$4980.66
Respectfully Submitted, Susan Moberly DCCCA/Treasurer/Membership			

# April-June 2022 Referrals

Castle Rock		Highlands Ranch		Parker	
Under 18 months	33	Under 2	18	Under 2	26
Full Time:	26	Full Time:	7	Full Time:	21
Part Time:	7	Part Time:	11	Part Time:	5
Over 18 months	30	Over 2	9	Over 2	16
Full Time:	28	Full Time:	6	Full Time:	14
Part Time:	2	Part Time:	3	Part Time:	2
School Age	0	School Age	0	School Age	0
Drop In	0	Drop In	0	Drop In	0
Total	63	Total	27	Total	42
DCCCA WEBSITE	14	DCCCA WEBSITE	12	DCCCA WEBSITE	27
Colorado Shines	20	Colorado Shines	1	Colorado Shines	0
DCCCA Referral Line	0	DCCCA Referral Line	1	DCCCA Referral Line	0
PROVIDER	6	PROVIDER	1	PROVIDER	3
OTHER:	14	OTHER:	ACFCCA	OTHER:	0

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Continuing Education Committee	OPEN		
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State Representative	OPEN		
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Employer Identification	EIN#	1-800-829-4933	<a href="http://www.irs.gov/businesses/smallbusinessesself-employed/employer-idnumbers">http://www.irs.gov/businesses/smallbusinessesself-employed/employer-idnumbers</a>

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Castle Rock: 80101, 80104, 80108, 80109, 80135, 80116,80118	Heather Sporrer	720-237-2298 <a href="mailto:heather.sporrer@state.co.us">heather.sporrer@state.co.us</a>
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Colorado Department of Early Childhood	1-800-799-5876	<a href="https://cdec.colorado.gov/">https://cdec.colorado.gov/</a>
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	<a href="https://www.dcsdk12.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=220484&amp;pageId=5759334">https://www.dcsdk12.org/cms/ One.aspx? portalId=220484&amp;pageId=5759334</a>
	<b>Food Programs</b>	
Kids Nutrition Company	303-987-4851	
Southwest Food Program	719-573-2246	
Wildwood Food Program	303-730-0460	



## Child Care Insurance Options

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

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