



COLORADO SHINES

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

FUNDING IS OPEN FOR 2023-2024!

In order to begin or continue your partnership with Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council, you will need to apply for funding opportunities through your QRIS program portal. Email us at info@acecc.org to get started, or contact your ACECC coach for support with the new application.

As a local Early Childhood Council, we administer the Colorado Shines Quality Improvement (CSQI) grant for Arapahoe County. Our program offers **funding & coaching for quality** to licensed centers and homes throughout Arapahoe County.

Learn more about new grant opportunities on the next page!

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Colorado Shines Quality Improvement grant funds can be used for individualized coaching, professional development training, early learning materials, and more. In Arapahoe County, child care providers also get hands-on support from our in-house coaching staff.

We work with directors and staff on topics such as:

- Help navigating Colorado Shines, QRIS, and PDIS systems
- Support as your program works towards a Colorado Shines rating
- Assistance with Quality Improvement Plans
- Credentialed coaching towards best practice and quality improvement, using environment rating scales
- Guidance to support family engagement
- Consulting around a variety of early childhood education topics
- Professional development opportunities to grow in your career
- Possible funding to purchase learning materials, quality improvement resources, and more!

Expanded Eligibility Now Available

Your program must have a Colorado Shines Level 1-Level 5 rating AND meet one of the following requirements:

- Serves a high needs population
- Willing to serve children who qualify for Colorado's Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) and hold a fiscal agreement with Arapahoe County

For more information about what qualifies as a 'high needs population,' visit our website at www.acecc.org/quality-improvement

For assistance or if you have questions on the Colorado Shines QI application process, contact Randi or Holly. If you're currently working with us, you can renew your funding online through your program's QRIS portal at coloradoshines.com

We look forward to working with you!

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