COLORADO CHILD CARE FACTS

$14,950  
Average annual cost of center-based infant care in Colorado¹

$33,264  
Colorado’s lowest income eligibility limit for a family of three to qualify for child care assistance (13 counties have this eligibility limit)²

$46,368  
Colorado’s highest income eligibility limit for a family of three to qualify for child care assistance (Huerfano County)³

$12.82  
Average hourly wage for child care teachers in Colorado – on par with parking lot attendants and doggy day care⁴

13.2%  
Percent of children eligible for child care subsidies (CCCAP) in Colorado currently that receive them at some level throughout a year⁵

$44.37 million  
Potential increase in state’s economy if child care costs did not exceed more than 10 percent of family income⁶

405,000  
Number of Colorado children under the age of six⁷

$578  
Monthly reimbursement rate for center care for a four-year-old in El Paso, more than $450 below the federally recommended rate for this type of care⁸

$738  
Monthly reimbursement rate for center care for a one-year-old in El Paso, a full $430 below the federally recommended rate⁹
In Colorado, counties set their income limits within state guidelines. Also note that counties may allow families already receiving assistance to continue doing so up to an exit eligibility limit that is higher than the county’s initial eligibility limit. Counties can set their entrance and/or exit eligibility limits as high as 85 percent of state median income ($62,781 a year for a family of three). Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood, Colorado Child Care Assistance Program, Family Income Guidelines, available at http://coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com/oec/OEC_Families?p=family&s=Colorado-Child-Care-Assistance-Program&lang=en.

Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood, Colorado Child Care Assistance Program, Family Income Guidelines.


FY 2015-16 Annual Report on Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (Denver, CO: Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood, Division of Early Care and Learning, 2016), 11.


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