

Child Care Worker Educational Stipend Information

The goal of the Educational Stipend Project is to reduce the dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation and work. The Project will enhance the long-term self-sufficiency of eligible, low-income child care workers; reduce the number child care workers and their families living in poverty; increase the number of TANF eligible participants in meaningful child care work. This project is funded by the State Strategic Use Funds, Colorado Works, and Colorado Department of Human Services.

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible providers must meet both the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and the Colorado Office of Professional Development (COPD) requirements.

TANF Eligibility

Must meet all criteria to be TANF eligible:

1. Family income is less than \$75,000 per year
2. Have care and control of a dependent child
3. Verify lawful presence (anyone 18 years or older)

Stipend Eligibility

Must meet all criteria for TANF and also COPD criteria:

1. Must work in a licensed child care facility (centers, homes, before and/or after school programs) at least 20 hours per week
2. The facility must have a salary schedule
3. Participants must complete, at a minimum, a three semester hour course every semester. Summer semester is optional.
4. Participants must be working with an Early Childhood Council partner

Stipend Amount:

- The stipend will be awarded after the participant has completed at least one three semester hour course and received a grade of "C" or higher.
- Stipend amount is based upon the level of credential working toward or awarded.
- Participants will only be awarded one stipend amount. No additional money will be awarded if the participant takes more than three semester credit hours or equivalent.
- Participants will be awarded a stipend in addition to any scholarship programs, TEACH, or financial aid they are receiving.
- Each council partner will have a total amount of funds that will be set aside and dedicated to their providers. The councils will decide how best to focus their stipend awards.
- Stipends can be used for credential renewal or promotion.

Applications:

- Participants will fill out a credential application online or paper.
- Early Childhood Councils will verify eligibility.

Salary Schedules:

The Colorado Office of Professional Development will have sample salary schedules for programs to use to develop their own.

Council Partners and Contacts:

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Stipend Amounts

Credential Level	Time it can be renewed	Stipend amount	Time allowed at this level	Requirements to receive a wage bonus
Entry Level	Non renewable: One time award	\$150	Six months	Must work on pre-requisites, e.g.; GED, for college course work and documents 6 contact hours of community level training in early childhood during the six month period the bonus covers. Covers any developmental classes that may be needed up to 3 semester hours.
Pre Level I	Non renewable: One time award	\$200		Taking ECE 101: Introduction to Early Childhood Professions and/or ECE 102: Introduction to Early Childhood Professions Lab. Must have a grade of C or higher.
Level I working towards Level II	Valid for three years, renews twice	\$250	Three years	Each semester takes a three semester-credit course from an accredited college or university related to the next credential level. Must have a C grade or better. Working on attaining the other 6 courses required for a Level II Early Childhood Credential.
Level II working towards a Level III	Valid for five years, can be renewed indefinitely	\$300	Three years	Each semester takes a three semester-credit course from an accredited college or university related to the next credential level. Must have a C grade or better Would also cover ECE 111: Infant Toddler and/or ECE 112: Infant Toddler Lab for the Infant Toddler Endorsement Would also cover courses taken to renew a Level II Credential
Level III Associates Degree working towards a Level IV	Valid for five years, can be renewed indefinitely	\$400	No time limit, awarded each semester if continues to take courses	Each semester takes a three semester-credit course from an accredited college or university that is applicable to the work they do. Must have a C grade or better Can be related to the next credential level or related to child care professional needs as demonstrated by the participant in the application process. Would also cover courses taken to renew a Level III Credential.
Level IV Bachelors Degree	Valid for five years, can be renewed indefinitely	\$500	No time limit, awarded each semester if continues to take courses	Each semester takes a three semester-credit course from an accredited college or university that is applicable to the work they do. Must have a C grade or better If BA is in ECE then class of choice that can be related to work the participant is doing (i.e. must relate to their work in early childhood), if degree is not in ECE required to take an ECE class. Would also cover courses taken to renew a Level IV Credential.

More Questions:

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