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# EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL LOGAN - PHILLIPS - SEDGWICK

*Every child can learn, play & succeed!*

## December 2022 Newsletter

### Announcements

This month we feature, and honor Yvonne Draxler. Yvonne is a very active and outstanding member of our community, as well as an ECCLPS Board member, who has been involved with children and education for a large portion of her life. She was a stay at home mom for 10 years, before beginning her career as a paraprofessional at Merino Elementary School. She attended college at Regis University, and then taught at Merino from 1996-2010. She went on to teach GED at NJC from 2010-2016 where she was also the adjunct math instructor, and continues to teach for CO Community College Online. Yvonne began working at Family Resource Center in 2010-2011, and became the Executive Director in 2016. She also facilitates the Incredible Years parenting class with Tom Westfall. In 2017, after learning that two different students (and their siblings) in FRC's Monday ASSET Club, had not eaten since Friday at school, she and (past superintendent of Re-1 Valley) Shila Adolf, started one Blessing Box at FRC. That one Blessing Box has since grown to a city-wide program that supports a total of EIGHT throughout Sterling and Iliff! They are open to the public 24/7, and during office hours, the community has access to the food pantry at FRC as well. Most of the items are donated by community members, and other entities, to provide assistance for those who need a little help. Yvonne, we would like to **THANK YOU** for all you continue to do!

### ECCLPS News

There will be **no Partner meeting OR Provider Training on December 26th** due to the Holiday.

**ECCLPS office will be closed from 12/23/22 - 1/3/23**

**We will have our Partner meeting on January 23rd 11:50 AM - 12:50 PM, but no Provider Training due to the ECCLPS/NJC ECE Conference on January 28th.**

Be sure to listen to **KPMX 105.7** the **second Wednesday** of each month at **9:00 AM** to get the latest news about what's happening at **ECCLPS!**

We are so happy to announce that Michelle is doing so much better! We are grateful for all the love and prayers everyone has sent her way. We would like to provide a gentle reminder that, this holiday season, if you have a little to spare, her GoFundMe account is still active. Thank you so much for everything this amazing community has done, and shared! We hope you have an fantastic Holiday Season, The ECCLPS Team  
<https://gofund.me/a7268a7e>



# Resources for Parents and Caregivers



<https://www.pbs.org/parents/>  
Parent resources, tips, and advice

<https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/>  
LOTS of useful info for happy, healthy children

<https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/topics/>  
Helpful hints on how to discuss uncomfortable topics

<https://earlychildhoodframework.org/>  
In case you haven't visited in a while – great resource for caregivers

<https://totallymomsense.com/activities-for-4-year-olds/>  
Fun activities for you and your child

<https://www.learning4kids.net/play-activities-by-age/4-years-5-years/>  
Fun, mostly cheap activities, sorted by age

<https://viewsfromastepstool.com/activities-for-4-year-olds/>  
Fun activities you can put together yourself – be careful, you could spend a lot of time here!

<https://www.parentmap.com/article/25-indoor-play-activities-from-a-preschool-teacher>  
Fun activities, that with a little imagination, can be done/used over and over again

<https://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/education/blog/literacy-activities-for-preschoolers/>  
More really fun things to do with kiddos that work on their skills through play

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/56908/how-to-homeschool-preschool/>  
Even if you don't plan to homeschool, some great info here

<https://consciousdiscipline.com/free-resources/discipline-tips/>  
If you haven't been here, you've been missing out!  
Advice on how to deal with challenging behavior





## Save the Date for COGives:

ECCLPS is excited to announce [Colorado Gives Day](#) is set for Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022. For 24 hours, Colorado comes together to raise funds for local nonprofits, and we're excited to be part of the day! On Colorado Gives Day, we'll be making good happen for **Northeast Colorado's children and families**, as well as our **Early Childhood Educators** and **Early Child Care Providers**. We invite you to join us by helping us share the news about Colorado Gives Day and invite your family, friends and your personal network to participate. Every gift is **tax-deductible and a tax credit**. Our fight to make sure each and every child has access to high quality child care and early learning experiences is more vital now than ever before. This day of giving is one of the many ways you can make a real difference. Please visit [www.ecclps.org](http://www.ecclps.org) for more information about what we do. We look forward to having you join us for this special campaign. Together, we can make the world a better place for our community's children.



Any nonprofit that receives a donation during these hours on **December 6** is automatically entered into a random prize drawing. They'll give away \$5,000 each hour to one lucky winner. YOU could help make US a winner, by clicking the image above and sharing the love (on **December 6th**).

**7 AM 10 AM 2 PM 7 PM 10 PM**

With gratitude,  
The ECCLPS Team

## Save the Date

December 1 - **Parade of Lights**  
Main Street, Sterling  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

December 2 - **First Friday Concert**  
130 S. 4th St. Sterling [www.facebook.com/FPC.Sterling](http://www.facebook.com/FPC.Sterling)  
SHS Madrigal Choirs  
12:05 - 12:35 PM

December 3 - **Cookies & Cocoa With Santa**  
Julesburg Hippodrome followed by "The Santa Clause 2"  
9:00 - 10:30 AM, Movie at 11:00

December 2 - 23 - **Holiday Marketplace**  
**Fridays** 9 AM - 5 PM  
102 S. Front Street, Sterling

November 26 - December 17 - **Holiday Marketplace**  
**Saturdays** 9 AM - 5 PM  
102 S. Front Street, Sterling

December 5 - **Holyoke Country Christmas** 3-8 PM  
**Parade of Lights** 6:15 PM

December 6 - **Colorado Gives Day**

December 8 - **Parade of Lights "Elf Christmas"**  
Downtown Julesburg  
6:00 PM

December 11 - **Master Chorale Concert**  
Dorothy Corsberg Theatre on NJC Campus  
4:00 - 6:00 PM Contact: 970-526-0519

December 25 - **Merry Christmas!**

January 28 - **ECCLPS/NJC ECE Conference**  
NJC E.S. French Hall  
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

[Check out all Logan County Events here](#)  
[Sedgwick County Events](#)  
[Phillips County Events](#)

Do you have an item you'd like us to share? Send us an email [ecclps.miranda@gmail.com](mailto:ecclps.miranda@gmail.com) with "Save the Date" in the subject line. (Must be received by the last week of the month, for the following month's newsletter.)





**Amee Duncan**  
**Licensing Specialist**



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### Licensing Tidbits:

- 🧠 Background checks need to be updated, 2023 will be here very soon.
- 🧠 Home providers need to run fingerprints for all people over 18 living in the home every 5 years.
- 🧠 All active employees of centers need full background checks ran every 5 years.

There is a lot of helpful information on the Colorado Department of Early Childhood website. [CDEC](#) Click on "For Providers" then "Background Checks"

Have licensing questions?  
720-692-4678  
Or email  
[amee.duncan@state.co.us](mailto:amee.duncan@state.co.us)

### Mother/Father/Childcare Read is here!

We're so excited to share this program. The goal of the program is to engage adults in reading with children. It is extremely beneficial for children from birth through third grade.

It focuses on the following themes: Expressing Needs and Feelings, Establishing Independence, Understanding What Families Value, Sharing/Cooperating, and Self-Possibilities. These themes allow families to interact, engage, share, and support each other in a variety of ways.

If you would like to know more about this program, or would like us to come to your home school, center, or preschool, please contact:

[ecclps.pennock@gmail.com](mailto:ecclps.pennock@gmail.com)  
or call our office at **970-526-2440**

**Sunshine Childcare Center, Diane's Childcare and Peetz Little Bulldogs Preschool all completed their Lena Grow courses in November! Way to go!!!**

Any Time is a Great Time to Give Where You Live

## **ECCLPS**

Accepts and appreciates donations throughout the year!

If you would like to donate, go to:

[ECCLPS Colorado Gives](#)

## **~ECCLPS TEAM~**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 - 5:00

ECCLPS Partner Meetings

4th Monday of the Month (September - May)

11:50 AM - 12:50 PM

ECCLPS Professional Development Trainings

4th Monday of the Month (September - May)

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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