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June 2025 Newsletter

Announcements

Our featured provider for June is **Kelli Waterman** of **Kelli's Kiddos**. Kelli has been providing licensed childcare in Sterling for almost 6 years. She has a passion for children, and loves all their different personalities and how they think. She stated, "I have always wanted to work in a preschool or have my own childcare home." Her mom worked in a preschool for years when she was young and she always liked going to work with her on Mondays to see the kids. She also has a cousin in Yuma who provides childcare, and Kelli enjoyed going there and spending time, and helping with her crew. She took a leap of faith and jumped in to do the one thing she loves the most, and here she is. She loves all the children in her care, and says she has met some amazing families along the way. She often provides care for those as young as 3 months, up until they start school, and also provides care during the summer months. Her favorite thing about childcare is that she gets to do what she loves. She feels blessed that the parents put their trust in her to watch their precious children, and she gets to watch them grow and develop through the years. She loves teaching them skills necessary for school, reading to them, having dance parties, interacting with one another, and "Kelli Days" visits from those who have aged out. What a wonderful way to spend your days!

ECCLPS News

*We want to thank all of the Early Childhood Champions who attended the Provider Appreciation celebration at McCauley's on May 9th. Thank you to Michelle McCauley for the delicious dinner, to the comedians for making the trip from Denver to entertain us, and all of you for making the night enjoyable and special. We appreciate all of you more than words could ever express.

*We had a wonderful time celebrating Cinco de Mayo at the courthouse lawn. It was great to see the wide variety of vendors that came out too. There were lots of local resources available, and we signed up 7 more children for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

*Don't miss out on the opportunity to win some cash on June 14th at the first ever ECCLPS Duck Drop! Join us at the NJC Young Farmers Tractor Pull, at the Logan County Fairgrounds, beginning at 6:00 PM. Tickets are available at **NAPA** in advance, \$15 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the night of the event. \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. We'll be selling ducks right up until the drop, so don't miss your chance to get in on the fun! 1 duck for \$5 or 3 ducks for \$10. The first four ducks to make it into the can will win \$100 cash! Thank you to the **NJC Young Farmers, Sterling Fire Department**, and organizer **Dave Lieber** for letting us be a part of this event. Bring the whole family for a really fun night!

Noteworthy Items

****You can use the QR Code below to enroll a child under 5 in the program, and also to donate to our program at any time. Or click www.imaginationlibrary.com**



Please join us on **KPMX 105.7** the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM to stay up to date on what's happening at **ECCLPS**.

[Logan County Events](#)
[Sedgwick County Events](#)
[Phillips County Events](#)
[KPMX 105.7](#)
[Media Logic Radio Events](#)

If you have information you would like us to share in our newsletters, please send to [Aileen](#). You can view past issues of our newsletters [HERE](#)

Here's a friendly reminder that our Lending Library is available for your Family Child Care Home. Check out all the great things we have to offer!

[ECCLPS Lending Library](#)

[Colorado Celebrates Milestone of 2 Million Books Delivered to Kids through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#)

The statewide expansion of the program, ratified in July 2020, now supports the program to reach children in all Colorado ZIP codes.

[Colorado Families May Finally See Statewide Dyslexia Screening](#)

Driven by years of pressure from parents and advocates, Colorado lawmakers are considering a bill that would require all schools to screen early elementary students for signs of dyslexia, an effort supporters say is critical to catching reading struggles before they deepen.

Save the Date

June 4, 11, 18, 25 - **Kids Art Spark**
Fleming Library 506 N Fremont Ave, Fleming
Activities each Wed. call for info **970-265-2046**

June 5, 12, 26 - **Thursday Night Out BBQ**
Stretesy Pavilion Cedar & 2nd, Julesburg
5:30 - 7:00 PM

June 6 - 8 - **Ovid Days**
Main Street Ovid
All day events

June 7 - **Family Fun Day**
Overland Trail Museum, Sterling
Free admission under 12, Adults \$3

June 7 - **Flea Market**
104 South 4th St., Sterling
7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

June 7 - **Inclusive Community Pool Party**
Sterling Rec Center 808 Elm St., Sterling
6:00 - 8:00 PM RSVP to [Tiffany](#) before 6/4/25

June 9 - **Babysitting Basic Training**
ECCLPS Office 100 Broadway, Suite 14
Sterling **Cost \$25**
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM **Bring a sack lunch**

June 14 - **ECCLPS Duck Drop Fundraiser**
Logan County Fairgrounds
Ducks will be dropped during the **NJC Young Farmers Tractor Pull**
6:00 PM Tractor Pull begins

June 14 - **Dandelion Daze**
Phillips County Courthouse, Holyoke
All day event

June 28 - **Plains Community Market**
Stretesy Pavilion Cedar & 2nd, Julesburg
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

July 25, 26 - [Elevate and Educate Summit](#)
3801 MLK Blvd, Denver
8:30 - 4:30 PM Agenda [DETAILS](#)
Registration [INFO](#)

Learning & Development

Conscious Discipline – DJ Batiste

We haven't shared much from Conscious Discipline lately, and this is such a great example of how connection can help change a child's life. As a teacher, you have the power. Take a deeper dive into DJ's story [HERE](#).

Early Childhood in a Changing Climate: What Colorado Caregivers Need to Know

Colorado's children will face more extreme weather events. Caregivers can prepare for these events by creating an [emergency plan](#), and explore [other resources](#), and even [more resources](#).

Infectious Disease Guidelines for Schools and Child Care Settings

Tracking Child Development: A Caregiver's Guide

It's important to remember (and remind parents and other caregivers) that developmental screenings are meant to help identify children who may need extra support, not as a test to pass. You can play a role by sharing this important information with them. If you know a child that needs a little extra support, you can reach out to [Eastern Colorado Services](#) (0-3yo) 970-522-7121, [Early Intervention](#) or [BOCES](#) (3-5yo) 970-521-2271

CU Denver, Early Intervention Colorado, and **Colorado Department of Education** have started **Adapt to Impact**. You can learn more about it [HERE](#). We still have the kits available for check out at the ECCLPS office. If you are interested in checking out one of the kits, please fill out the form [HERE](#).

CDEC has a new website, Raising Colorado Kids, view it [HERE](#)

How Movement and Exercise Help Kids Learn

Exercise stimulates the growth of new neurons, it also increases levels of serotonin, norepinephrine, dopamine, and endorphins that support emotional well-being.

Partner News Links

Chop-Chop Family

[Baby Bear Hugs](#) - Scroll to bottom to subscribe

[Child Care Aware of America](#) - Scroll to bottom to subscribe

[DECC Newsletter](#) - Click to subscribe

[Green Child Magazine](#) - Click to subscribe

[Our Voice](#) - Subscribe

[CDE The SPARK Newsletters](#)

[ELV Newsletter](#)

[Colorado Shines](#) - Subscribe

[Healthy Child Care Colorado](#) - Scroll to bottom to subscribe

[RMPBS](#) - subscribe

[The Scoop](#) - New and past issues online (weekly publication)

[CDEC](#) - [subscribe](#) or [view online](#)

[PDIS](#) - Petey's PDIS Newsletter

[Mealtime Memos](#) from CACFP

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ECCLA [grants and scholarships](#)

CDE [scholarships](#)

CDHE [resources](#)

COAEYC [funding](#)

PDIS [funding](#)

UC Denver [funding](#)

Daniels Fund [scholarship](#)

NJC [scholarships](#) [T-PREP](#)

[CDEC](#) new grants see if you qualify - Applications open now

[CDEC](#) Stimulus Matrix

[Preschool Development Grant 0-5](#)

[FFN Grant](#)

Family Support and Education

Words That Build Skills

How do we help our kids develop the vital skill of emotion regulation? The answer might be simpler than you think - it all starts with the language of emotions.

It Takes Two: The Roots of Language Learning

How do parents help their babies and toddlers learn to communicate – much of it is built on “back and forth” interactions.

The Art of Managing Temper Tantrums

In this insightful interview, Rebecca Woulfe shares expert advice on managing children's temper tantrums, promoting emotional intelligence, and fostering a nurturing family environment.

Q & A: Navigating the “No” Zone

Toddlers are establishing their sense of self and autonomy. They're striving for independence and control over their environment. What this means for YOU is that their behavior feels bossy, difficult, and erratic.

Activities Guide: Enhancing and Practicing Executive Function Skills with Children from Infancy to Adolescence

This 16-page guide describes a variety of activities and games that represent age-appropriate ways for adults to support and strengthen various components of Executive Function and Self-Regulation in children.

Do Kids Grow Out of Learning Disorders?

Learning disorders don't go away, but they can get much easier to manage.

Do Sensory Processing Issues Get Better Over Time?

They may not disappear, but they usually become milder as kids mature, and learn to manage them.

How to Deal with Sibling Rivalry When One Child Learns and Thinks Differently

Here are some reasons why sibling rivalry may be a problem in families with a child who learns and thinks differently. Plus, learn some ways you can help to keep the peace at home.

“Weather” or Not: Nature Play in All Seasons

If you're struggling to find ways to get outdoors in all weather, look no further. [ECHO](#) has put together a list of their favorite ways to have fun in nature in any season.

DIY Natural Insect Repellent with Essential Oils

Here are some natural, homemade bug spray recipes and a few brands that make safe versions in case you're not into DIY.

Child Passenger Safety

As we roll into summer, there are some very important things you should consider when transporting children in vehicles. Of course, child safety seats are number one (Colorado State Patrol troopers in northeast Colorado estimate that about **90%** of seats are installed wrong), but here are some other things to consider. Call **970-522-3741** for a seat check!

Child Health and Well-Being

Five Scenes That Remind Us Why It's Important to Laugh

Playful learning is one of Sesame Street's specialties, and it's always come with a hefty dose of laughs. Whether you're teaching healthy habits, social-emotional skills, or the ABCs, humor can turn a simple lesson into an unforgettable memory.

Favorite Games for Fostering Self-Regulation in 3 to 5-Year-Olds

Games are a great way for kids to practice skills like remembering rules, paying attention, taking turns, flexible thinking and inhibiting impulses – all skills related to self-regulation.

8 Books for Children That Foster a Love of the Natural World

There are so many excellent new books for children that are educational and inspiring. There's a story for every child, whether they're looking for a book that allows them to tangibly interact with nature, learn more about their surroundings, or participate in environmental activism. We recommend checking your local library for these books, and others that are related while you're there.

Reading to Your Child: The Difference it Makes

Shared reading for language development, and creating happy moments.

Children's Fine Motor Skills: Are They Falling Behind?

Experts warn that increased screen time may be hindering children's fine motor skill development, but hands-on activities like drawing, stringing beads, and using Play-Doh can help strengthen these essential skills.

Seeing Children do More with Less

In our consumer-driven society, there are many interests competing for what we use in our work with children. What if we took a step back, and really observed the things that captivate children's attention?

26 Sensory Integration Tools for Meltdown Management

Different types of meltdowns require different approaches. This article is all about sensory meltdowns, often associated with autism and other neurological conditions.

Music and Movement – A Force for Child Development

Here we break down a powerful research base that shows the benefits of music and movement among young children. You will find that increased use of the auditory system and physical activity in response to music exposure can play a major role in children's development.

Guided Chakra Meditation for Beginners and Kids: Inner Rainbow

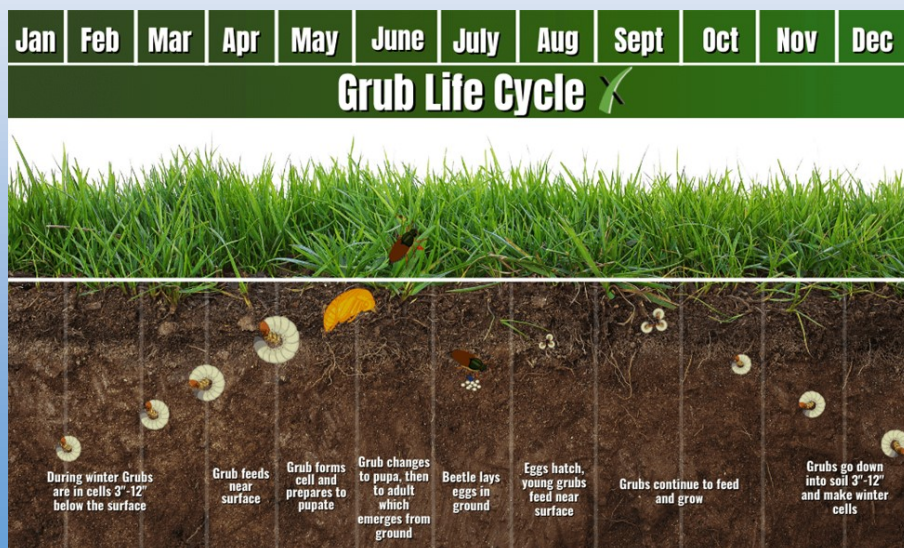
Guided imagery helps your child develop mindfulness and the ability to calm and relax their body and mind at will. Meditation is extremely beneficial for kids, and the scripts are worthwhile tools to help them develop a lifelong appreciation for the power of mindfulness.

June Bug

*The heavy-bodied June bugs vary from .5 – 1 inch and have shiny wing covers (elytra). They are attracted to artificial light, and you will often find them flying under outdoor lights. They feed on foliage and flowers at night, sometimes causing considerable damage. June bug larvae, called white grubs, are about 1 inch long and live in the soil. They can destroy crops such as corn, small grains, potatoes, and strawberries, as well as lawns and pastures by severing grasses from their roots.

*Each female buries between 50 and 200 small pearl-like eggs in the soil. At first, the egg is elliptical, but becomes more spherical as the larvae inside develops. Eggs hatch about 18 days after laying. Most June bugs have a three-year life cycle. Adult beetles emerge during May and June and lay eggs in the soil. Grubs feed during the summer and move deep in the soil to overwinter. Grubs return to the root zone and feed throughout the following summer. June beetle grubs cause most injury during this second season of their life cycle. During spring and early summer of the next year, the grubs complete development, cease feeding, and turn into pupae and adults that remain inactive in the soil. Adult beetles emerge next season. Because of their large size, lawn injury by the beetle grubs can occur from populations of five or fewer grubs per square foot. Adults live less than one year.

*A natural enemy of the June bug is the waved light fly. The female fly, in flight, lays an egg under the beetle's elytra, where it hatches and feeds on the beetle, eventually killing it. A species of bee fly is also a parasite of this genus. The fly larvae feed on the beetle grub in the ground and pupate in the grub cell where they stay over the winter. Wasps are also parasitoids of the grubs. A variety of amphibians, some mammals, such as moles, raccoons and skunks, and birds are known to feed on the grubs. June bug larvae are considered excellent fish bait. Sources [1](#) [2](#) [3](#)





June 14th at the NJC Young Farmers Tractor Pull

Logan County Fairgrounds

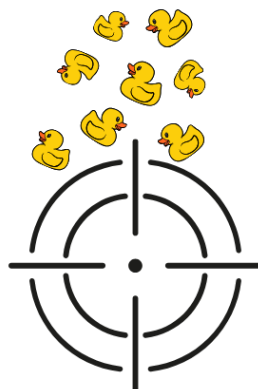
Ducks will be dropped from the top of the fire truck
during the tractor pull

1 duck for \$5 or
3 ducks for \$10

Cash or Venmo QR code
If Venmo, please include phone number

Purchase ducks from
any ECCLPS staff, or
Board member or call
470-526-2440

Make it into the bucket to win!
Up to 4 winners of \$100 each
Need not be present to win



Should we experience weather related issues,
we will reschedule the drop.



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For Additional Information: Dave Lieber 970-580-1278

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SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH 10AM TO 6PM



SPORTS CARDS
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COLLECTIBLE TOYS

For Additional Information: Cody Legg 970-466-1747

**Tickets can be purchased in advance at NAPA - Advance prices - Adults \$15
Children 12 and under \$4. Tickets at the gate - Adults \$20
Children 12 and under \$5**

Holidays and Special Occasions in June

June 1 – [International Children's Day](#)

June 1 – [Oscar the Grouch Day](#)

June 1 – [Stand for Children Day](#)

June 1 – [World Reef Awareness Day](#)

June 5 – [World Environment Day](#)

June 7 – [June Bug Day](#)

June 7 – [National Prairie Day](#)

June 8 – [National Kids Day](#)

June 9 – [Donald Duck Day](#)

June 11 – [National Corn on the Cob Day](#)

June 12 – [Raggedy Ann and Andy Day](#)

June 14 – [Doll Day](#)

June 14 – [Flag Day](#)

June 16 – [Fresh Veggies Day](#)

June 18 – [International Picnic Day](#)

June 18 – [National Fishing Day](#)

June 19 – [Juneteenth](#)

June 19 – [National Garfield the Cat Day](#)

June 20 – [American Eagle Day](#)

June 21 – [National Yard Games Day](#)

June 21 – [Summer Solstice](#)

June 24 – [International Fairy Day](#)

June 24 – [Upcycling Day](#)

June 25 – [National Day of Joy](#)

June 27 – [Helen Keller Day](#)

June 29 – [International Mud Day](#)



Holidays and Special Occasions in June

June 1 – 7 – [National Garden Week](#)

June 7 – 15 – [National Fishing and Boating Week](#)

June 9 – 15 – [National Little League Week](#)

June 15 – 21 – [National Play Catch Week](#)

June 23 – 29 – [Insect Week](#)

June 23 – 29 – [National Pollinator Week](#)

June 25 – July 1 – [National Boys & Girls Club Week](#)



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA**



June is

[African American Appreciation Month](#)

[Child Vision Awareness Month](#)

[Cucumber Month](#)

[National Camping Month](#)

[National Dairy Month](#)

[National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month](#)

[National Oceans Month](#)

[National Pollinator Month](#)

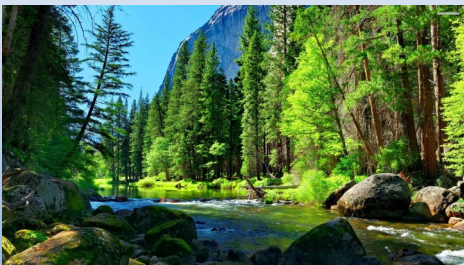
[National Rivers Month](#)

[National Zoo and Aquarium Month](#)

[Oral Health Month](#)

[Perennial Gardening Month](#)

[Potty Training Awareness Month](#)



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ECCLPS

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If you would like to donate, please go to:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 - 4:00

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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