
The Garfield County Human Services Child Care Program supports early childhood professionals in centers and licensed family childcare homes.

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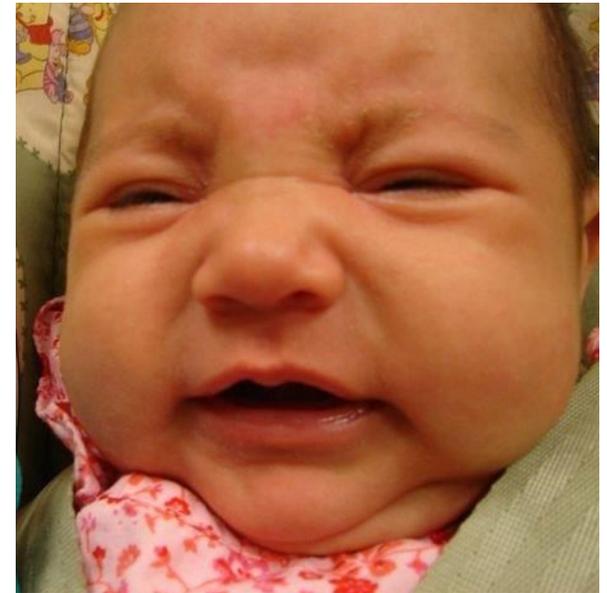
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Did you know...

- More than 85% of brain development takes place in the first five years of life.
- Quality care during a child's early years will have a lifelong impact.
- Garfield County Department of Human Services Childcare Program supports over 50 licensed childcare homes and more than 25 childcare centers.



The Department of Human Services Child Care Program promotes excellence in early childhood programs by providing resources and support for professionals in Garfield County.

Resources include:

- On-site mentoring
- Training and professional development opportunities
- Family childcare home licensing
- Directors' breakfasts
- POD meetings (family childcare providers)
- Childcare quality assessment (ECERS, FCERS and ITERS)
- Social Emotional assessment (DECA)
- Developmental assessments (Ages and Stages Questionnaire)
- Powerful Interactions assessment (CLASS)
- Family partnership development
- Program development and administration support
- Early literacy programs
- Resources for providers

Programs coordinated by the Department of Human Services Childcare Program:

The Early Literacy Program

supports language development in young children by providing books to caregivers and teachers, offering training on literacy topics, and collaborating with the Annual Read With Me week.

The Early Childhood Social Emotional Intervention Program

serves as a resource for early childhood professionals and families in areas of developmentally appropriate practice, addressing challenging behaviors, and personal growth.

The Resource Van

is available to any licensed childcare provider or center in Garfield County. A "lending library on wheels," it includes books and toys for children, curriculum, classroom management, and administration resources for early childhood professionals.

Licensing for family home childcare providers, which includes pre-licensing training, professional development opportunities, and ongoing support.