



MOUNTAIN TRAILS

Early Childhood Education Center
Clear Creek County, Colorado

Where Curiosity Climbs



The Early Childhood Education Challenges in Our Community

Clear Creek County faces a dual crisis: a shortage of qualified early childhood educators and critical support for small home childcare providers. Many home childcare businesses and small centers struggle to access professional development, certification support, and curriculum resources. Meanwhile, career changers seeking meaningful work don't know how to enter the early childhood education field.

Mountain Trails is the solution.

Strengthening the Entire Childcare Ecosystem

Located within Carlson Elementary School, Mountain Trails is expanding early learning in Clear Creek County by opening a high-quality, affordable center for families and by supporting the growth of early childhood professionals throughout the community.

We're creating a place where young children thrive and educators grow.



Our Two Pathways to Impact

Career Changers: A Gateway to Early Childhood Education

Ready for meaningful work that shapes the future? Mountain Trails offers comprehensive support to help you become a licensed early childhood educator.

We Provide:

Complete Certification Support:

Step-by-step guidance through state requirements.

Financial Assistance: Access to scholarships, grants, and tuition support.

Hands-On Training: Internships and practicum hours at local centers.

Childcare During Training: Support for your family while you learn.

Employment: A pathway to become a licensed educator.

Ongoing Professional Development: Continuous learning opportunities and career advancement.

Why Choose Early Childhood Education?

- Growing field with excellent job security
- Competitive wages and comprehensive benefits
- Make a lasting impact on children's development
- Flexible scheduling options
- Supportive, collaborative work environment

In-Home Childcare Providers: A Community Support Network

Running a home childcare or small center?

Mountain Trails is your resource for professional growth, certification support, and curriculum enhancement. If you are considering becoming a home child care provider or looking for home care in Colorado, it's highly recommended to consult the official resources from the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) for the most up-to-date and specific information.

Our Outreach Programs Include:

Certification Assistance: Help navigating state licensing and educator certification requirements.

Professional Development: Workshops, training sessions, and continuing education opportunities.

Curriculum Resources: Age-appropriate learning materials and activity guides.

Best Practices Sharing: Expertise from our experienced team on safety, regulations, and enrichment.

Networking Opportunities: Connect with other providers for collaboration and support.

Child Development Guidance: Training on developmental milestones and individualized care approaches.

Benefits for Your Business:

- Enhanced credibility through improved certifications
- Better prepared children transitioning to elementary school
- Increased parent confidence and satisfaction
- Access to professional resources typically available only to larger centers
- Community recognition as a quality provider

Community Impact: *Every Child, Every Provider*

Mountain Trails Strengthens Clear Creek County by:

Elevating All Early Childhood Education:

Supporting quality improvement across every type of childcare setting, from home-based care, to family-friends-neighbors caregivers, and to large centers.

Building a Professional Network: Creating connections between providers, sharing resources, and fostering collaboration throughout the community.

Addressing the Teacher Shortage: Training and employing qualified educators while supporting existing providers' professional growth.

Leveraging Our Environment: Sharing outdoor education expertise and mountain-inspired learning approaches with all community providers.

Supporting Economic Development: Strengthening the entire childcare ecosystem to attract families and businesses to Clear Creek County.



The Mountain Trails Difference:

Community-Centered Approach: We succeed when the entire childcare ecosystem thrives, not just our Mountain Trails center.

Local Expertise: Our team understands the unique needs of Clear Creek County families and providers.

Comprehensive Support: From individual career changes to business development, we provide end-to-end assistance

Outdoor Education Focus: Specialized training in mountain-inspired learning that leverages our natural environment.

Sustainable Growth: Building long-term capacity for quality early childhood education regardless of size or type of provider throughout the county.



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Ready to Join the Mountain Trails Community?

For Families: Stay tuned for opening date and enrollment announcements

For Career Seekers: Learn about our educator training programs



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