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**Colorado Early Education Network  
Head Start and Early Head Start**



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## What is CEEN Head Start and Early Head Start?

CEEN Head Start and Early Head Start is a federally funded program serving eligible children in Weld County with preschool, infant toddler care and family services at no cost to qualifying families.

Colorado Early Education Network (CEEN) provides Head Start and Early Head Start center-based services in Weld County, Colorado. Many of the communities served are small, rural, and separated by large distances; the largest community is the city of Greeley.

CEEN Head Start and Early Head Start is a comprehensive program that focuses on early childhood development, health, nutrition, mental health, family partnerships and works extensively with families and children with disabilities.

CEEN has 11 centers located in Weld County; centers are located in Greeley, and La Salle. CEEN Head Start and Early Head Start serves eligible children, 6 weeks-5 years of age, throughout Weld County.



## Education and Early Childhood Development

CEEN recognizes that children have individual rates of development as well as different interests, cultural backgrounds, and learning styles. Our curriculum supports the need for individualized activities, helps to build social relationships, enhances the child's understanding of self, and provides for the development of kindergarten readiness skills.

## Health

The Health Area works in collaboration with various agencies to provide a broad range of medical and dental services. Health and nutrition education are provided to parents to promote sound physical child development.

## Mental Health

CEEN promotes the philosophy of mental wellness. A Mental Health Consultant schedules regular visits to each classroom. Individual services are available for children and their families via contracted Mental Health providers as needed.

## Disabilities

CEEN encourages children with disabilities to enroll into Head Start and Early Head Start. Throughout the program year, CEEN screens and observes all children to identify any special needs. CEEN arranges services to be provided for children with disabilities at no cost to the parents.

## Family Partnerships/Parent Involvement

CEEN Head Start considers parents an integral part of the total staff; we support them in their role as parents, and jointly develop goals for their children.

Parent participation is also encouraged in the decision-making process of their children's education, as well as decisions concerning the overall planning of the program through the Policy Council. CEEN offers a literacy program at several locations or through referrals to other agencies.

Community Partnerships are key to the success of CEEN. We work directly with various social agencies to obtain needed assistance for families, and provide them with social services and educational training, to enable them to improve the quality and condition of their lives.

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