



May Newsletter 2021



Upcoming events:

Mother's Day May 7th as a special treat to all of our amazing mamas, we will have coffee, tea, and pastries to-go. This is a small token of our appreciation for your hard work and dedication! Please look for the table and grab what you would like before you head off to make that bacon! *"Mother, there is no other, so treat her right, you've got to treat her right!"* -Mr.T (We pity the fool who don't treat their mama right!)

Graduation is May 26th at 6pm. We are doing our 2nd annual drive-through preschool graduation. We have asked the graduating families to decorate their vehicles and join us for this awesome graduation car parade. Invitations will be sent out shortly. We will be celebrating two honorary graduates as well: Mrs. Bailey is receiving her Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education and Ms. Morgan our High School Aide, is graduating from GSHS. Congrats to Mrs. Leigh who has completed her Director Certification! A giant congratulations go out to all of our graduates. We are so proud of you and what you have accomplished, and we are excited to see what you do in the future.

Shout outs! A huge thank you to the Baker and Salinas family for spending a Saturday working on our yard. You guys made it look so great and got rid of so many pine needles. Thank you! To our other Salinas family, for coming in on a Saturday to fix our water damaged floors in the toddler room. To the Martinez family, for donating an electric washing machine to the school, thank you so much for the energy efficient upgrade! To our new neighbors, All Kids Dental, who have been turning the property next door into a parking lot. Not only did our kiddos have the best seats to watch the demo and role play what they saw, but they also used their equipment to move dirt on our inground slide, so now it actually is in the ground. Thank you, All Kids Dental!!



Safety tips: About Mandatory Reporters

Mandatory reporters are **professionals or volunteers** who work with children and youth. They are **required by law** to report suspicion of child abuse and neglect.



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Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect:

Physical Abuse is any non-accidental physical injury (ranging from minor bruises to severe fractures or death) as a result of punching, beating, kicking, biting, shaking, throwing, stabbing, choking, hitting (with a hand, stick, strap, or other object), burning, or otherwise harming a child.

Sexual Abuse, what is sexual abuse? Under Colorado law—C.R.S. Section 16-22-102(9)—sexual abuse includes: fondling a child's genitals, penetration, incest, rape, sodomy, indecent exposure.

Emotional Abuse is a pattern of behavior that impairs a child's emotional development or sense of self-worth. It may include constant criticism, threats, rejection, withholding of love, support, or guidance.

Neglect is the failure of a parent, legal guardian, or custodian to provide for a child's basic needs. It's the only form of maltreatment where the relationship of the perpetrator to the child is specified in law.

Educational neglect is the failure of a parent or caregiver to enroll a child of mandatory school age in school or to provide appropriate homeschooling. Educational neglect also includes inattention to a child's special educational needs or allowing chronic truancy to occur.

Emotional neglect is a pattern of behavior that impairs a child's emotional development or sense of self-worth. Emotional neglect may include constant criticism, threats, or rejection, as well as withholding love, support, or guidance.

Physical neglect is failure to provide for a child's basic survival needs, such as nutrition, clothing, shelter, hygiene, and medical care. Physical neglect may also involve inadequate supervision and other forms of reckless disregard of the child's safety and welfare.

Medical neglect is failure to seek medical or dental treatment for a child. It is also failure to comply with medical advice for a health problem that, if untreated, could be a danger to the child. Medical neglect includes both denial of health care and delay in health care.

Exposure to Domestic Violence Children or youth who live in a home where domestic violence occurs are also at increased risk of abuse or neglect. When we think about domestic violence, we often focus on physical danger resulting from incidents of violence. But domestic violence perpetrators hurt children and youth in many other ways. While some children or youth appear to be resilient, others may be deeply impacted by the perpetrator's actions. These children or youth may display behaviors including aggression, anxiety, depression, PTSD, and educational and social problems.

Car-seat safety: Infants must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are 1 year old and weigh at least 20 pounds in the rear seat of the vehicle. Children who are older than 1 year old and weigh more than 20 pounds must be properly restrained in a rear-facing or forward-facing car seat. Children between the ages of 4 and 8 years old (through their 8th birthday) must continue to ride in a child restraint. This can be a five-point harness child safety seat for younger children or a booster that uses the vehicle's lap and shoulder seat belt as kids get older and bigger.

Colorado Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline
844-CO-4-Kids
Available 24 hours a day, every day. Don't hesitate to call and get help. Anyone witnessing a child in a life-threatening situation should call 911 immediately.

Let's work together to keep our kiddos safe, healthy and happy.