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New Staff

Welcome new staff!

As many of you know when we started the school year in August we started out with several different positions open. As of February 27 The Children's Center is fully staffed for the first time in almost two years! I thought now would be good time to give you a brief introduction to each of our new staff.

Patti was the first to join us at the end of October in the Sunlight Room as a lead teacher. Patti comes to us with almost 20 years of experience in the early childhood field. She began her career here at The Children's Center in 1998 and worked here for 5 years, until she moved in to the Director position at Colorado Academy for 12 years. Patti has 5 grandchildren and enjoys the mountains and reading.

Cindy was the second to join us in November as a lead teacher in the Garden Room. Cindy has more than 20 years of experience in the field of early childhood and worked here at the Children's Center from August of 1999 to August of 2009. When Cindy's children were in preschool she spent so much time volunteering in the classroom she was asked to step back so that other parents could volunteer. She was fascinated watching the children

learn and grow. Cindy has two grown children, a son and a daughter as well as two dogs. Cindy loves gardening and is an avid bird watcher.

Marilyn joined the team in December as an assistant in the River Rock Room. Marilyn has a background in graphic design and owned her own graphic design firm for several years before deciding on a career change into the field of early childhood education. Marilyn has two grown children who are both in the army reserves, her daughter is a student at the University of North Dakota and her son is married and has a brand new baby Arlo who was born December 31.

The newest member to our team is Tara who just started on February 27 as an assistant in the Sunlight Room. Tara is an honorably discharged veteran from the US Navy and I know that I thank her for her service! Tara is fairly new to Colorado she has been here just two years. Tara has a B.A. from Humboldt State University. Tara loves basketball and although she can often be found at Nuggets games her favorite team is the Lakers. Tara spent a year working at the Child Development Center at Buckley Air Force Base before joining our team.

Hearing, Vision, and Speech Screenings

Hearing, Vision, and Speech Screenings The Children's Center has been offered and amazing opportunity to offer families hearing, vision, and speech

screenings on April 12 and 13 between 9:30 and 11:30. The screenings will be offered to children two years and older for \$10.00 per child. There will be more details to follow soon.

Upcoming Closures

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Just a reminder that The Children's Center will be closed on Friday March 17 for teachers to attend The Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference.

Early Closure this month is on Friday March 24 (note this is not the typical last Friday of the month)

Some of you have asked about the closure week in August which will be the week of August 14-18

Teacher Appreciation

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Teacher Appreciation Week falls on the week of May 1 through the 5 this year and I would love to put a committee together to show the teachers some love this year. If there is an interest, I

would also love to be able to provide some love on a monthly basis. If you are interested in participating please send me an email at susan.padgett@rrcc.edu Thanks in advance for your help!

Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.

Rita Pierson

NECPA Accreditation

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The Children's Center is continually looking for ways to improve our skills with the children and our services to you. As a part of this process we are seeking accreditation through NECPA (National Early Childhood Program Accreditation). We are beginning the

self-study process and family surveys will be coming out soon! Please keep an eye out for the surveys, they will better help us to better serve you.