



EVCCA

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TUITION &

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Introduction

For the Children

In general, monthly tuition fees are vital for supporting quality early care and education. They provide a stable income stream that covers operating costs, including staff salaries, facility maintenance, and educational resources. Tuition fees enable our childcare centers to attract and retain qualified staff by offering competitive wages and benefits, fostering staff morale, and reducing turnover. These fees also contribute to creating nurturing and stimulating learning environments through investments in resources and facility maintenance.

Additionally, tuition fees support curriculum development, individualized attention through lower staff-child ratios, and continuous quality improvement efforts. Overall, monthly tuition fees play a crucial role in ensuring financial sustainability and delivery of high-quality early care and education programs.



Furthermore, tuition fees enable our centers to invest in research-based curriculum materials, program development, and innovative teaching methods. This ensures thoughtful curriculum planning and individualized learning experiences, promoting cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development in children.

As a non-profit organization, EVCCA seeks to keep tuition rates affordable for local working families. Thus, tuition is calculated to cover the cost of providing quality care, education, and essential services for children in our programs. Annual quality improvements and advancements in equitable teacher compensation are covered with grants, fundraising, and community donations.

You can learn more about how your tuition supports your center in the financials section of this handbook. Information about scholarships is available in the Financial Assistance section.

Tuition Rates

<i>Infants/toddlers</i>		
# Days/week	Tuition	Standard Scholarship Tuition*
5	\$1980/month (\$90/day)	\$1456/month (\$67/day)
4	\$1488/month (\$93/day)	\$1225/month (\$70/day)
3	\$1248/month (\$96/day)	\$942/month (\$73/day)
2	\$882/month (\$98/day)	\$653/month (\$75/day)
1	\$394/month (\$101/day)	\$343/month (\$78/day)

<i>Preschool</i>		
# Days/week	Tuition	Standard Scholarship Tuition*
5	\$1495/month (\$68/day)	\$1275/month (\$58/day)
4	\$1245/month (\$71/day)	\$1070/month (\$61/day)
3	\$949/month (\$73/day)	\$819/month (\$63/day)
2	\$685/month (\$76/day)	\$595/month (\$66/day)
1	\$340/month (\$79/day)	\$340/month (\$69/day)

Standard Scholarship Tuition

We are pleased to offer the Standard Scholarship Tuition, a subsidized rate available to all families without any questions asked. All you have to do is request this rate; no application is required. This program reduces tuition by 20-30%, allowing more families to access our high-quality childcare services at an affordable cost. We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to thrive, and the Standard Scholarship Tuition helps us create an inclusive and supportive environment for all families.



Other Fees

Fee Description	Amount
Initial Registration	\$125 (charged at initial enrollment)
Annual Re-registration	\$85 (charged annually in January)
Late Payment	\$50/month after the due date
Late Pick-up	\$1/minute after 5:30pm
Special Field Trip Fee	TBA / dependent on field trip planned & cost of admittance, etc.
Incomplete Volunteer Hours	\$10 per hour not completed (charged December 29)

Please note: Withdrawal Notice

Families are required to give a thirty day notice to withdraw their child. This notice should be emailed to the Director. Families who do not provide thirty days' notice will be charged for thirty days following notice regardless of the child's attendance.



Tuition Assistance

There are several options available to families in need of tuition assistance in addition to the Standard Scholarship Tuition.

CCCAP

Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) provides childcare assistance to families needing childcare services to support their efforts toward self-sufficiency. CCCAP provides eligible families with children under the age of thirteen (13) access to reduced-cost childcare at licensed childcare facilities or qualified unlicensed providers during employment, job search, or school/college. Learn more about eligibility guidelines and how to apply in our FAQs.

Scholarships

We know that childcare costs can be burdensome even for families who do not qualify for CCCAP. That's why families in need of additional tuition assistance are encouraged to apply for scholarships available thanks to generous support from the Town of Vail and the Buell Foundation. With these scholarships, the goal is to reduce tuition to no more than 10% of the family's income. All scholarship funds are processed on a first come-first served basis. Scan the QR code to the right to access the 2024 application for EVCCA Scholarships.



Universal Preschool (UPK)

UPK Colorado is administered by the newly-created Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC). Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, families in Colorado can receive at least 15 hours per week of free, voluntary preschool for 4-year-olds through the Universal Preschool (UPK) Colorado program. 3-year-olds with qualifying factors are eligible for 10 free hours per week **from district preschools**. All children who turn four on or before 10/1 are eligible for a "half-day program" (15-20 hours covered per week). Families receive \$6,062.05 tuition credit per year. Children that are four on or before 10/1 AND have one qualifying factor are eligible for "full-day program" (30-40 hours covered per week). Families receive \$10,762.67 tuition credit per year. Qualifying factors include: Household income below 270% of the 2023 federal poverty guideline, Individualized Education Program (IEP), homelessness, dual language learner, and foster/Kinship care. Families seeking additional hours based on income are required to submit proof of income documentation.

Discounts

EVCCA offers few discounts because we strive to keep tuition as affordable as possible. However, two discounts are available in cases where EVCCA can pass on savings to families.

Cash/check/ACH

All families can access a 2% discount by paying via cash, check, or ACH (direct bank payments). Cash/check/ACH discount will be applied the month following enrollment in one of these payment options

Sibling Discount

Families with siblings enrolled automatically qualify for a 5% family discount off the eldest sibling's tuition. Discounts are applied automatically the following month once a qualifying payment method is set or a sibling is enrolled. Please note that the Sibling Discount is not available at this time for families with Business Partner discounts.



Help keep tuition low

From volunteering to making a sustaining tuition gift, families have many opportunities each year to help keep tuition prices affordable for all. Contact Sarah for more information on any of these options or to set up your participation.

Volunteer Teacher Aide

Volunteer Teacher Aides complete the childcare background checks and basic training so that they can assist teachers in the classroom on an occasional basis.

Sustaining Tuition Gifts

Families contributing monthly or annual sustaining tuition gifts play a vital role in sustaining our childcare programs, allowing more of our grants, donations, and fundraising to go toward quality improvement, equitable teacher compensation, and support for families in financial hardship.

Suggested gift amounts: Infant - \$20/day | Toddler - \$15/day | Preschool - \$10/day

While the above amounts result in families covering the real cost of tuition, monthly tuition gifts of any amount are deeply appreciated and helpful! These **tax-deductible gifts** are available to families paying base or standard scholarship tuition. Tax receipts will be sent automatically at the end of the year.

Join the Board of Directors

The EVCCA Board of Directors meets virtually on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 8:30 to 10:00 AM. The Board is responsible for financial and policy oversight of the organization, and directors assist the Executive Director with weighing major organizational decisions, planning for fundraisers, crafting policy changes, and setting organizational direction.

Assist with a Fundraiser

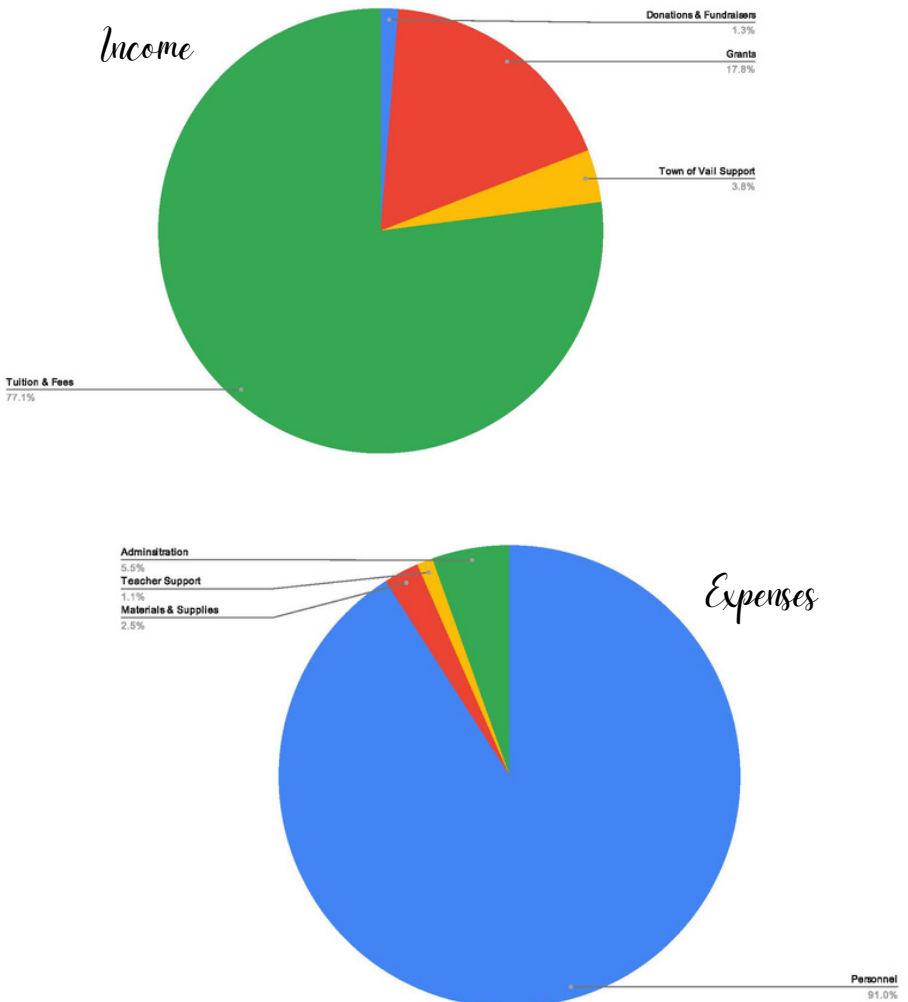
EVCCA hosts several fundraisers each year, including our Alter Ego event in October and a Scholastic Book Fair in November. We are also working to add an annual art show fundraiser in the Spring and bring back Breakfast with Santa in November.

Donate Materials

Each Center can provide you with a wishlist of items they need. These are typically "nice to have" items that will enhance learning, but are not necessary and therefore may not fit in the budget that year.

EVCCA budget breakdown

Wondering where all your tuition money goes? Curious about how much of our budget is made up by tuition and fees? Take a peek...



Become an Advocate!

Advocating for more affordable childcare and greater support for making childcare affordable is an endeavor that parents can get involved in. It's unfortunately not enough for providers to advocate for change; families need to share their stories, too! Here are three key actions parents can take to promote this cause:

- 1. Raise Awareness:** One of the most effective ways parents can advocate for affordable childcare is by raising awareness about the issue. Share your personal stories and experiences related to childcare costs with others in the community. Organize local meetings or join existing parent groups to discuss the challenges faced by families when it comes to affordability. Utilize social media platforms, local newspapers, and community bulletin boards to spread the message and create a dialogue. By mobilizing parents and community members, you can build a stronger voice for change.
- 2. Engage with Local and National Representatives:** To drive policy changes, parents can actively engage with their elected officials at both local and national levels. Research your representatives' positions and track their voting records on childcare-related matters. Write letters, make phone calls, and arrange meetings to express your concerns and demand action. Share specific proposals for affordable childcare, such as increased subsidies, tax credits, or public funding for early childhood education.
- 3. Get involved with Advocacy Organizations:** Joining forces with advocacy organizations that focus on childcare affordability can amplify your efforts. Seek out local or national groups dedicated to this cause and offer your support. These organizations often have established networks, resources, and expertise in advocating for affordable childcare. By aligning with them, you can gain access to valuable information, guidance, and strategies for effecting change. A few example organizations include Colorado Children's Campaign, Child Care Aware, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Remember that change takes time, persistence, and collective action. By raising awareness, engaging with representatives, and collaborating with advocacy organizations, parents can be powerful advocates for more affordable childcare in our community and beyond.



FAQs

When is tuition posted each month?

Sarah manually posts tuition each month. Her goal is to have it done by the 5th of each month, but sometimes other tasks, like keeping classrooms open in the event of teacher illness, take priority. If you ever check your tuition on or after the 5th and don't see anything posted, please reach out to Sarah, Liza, or Romina.

When is my tuition payment due?

Tuition payments are due by the 10th of each month. Prompt payment ensures we have the funds we need to pay our teachers!

How do I sign up for automatic credit card or ACH payments?

You can either stop by the front desk/office with your credit card or checking information (account number and routing number) for Sarah, Liza, or Romina to enroll you, or you can ask that a link be emailed to you so that you can enroll yourself. Just be aware that self-service links are only valid for 24 hours.

How do I apply for additional scholarships?

Use the QR code on the 'Tuition Assistance' page of this document to go directly to the application. Alternatively, you can email Sarah and ask her to send you a link via email.

What if I'm not sure if I would qualify for a scholarship?

Apply anyways! You can also check your income eligibility by emailing Sarah with your projected gross income for the year.

I want to change from paying full tuition to the standard scholarship tuition. How do I do that?

That's just fine! We understand that families' financial situations can change. Email Sarah at Sarah@eaglevalleychildcare.org and she'll take care of that on the next billing cycle.

We're experiencing a family emergency/crisis. Is there any way you can help with tuition just for a few months?

Yes! Please reach out to Sarah to share your specific situation and needs so that she can share options that may help. We're committed to supporting *every family*, and that means supporting you in the tough times and the smooth.

Why does tuition keep going up? Is that ever going to stop?

We raise tuition each year to keep up with inflation and the need to increase staff compensation to more equitable levels. Unfortunately, tuition increases did not meet these needs for several years during the pandemic, and we are now playing catch-up. So, while you can expect to continue to see modest tuition increases each year, our goal is to have less dramatic increases in future years.

FAQs

How do I apply for CCCAP?

To Apply for CCCAP, you can call (970) 328-8840 or visit the Eagle County Department of Human Services, located at 551 Broadway Street, Eagle, CO 81631. Families may also apply through Colorado Peak: colorado.gov/peak. For assistance with your application, please contact your Site Director.

What are the income guidelines to qualify for CCCAP?

Applicants must be under the income guidelines and in an eligible activity to receive daycare assistance:

Family Size	Maximum Monthly Gross Income*:
2	\$3,585.71
3	\$4,510.04
4	\$5,434.38
5	\$6,358.71
6	\$7,283.04
7	\$8,207.38
8	\$9,131.71
9	\$10,056.04

*Gross income means all income before taxes or deductions. Guidelines are subject to change.

I have a question not covered here. What should I do?

Start out by talking with your Site Director. Chances are, they have the answers you're looking for. If they don't know or are unable to help, they'll find the answer and get back to you or refer you to Sarah.