



## The Early Childhood Career Navigation Team

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### What is early childhood career navigation?

Early childhood career navigation helps individuals make informed education and career choices. Career development is a cycle with different parts. An individual can go through the cycle multiple times through the course of a career. Once individuals know and recognize their value, they can explore options, plan their actions and create their future! The Career Navigation Team can help with any or all parts of the cycle.



### Supporting Early Childhood Professionals

The Early Childhood Career Navigation Team can help with:

- **Clarifying** pathways and becoming qualified to be an early childhood teacher or family childcare provider
- **Guiding** professionals toward educator preparation/degree programs and college courses
- **Finding** options for financial resources to help pay for the cost of higher education
- **Stewarding and paying for** the cost of international transcript evaluation
- **Locating and enrolling** in professional development to build on strengths or fill in gaps in knowledge and/or skill
- **Providing** wellness resources
- **Connecting** professionals to their early childhood community

### Mission

The Early Childhood Career Navigation Team uses knowledge, intention, and collaboration to inclusively guide, connect and support individuals in the pursuit of a career in the field of early childhood education.



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## Supporting Partnerships

There are several entities that are doing early childhood career navigation, either formally or informally. The Early Childhood Career Navigation Team will provide backbone support for a community of practice to bring together these entities to share knowledge, maximize our effort and reduce duplication. Members of the Early Childhood Career Navigation Team will also sit at various policy tables to add the career navigation perspective to the conversation.

**To talk to a career navigator, please email: [EceCareerNav@cde.state.co.us](mailto:EceCareerNav@cde.state.co.us)**

We are available evenings/weekends by appointment and assistance for Spanish speakers can also be provided!