

April 21, 2026



Family Resource Center Association



Welcome to Colorado Fatherhood Network (CFN)'s April newsletter. Through this communication, the CFN is excited to bring you news and resources to connect to other statewide providers and learn the latest best practices in fatherhood work. Please let us know if you have celebrations or resources to share with others by emailing us at [aschaffer@cofamilycenters.org](mailto:aschaffer@cofamilycenters.org).

## Network Updates

### CFN Data and Evaluation Committee

The CFN's Data and Evaluation Committee has begun meeting to plan a data and evaluation project for the network - but it's not too late for you to join! If you are interested in shaping the data and evaluation work of the network, join our next meeting on May 21 from 2-3:30pm.

Contact Alexa for more information.

### April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

You are probably seeing blue pinwheels in your community this month as the [Pinwheels of Possibility](#) campaign launched in Colorado and throughout the nation. Spinning pinwheels remind us what support for families can look like, with families at the center of

the wheel, and programs, policies and systems spinning around them to help them thrive. FRCA staff kicked off Child Abuse Prevention Month with a trip to the Capitol for the Pinwheels in the Chambers event.



## Program Resources

### Jefferson County Law Day

**MEET WITH AN ATTORNEY  
ABOUT YOUR LEGAL ISSUE**



**NATIONAL LAW DAY**

FREE legal advice and resources will be available at Jefferson County Law Day, May 6, 2026 from 9am-3pm. No registration required!

[More information is available on the flyer, here.](#)



### Research Study Seeking Participants

A research study by Johns Hopkins Medicine and Public Health is seeking first-time expectant dads to participate in a research study. Participants will be compensated.

[For more details, see flyer here.](#)



## Kindergarten Readiness: Take Flight Together!

This resource, created by the Ohio Department of Children & Youth, provides activities for kids age birth - 5 to prepare for kindergarten. This is a great resource to share with families of young children.

[Access the activity book here.](#)



## Energy Assistance through LEAP

The Colorado Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) helps eligible families pay a portion of their winter home heating costs. The benefit is accepting applications for the season through April 30, 2026. Learn more information, including how to apply, at the link below.

[Colorado LEAP Information](#)

## Research and News

### The Beautiful Irony of Leading a Fatherhood Program

Check out [this new article](#), posted on the National Fatherhood Initiative website, by a fatherhood practitioner.



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## Apply now to be an advisor on the Colorado Department of Early Childhood's Rules Advisory Council!

The [Early Childhood Leadership Commission](#) is leading the search for the Colorado Department of Early Childhood's (CDEC) advisors to serve on the [Rules Advisory Council \(RAC\)](#).

[Learn more about the RAC here!](#)

Apply here by May 8, 2026

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### Registration is Open!

The Strengthening Colorado Families & Communities Conference is scheduled for August 26 - 28th in Keystone.

Register before July 3, 2026 to receive the early bird registration discount. Check out the [conference website](#) to stay up to date on the great line-up being created and make sure to plan ahead for this year's conference theme: *Stronger Together: Inspiring Change, Nurturing Hope*.



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### Pinwheels for Prevention®

April is a time for organizations and individuals to take collective action using shared messaging and a shared campaign toolkit to raise awareness for the prevention of child maltreatment.



The [Pinwheels for Prevention® 2026 Toolkit](#) is now available. In the toolkit, you'll find: a messaging guide to help share strength-based prevention messages; ready-to-use graphics and sample social media posts; a campaign flyer; a template press release; and more! For questions, email [info@illuminatecolorado.org](mailto:info@illuminatecolorado.org).

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***Submissions for this monthly newsletter are always welcome and appreciated. Please send any resources,***

***research or news relevant to fathers in Colorado and those who work with them [here](#) any time!***

**ABOUT THE NETWORK:** The Colorado Fatherhood Network is a father-focused, statewide, systems-level professional network for practitioners and programs working with fathers and families. The CFN provides connections, resources, education, evaluation, and advocacy to advance the field of Fatherhood and Family Services.



### **Dad Joke of the Month:**

Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants? In case he got a hole-in-one.

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