

## Colorado Kids 1st license plates support Early Childhood Council

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The new Colorado Kids 1st license plate is available in Logan, Phillips and Sedgwick County throughout the months of June, July and August. One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit ECCLPS.

The local Early Childhood Councils provide an efficient, community-based infrastructure to support a state-wide early childhood system. They are rooted in the values of community, collaboration and leadership on behalf of children from birth through age 8. We are working together as an innovative network that links practice to policy and child to community.

ECCLPS received a grant from Colorado Kids 1st in the amount of \$1,000 to purchase child safety seats for the children in our community. The drawing for those car seats will be Tuesday, June 23. Register to win in Sterling at Sun Mart or the Sterling Recreation Center, in Holyoke at the Holyoke Marketplace, in Haxtun at Haxtun Super and in Julesburg at the Julesburg Family Market.

The license plate is sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Research and Prevention Institute (RMRPI), a non-profit organization which serves as a funding resource for child-related health and safety programs throughout Colorado.

According to Dr. Lisa Van Bramer, RMRPI director, "The Colorado Kids 1st license plate is intended to raise statewide awareness about children's health and safety and to raise money to further that effort. Our overall goal is to help keep Colorado communities healthy and safe."

For every license plate donation at which the Early Childhood Council of Logan, Phillips and Sedgwick County's (ECCLPS) name is listed as the referring organization, \$30 will go directly to ECCLPS. And as a bonus, ECCLPS is also eligible to apply for grants from RMRPI.

They are hopeful the Colorado Kids 1st license plates sold during June through August will not only raise awareness for child health and safety programming in Colorado, but will also raise valuable dollars to support the organization locally.

To obtain a Colorado Kids 1st license plate the vehicle owner must make a one-time \$30 tax-deductible donation to the Colorado Kids 1st Fund c/o RMRPI. Donations can be made through the website [www.coloradokids1st.org](http://www.coloradokids1st.org) or by calling 303-808-0278.

In exchange for this donation, individuals will receive an eligibility certificate.

They then take the certificate and the following items to the DMV: driver's license, vehicle title or registration, proof of insurance, current plates off of their vehicles and a one-time \$50 fee to the State of Colorado.

There is no need to wait until your license plate tags expire to get the new Kids 1st plates. The DMV will apply the fees you have already paid to your new license plate tags.

For more information about this program, contact Kathy Reinhardt at 970-526-2440.