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## HOME

Contemporary classics find a home on the Range.

### Hood Life

Getting to know five fab localities.

## 2ND ANNUAL SUPER KIDS

It's your field guide to being a kid in Boulder County. Welcome to the jungle.

### Swim Fan

In deep water with the makers of Oscar-winner *The Cove*.

### New MacDonald Has a Farm

Locavore movement inspire a new crop of growers.





# Decisions, Decisions

If you're having trouble finding a place for your little angel, we've selected a few child-care providers and asked some basic questions...so you don't have to.

 	<b>Blue Mountain Montessori</b> (Kelly Merkel, owner)	<b>Boulder Day Nursery</b> (Bethany Burns, program director)	<b>Mommies Helping Mommies Nursery &amp; Domestic</b> (Heather Lowrance, founder and director)	<b>Bright Star Homecare</b> (Rhonda Griffis, assistant director of HR and schedules)	<b>Mountain View Preschool</b> (Donna McNellis, preschool director)
 <b>Between what ages do you take in?</b>	2.5 years–kindergarten	6 weeks–6 years	Newborns–15-year-olds	Any age	2.5–6
 <b>Price ranges</b>	Schedules change weekly, so do the prices	Depends on income	\$500–\$2,000, depending on needs	\$25/hr and up	\$1,818–\$3,636/year (on tuition only)
 <b>Best advice for children with separation anxiety</b>	Setting up a routine goodbye helps the child get comfortable	It's important to feel comfortable right off the bat. We emphasize an open-door policy. Come whenever you want.	Establish a relationship with the nanny before you leave, and make a shorter goodbye time.	Gradually ease the kids into a routine of not having the parents there.	We encourage the parents to stay in the classrooms on some day, so the child can build trust in their teachers
 <b>What are the education requirements of your staff?</b>	Montessori-certified	Teachers must have early childhood development degree or like-study	High school diploma, needs to be pursuing a career in childcare and have 3–5 years experience	Background checks, most staff are CNA certified	Bachelor's or master's degree in early childhood development
 <b>What is one thing a parent should look for when choosing child-care?</b>	A clean environment. A well-cared for environment equals well-cared for kids.	Children should feel comfortable and safe. Also look for low turnover and low teacher-to-child ratios.	Experience and references. We usually call three personal and professional references, none of which can be family.	Trust in company and workers. If you don't feel right about a certain provider, just don't do it.	Proper licensing. Also getting the feel for the environment by walking into a classroom.
 <b>What makes your service unique?</b>	Teaching staff is dedicated. They're here because this is their passion.	We've been here since 1917, and emphasize relationship with family.	We have an 89 percent success rate for long-term nannies	We fulfill medical needs if necessary.	Teachers do home visits to get that one-on-one time in with the child
 <b>Anything you specialize in?</b>	Catering to the child and their individual needs.	Focus is on the child's social and emotional well-being	Provide families with a live-in or live-out nanny	We're your back-up plan. We can have a worker at your door within 24 hours.	We're a play-based child develop with an emphasis on literacy and fine arts.
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