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## Dates & Deadlines

- November 3 - Conference Day
- November 6 - First Aid/CPR
- November 10 - GOLD Fall Checkpoint
- November 20-24 - Thanksgiving Break
- **November/December - all classrooms should be completing self-assessments for CO-Shines alternative pathways**



## Resources & Research

The Denver Early Childhood Council is hosting a class and forum about how to build effective school and family partnerships. The forum has four sessions starting on 11/4/17 and is being held at the History Colorado Center. The event is free and will be continuing through April 2018.



## Important Announcements

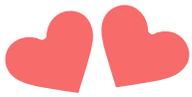
### **ACTION: CO-Shines Alternative Pathways Requirements**

As you may know, the early childhood programs of Denver Public Schools were granted an Alternative Pathway to Colorado Shines. That means that our ECE programs are automatically granted a 4 diamond rating as long as we maintain a 4 diamond quality throughout all our schools. In order to ensure that this quality is maintained, **the early education department will have representatives formally review our programs every other year.** Because it is possible for Colorado Shines representatives to spot check at any time, **all schools, whether in a rating year or not, will need to maintain the quality standards.**

**ALL ECE teachers are expected to complete the self-assessment process (attached), by December 21, 2017**

### **ACTION: Join Schoology DPS ECE Curriculum & Best Practice Group**

Newly added to the Schoology DPS ECE Curriculum and Best Practice Group: Resources for Families! This folder will be an ever growing and changing place to find resources you can share with the families in your program. You can find information about the free days at our cultural centers, parenting articles from Love and Logic, resources related to health and wellness and much more! **Use the Access Code SQ99T-WNPR9.**



## Family Focus

Have you heard about Denver's School-Based Health Centers? Located across the city, these centers provide FREE health care services to any DPS students.

Please see the attached flyers (English and Spanish versions) for more information. This is a great resource list to post in your family communication area, and to send home with students.



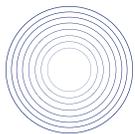
## GOLD Tips & Tricks

Fall checkpoints should be completed by November 10. Many teams use the data even sooner, in their early November family conferences.

If you didn't get your Birth-3rd grade Gold Manual on Sept. 5, please notify an early education partner, Max Panten, or Darzelle Efferson.

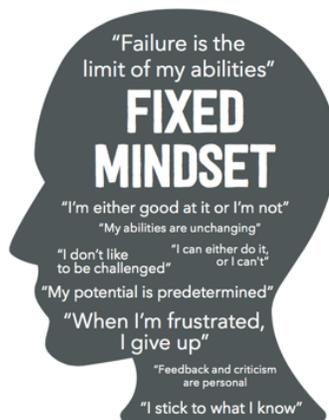


## From the Field (October 26th Professional Learning)



## Self-Care and Mindfulness

Growth Mindset has been a popular concept in school settings for many years now. Many of our ECE and school teams have used Growth Mindset strategies with great success, and many educators feel the impact in their lives outside of work too.



You can learn more about Growth Mindset studies, successes, and drawbacks here.

Attached to this newsletter there is also a "Growth Mindset for Parents" handout, that can be applicable to all!