

Topic: Child Care Discount Student Fee FY26 Request

Department: Auxiliary Services

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Request: Current Hourly Rate: \$0.50; Requested Hourly Rate: \$0.00; Request to discontinue student fee

## **Child Care Discount Program**

The Child Care Discount Program student fee is managed by the Auxiliary Services office.

## Mission

The mission of the unit is to provide excellent childcare service to CSU Pueblo students, faculty and staff in the most cost-effective way. The unit currently contracts out the childcare service to Early Childhood Education Management Systems.

The goals of the discount program were to remove barriers for students who are parents and to ensure the childcare vendor prioritizes students as customers.

## Plans for Academic Year 2025/2026

The childcare contract ends this fiscal year and will be sent out for bid. Leadership has determined that the discounted student rates will be included as a requirement in the Request for Bids process. This will negate the need for a student fee to support the discount.

Childcare will remain a priority for the University and will continue to be offered to students, employees, and community members. The discounted student rate and expectation to prioritize student customers will be included in the requirements moving forward. This moves the burden of the discount rate from our student population and places it on the vendor and university.