



# Alternative Pathway to Colorado Shines Rating

Alternative pathways are a wonderful option in reaching quality in early childhood centers. If you have an Alternative Pathway, here's what you need to know!

- Getting your alternative pathways status reflected in Colorado Shines requires you to do some work after your center becomes accredited. A help document has been created to make this process easy and can be found on the Help tab on your Colorado Shines program portal or by clicking [here](#) (document attached to this email).
- Keep your accreditation information up to date in Colorado Shines. If you get a renewal, be sure to resubmit this information through Colorado Shines. Failing to keep this up to date will cause your center to drop down to the previous Colorado Shines level rating held prior to the alternative pathway status being granted. Often times, centers in this situation fall back to a Level 1 or Level 2 rating and this can have serious financial impacts on your center!



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**Have questions about  
alternative pathways?**

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