



Teller Park Early Childhood Council



Five-Year Strategic Plan 2024-2029

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Our Mission

To develop and implement, through collaborative partnerships, an effective early childhood system that supports the needs of early childhood professionals, children, and their families.

Our Vision

All early childhood professionals, young children and their families are happy, self-sufficient and thrive within their community.

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Goal 1: Build family knowledge & connections.

Increase equitable access to coordinated family support services, developmental resources, and early childhood opportunities that promote healthy development and school readiness.

Priority 1

Expand family navigation services by providing coordinated referrals, resource connections, and enrollment assistance for early childhood programs, including Colorado Universal Preschool (UPK), CCCAP, home visiting, developmental screenings, and family support services.

Priority 2

Increase access to developmental screenings, Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation, and early intervention through collaborative community partnerships.

Priority 3

Empower families through parent leadership opportunities, evidence-based educational resources, transition support, and community engagement.



A Shared Vision in Action: Connecting to the Early Childhood Colorado Framework

- **Family Support and Education:** Expanding family navigation, resource connections, and parent leadership opportunities helps families access the information, services, and supports they need to promote healthy child development and strengthen family well-being.
- **Whole Person Health and Well-Being:** Increasing access to developmental screenings, mental health consultation, and early intervention supports children’s physical, social-emotional, developmental, and behavioral health.
- **Child, Family, and Community Centered:** Empowering families through leadership opportunities, educational resources, and transition support ensures services reflect family strengths, voices, and community needs.

Goal 2: Build a high-quality early childhood workforce.

Strengthen the capacity, quality, and sustainability of the early childhood workforce to ensure children receive high-quality care and education.

Priority 1

Expand professional development, coaching, technical assistance, and quality improvement supports for early childhood professionals.

Priority 2

Recruit, retain, and develop a diverse, qualified workforce through leadership development and career pathway opportunities.

Priority 3

Support providers with business practices, licensing, Colorado Shines participation, and continuous quality improvement.



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- **Thriving, Effective Workforce:** Expanding professional development, coaching, leadership pathways, and workforce supports strengthens the capacity and sustainability of early childhood professionals.
- **High Quality Standards:** Supporting quality improvement, Colorado Shines participation, and licensing compliance helps ensure children experience safe, nurturing, and engaging early learning environments.
- **Mixed Delivery System:** Recruiting and retaining diverse providers across settings strengthens the availability of quality services and allows families to access care that best meets their needs.

Goal 3: Increase access to high-quality care and education.

Improve the availability, affordability, and accessibility of high-quality early childhood programs through a coordinated mixed-delivery system.

Priority 1

Recruit and support providers participating in Colorado Universal Preschool, CCCAP, and other publicly funded programs.

Priority 2

Increase infant and toddler care capacity while expanding family choice across Teller and Park Counties.

Priority 3

Strengthen transitions between early childhood programs, preschool, and kindergarten through coordinated planning with schools and community partners.



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- **Access:** Expanding participation in UPK, CCCAP, and other publicly funded programs helps ensure families can access affordable, culturally responsive, and high-quality early childhood services.
- **Quality:** Increasing infant and toddler capacity while supporting high-quality programs promotes environments where children can learn, grow, and thrive.
- **Alignment:** Strengthening transitions between early childhood programs, preschool, and kindergarten creates a more coordinated system that supports children and families throughout their educational journey.

Goal 4: Strengthen early childhood systems and organizational excellence.

Advance a coordinated early childhood system through collaborative partnerships, strategic leadership, data-informed decision-making, and sustainable organizational practices.

Priority 1

Strengthen collaboration with Early Childhood Councils, school districts, county agencies, local governments, health and human service organizations, and community partners.

Priority 2

Use data, community needs assessments, family feedback, and performance measures to guide planning, evaluate outcomes, and continuously improve services.

Priority 3

Increase organizational sustainability through diversified funding, advocacy, communication, and strategic leadership.



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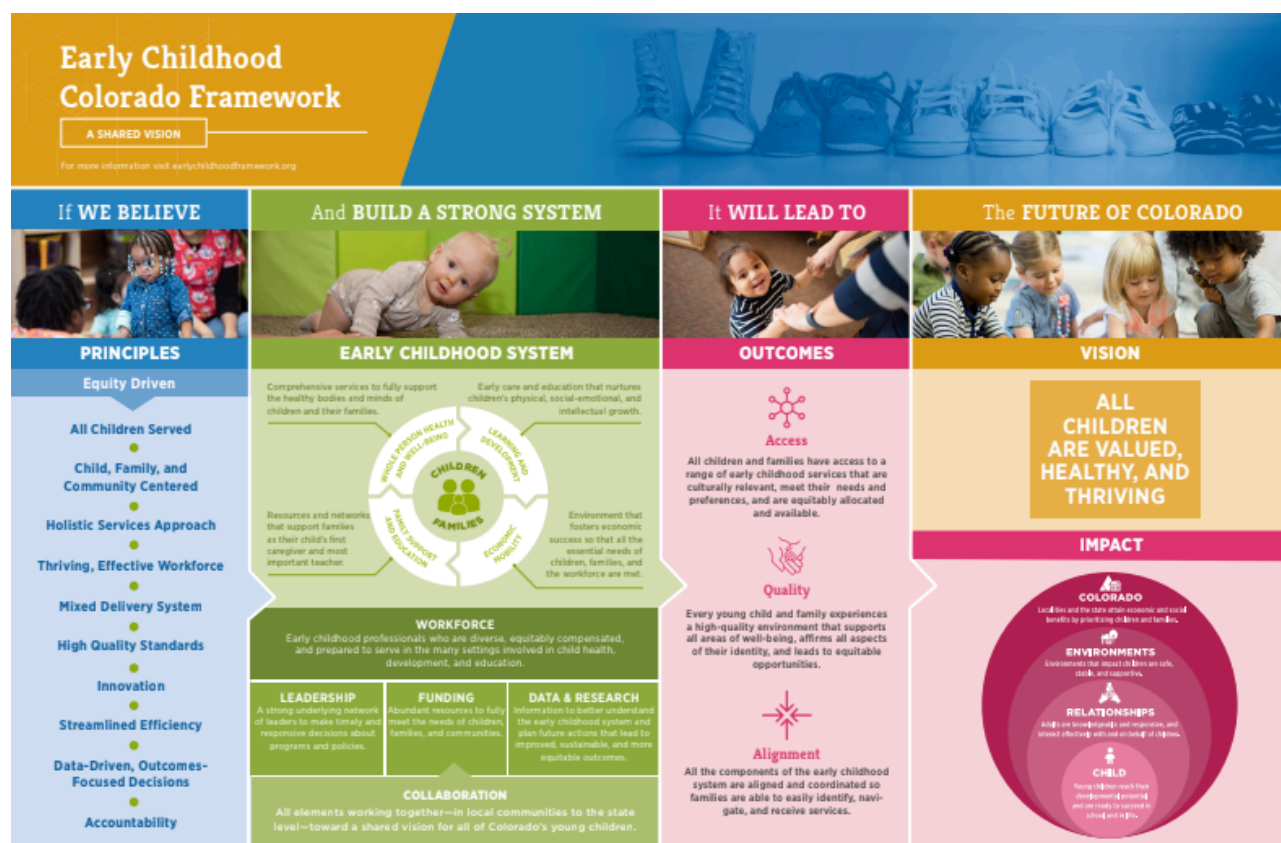
- **Collaboration:** Strengthening partnerships across sectors and organizations builds a coordinated early childhood system that better serves children, families, and providers.
- **Data-Driven, Outcomes-Focused Decisions:** Using community data, needs assessments, family feedback, and performance measures supports informed planning, continuous improvement, and equitable outcomes.
- **Funding (Principles):** Ensuring financial sustainability secures the long-term viability of early childhood programs, allowing for consistent and reliable support for children and families.

Key Resources



The Early Childhood Colorado Framework

The Early Childhood Colorado Framework is a comprehensive guide designed to ensure all young children in Colorado are valued, healthy, and thriving. It emphasizes a shared vision for early childhood development, focusing on equitable access, high-quality services, and coordinated support across various domains such as health, education, and family support. The framework aims to foster collaboration among families, providers, state agencies, and other partners to create an inclusive and effective early childhood system.



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Colorado's Early Childhood Councils House

The Early Childhood Council House illustrates the vital role of Early Childhood Councils in connecting families to health and mental health services, providing educational tools and training, and supporting access to quality early childhood programs. It highlights the importance of workforce development, leadership, funding, data and research, and collaboration to enhance early childhood outcomes. This framework serves as a comprehensive guide to ensure that children and families receive the necessary support for healthy development and educational success.

