

Growing and elevating partners and communities to use our collective strengths for greater early childhood impact

We all play a role in building strong systems for Colorado's children and families. Developing and sustaining a comprehensive early childhood system with children and families at the center is not an easy task, and no one individual, organization or agency can do it alone. **But together, our collective efforts can ensure Colorado children and families thrive.**

WHO WE ARE

The Early Childhood Colorado Partnership includes more than 1,000 network members across the state who are working to ensure Colorado's children are valued, healthy and thriving. The Partnership creates the space for those members to connect and work together.

We are a statewide effort involving both state and local, public and private partners, across levels of engagement.

We are leaders and partners who seek the advancement of the early childhood system in Colorado.

We are inclusive, open, and welcoming to all who want to connect and participate.

We believe that no single agency can do it all — it takes all of us together to impact young children and families.

WHAT WE DO

The Early Childhood Colorado Partnership is working to advance the vision of the *Early Childhood Colorado Framework* by offering the space and conditions for diverse partners across the comprehensive early childhood system—encompassing health, mental health, family support and early learning—to come together to identify common results, share best practices, and implement strategies to improve system effectiveness for child and family well-being.



Convening - Provide the environment for diverse, cross-sector, statewide partners to come together, link efforts, share experiences, and identify new opportunities.



Connecting - Connect partners within and to the early childhood system in order to develop relationships and identify synergies between efforts.



Collaborating - Facilitate partnerships, shared goals, aspirations, and resources to do more together.



Capacity Building - Grow and elevate partners and communities to use their strengths for greater early childhood impact.



Communicating - Encourage and support dialogue about relevant and timely early childhood issues and events.



THE POWER OF A NETWORK APPROACH

1,000+ individuals **AND** **80+** organizations

all contribute to the strength of the ECCP network

The Early Childhood Colorado Partnership Network exists to support our individual efforts to become something stronger.

Benefits of Engagement

- ✓ Feel a sense that your work contributes to a bigger movement
- ✓ Learn about what's new in the early childhood field across Colorado and spread the word about your own efforts via the Our Voice newsletter
- ✓ Enhance your practice and gain new skills and tools by attending ECCP events, trainings, and Lunch & Learns
- ✓ Maximize and reinforce your efforts by co-hosting a training with the ECCP
- ✓ Connect with emerging leaders in the field who work both inside and outside of your sector or area of expertise
- ✓ Utilize the Network when crafting grant applications or internal activities
- ✓ Share your expertise with the Network
- ✓ Increase the quality of your data and communications efforts by using the Shared Message Bank and Data Agenda

Membership is easy and simple. If you receive the monthly *Our Voice* newsletter, you are considered a member!

Our participation on the Data Action Team has helped us align our work with the Early Childhood Colorado Framework. Because we're not a direct service organization, discussing and measuring impact is hard, but the Framework provides some sample language and visuals to describe the value of our work.

– Eileen Auer Bennet, Assuring Better Child Development

Our connection to the ECCP was instrumental in helping the Office of Early Childhood design and facilitate a successful statewide event on the intergenerational effects of caregiver adversity: Colorado data and opportunities for action. The network's support of our planning brought to the planning made certain that the event met the needs of a wide range of stakeholders and the network kept the focus on ensuring an action-oriented agenda.

– Jordana Ash, Office of Early Childhood

HOW CAN YOU GET ENGAGED IN THE ECCP?

The power of the network is dependent upon cross-sector collaboration, leveraging knowledge and resources, and aligning efforts. Whether you attend full network events, contribute to the Our Voice newsletter, or lend your expertise to an action team, we invite you to be involved.

Learn how at earlychildhoodcoloradopartnership.org or by emailing earlychildhood@civicanopy.org.