
Leveraging Data for Policy Change



San Miguel County Stats:

7800 Residents

2 School Districts – Telluride & Norwood

383 Children under 5

9 Licensed Programs

211 Childcare/Preschool Slots *most of which are preschool

**64% of Voters Surveyed said
they would support an Early
Childhood Mill Levy**

Top Reasons to Support an Early Childhood Mill Levy

- Child Care Shortage
 - Child Care is critical to economic development and it is a good investment for our community and businesses
 - Importance of a strong early childhood workforce so families can go to work while their children are in a nurturing, healthy environment
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Supporting Early Childhood Care & Education
in San Miguel County with Ballot Issue 1A

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THE ISSUES:

- Lack of accessible early childhood care for families in San Miguel County
- Extremely difficult to attract and retain a qualified early childhood workforce.

WHY IT MATTERS:

Quality child care is a good investment for Norwood, Telluride & Mountain Village communities.

Please attend an Informational Meeting

6pm, Monday, Oct. 9th at the Wilkinson Library Program Room

To learn more about 1A please visit us online StrongStartStrongCommunity.org



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THE ISSUE IN NUMBERS:

- **45% Shortage:** 383 children under age 5. Only 211 child care slots available.
- **50 on Waitlist:** infants and toddlers needing immediate care.

• **14 Infant Slots:** available county-wide for 80 babies born annually.

• **ZERO slots:** in Town of Telluride for children under 3 years old.

• **\$9.50 to \$12:** typical hourly wage of a child care provider, with no benefits.

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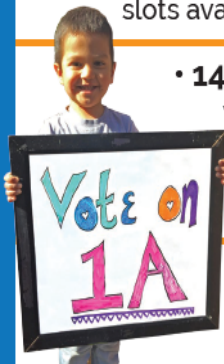
FACT: Approx. 80 Babies were born in Telluride and Norwood in 2016.

There are **6 Infant Spots** available in Mountain Village, **8** in Norwood and **ZERO** in Telluride.

Our communities need more Infant & Toddler options.

Strong Start Strong Community - 1A will help to fund increasing capacity to meet this growing need.

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A BIG WIN FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES



San Miguel County Early Childhood Education Fund

A property mill levy of 0.75 mills that will generate approximately \$616,000 annually to provide funding to improve early childhood care and education in San Miguel County.

-Polled at 64% positive

-Passed with 63% approval
