

SWFI Child Care Learning Community
 Community College of Aurora Lowry Campus
 710 Alton Way
January 14, 2019 1:00PM – 3:00PM

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Meeting Outcomes:

- Consider impact and potential actions connected to policy updates and new administration.
- Highlight project plan and timeline for Shared Services Market Analysis
- Action Teams connect and consider any actions and next steps in early 2019.

1:00 PM	Welcome and SWFI Updates <i>Updates on data, activities since previous Learning Community meeting</i>	Janel Highfill & Jessica Cassarino Community College of Aurora
1:10 PM	Policy Briefing <i>Fire code updates and impact for Adams, Arapahoe, & Denver Child care-related tax credits Governor's Early Childhood Agenda</i>	Bill Jaeger, Colorado Children's Campaign
1:50 PM	Awareness & Availability Action Team <i>Updates from Action Team and Next Steps</i>	Cathy Fabiano, Jessica Cassarino
2:00 PM	Shared Services Market Analysis <i>Highlights of Project Plan and Timeline</i>	APA Consulting
2:30 PM	Action Team Breakouts <i>Policy Child Care Economics Awareness and Availability</i>	Full Group

MEETING NOTES

General Updates, Update on numbers

- SWFI so far has served a little over 400 students between CCA/CCD (parents of children under 14)
- SWFI has places over 100 in jobs (health care, IT)
- SWFI selected to be part of a human subject trial of a national research project to see if wraparound support services provided are making a difference (about 100 students have gone through this random assignment process)

Policy Updates

- Building Code Updates
 - Many Family Child Care providers were facing prospect of having to install sprinkler systems to be in compliance with International Building Codes
 - Stakeholder table included county municipalities, councils, providers, others
 - Unincorporated Jeffco found a workaround via residential codes so that safety was ensured, but allowed homes to move forward without sprinkler systems
- Infant and Family Child Care Shortage Action Plan
 - You can find this one-pager on Civic Network
 - Requires the state to take a deeper look at our shortage of child care
- Child Care Educator Tax Credit
 - Community colleges have seen a 30% decline in the number of ECE candidates
 - Tax credit tied to ensuring you're teaching at an eligible facility (i.e. licensed—level 2 CO Shines, open up fiscal CCCAP agreements or be Head Start educator). Larger tax credit the more you move up the credential scale on CO Shines (preventing incentive of leaving classroom)
 - Licensed centers and homes, working for 6 months out of the year
 - Cost: \$10 million
 - Targeted nature of this and impact makes it worth this cost
 - Starts at \$1,000 per educator, up to \$2,000 for level 3
- Child Care Tax Credit
 - For most people, it's based on the Federal Child Care tax credit (but this is non-refundable)

- 2016—de-coupled the connection to Federal Child Care tax credit to ensure those making under Federal tax rate could access this credit
- House Bill 19-1013 would make this permanent (vs. reauth'ing every 3-4 years)
- Child Tax Credit
 - Was funded by TABOR rebates up until a few years ago, then one which needed to be triggered with a certain amount of revenue.
 - A federal Supreme Court decision has allowed states to tax internet sales (like Amazon), so this bill would put this option into effect to support the child tax credit
- Possible actions for SWFI Learning Community
 - Adding organization names to list of supporters for bills identified above
 - Contacting committees (Rich Jones or Bill Jaeger can share more information on this)
 - Energy around full-day kindergarten by Governor Polis' Administration

Awareness and Availability Action Team Updates

- Quality and Awareness Action Teams have merged
- Focus on issues impacting both parents and providers

2019 Goal: Connect parents, students, and providers to increase awareness and availability of quality child care.

Strategies

<i>Providers</i>	<i>Parents</i>
Be a bridge between Colorado Shines and providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work with the State on usability of the website ● Consider additions like special needs and evening/overnight care ● Ensure smooth technical assistance for providers around CO Shines Ensure Family, Friend & Neighbor providers can access information about quality care	Connect parents to CO Shines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Act as “advertiser” for CO Shines ● Create/gather “user manuals” for CO Shines website Outreach to entities working with parents to get tools in hands of parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community partners ● Work with groups like WIC, Medicaid, hospitals to get info to parents sooner

SWFI Evaluation Plan – APA Consulting

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