

Local Collaborative Planning & Implementation ~8/24/21

Early Milestones Colorado Webinar Series

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Local prevention planning

- ◆ ECPAC's community – based strategic plan
 - ECPAC's Strategic Action Teams work plans
- ◆ Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health)
- ◆ Child Maltreatment Prevention
- ◆ Alignment with Colorado Partnership for Thriving Families



A photograph of a man, a woman, and a young child sitting on a patterned rug in a living room. The man and woman are both smiling and looking at a book held by the child. The background shows a bookshelf with various books. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text.

**Who is ECPAC
and why am I sharing this**



Mission

Build a community where every young child and their family can reach their full potential



Who we are

The Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County is cultivating an early childhood **ecosystem** for children from birth through age five and their families in Adams County as defined by every child and family in Adams County having **equitable access** to the **high-quality** and **affordable services and supports** they need to thrive.





What does this look like?

Cultivating an early childhood ecosystem requires **whole community collaborative impact**. Therefore, we collaborate with those who has an impact in young children's lives including those who **care** for children, **support** children, **teach** children and **invest** in children.

Together our work **strengthens** the connections between these groups, **fills the gaps** in resources and **increases the quality** of care, support and education for children and families.



Start by considering how to set a plan and implementation up for success

- ◆ Build and strengthen community **partnerships** towards improved efficiencies and **shared accountability** for child and family outcomes
- ◆ Ensure **sufficient investments** in early childhood and family services and supports and **sustainability**
- ◆ **Sound policy** to support young children and families to thrive
- ◆ Increase **public awareness and will** re: the critical years of early childhood
- ◆ Support **effective leadership** and advocacy
- ◆ Provide relevant **professional development** towards improved quality
- ◆ Provide **direct services** in partnership with other organizations to fill gaps



ECPAC Sustainability Strategies

1. Nurturing strong, strategic partnerships to help “champion” and provide leadership for efforts, build momentum and investment, and share responsibility for outcomes;
2. Continual assessment of outcomes and continuous quality improvement;
3. Communication and marketing to increase awareness and advocacy to increase investment;
4. Authentic family engagement in planning, implementation, and evaluation to further successful outcomes that meet the needs of the community;
5. Co-location of staff/partners as appropriate to increase community focus and shared responsibility; and
6. Hold expectations for sustainable “change in practice” through professional development, technical assistance, policy and procedural changes, shared accountability, and hard discussions as needed.



Prevent and/or Mitigate Impacts of

- ◆ Poverty
- ◆ Child abuse and neglect
- ◆ Mothers with three or more risk factors
- ◆ Poor academic outcomes

*BASED on local data



Facilitators for success

- ❖ Follow through and be responsive!
- ❖ Relationships matter
- ❖ Break work up into manageable workplans
- ❖ Monthly partner meetings to co-implement strategies and monitor progress/shift as needed = accountability
- ❖ Align work with other ECPAC and partner initiatives, plans, and missions
- ❖ Funding – use LAUNCH and CMP as “seed” funding
- ❖ Evaluate, share successes and focus on what works



Bumps are part of the journey

- ❖ Systems and big picture vs direct service and “daily work” lens
 - ❖ Organizational culture and current business
 - ❖ Sharing of data
 - ❖ Balance of ECPAC’s role to support but not “do all the work”
 - ❖ True authentic family engagement and leadership
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- ◆ Relied on our Facilitators





Thank you

