

STRATEGY MAP

- MISSION:** Partner with early educators, childcare programs, and community leaders to implement and strengthen a well-funded, equitable system of high-quality, accessible, affordable early childhood services for families in Eagle, Garfield, Lake and Pitkin Counties.
- VISION:** All children are supported to thrive and develop to their greatest potential as healthy, resilience, successful members of our community.
- VALUES:** See our [Vision Graphic](#)

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

SYSTEMS BUILDING

We strive to achieve a seamless system of early childhood services representing collaboration among private and public stakeholders for effective delivery of services across all EC Framework domains.

ADVOCACY & POLICY

Actively advocate at the local, regional and state levels for legislation that advances and supports the importance of Early Childhood.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Develop funding to support evidence and research-based programming and supports for Council activities.

PROGRAM SUPPORTS

The Council supports programs using a menu of evidence-based services and supports to help programs as they improve their overall quality and grow our childcare workforce.

Colorado's Early Childhood Framework is used as a guiding document that helps us identify needs, gaps, new outcomes and activities.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: SYSTEMS BUILDING

Determine what supports and programs are in place for families across the four county region to identify strengths and gaps, opportunities and potential partnerships

Develop and maintain adequate Council staff to carry out Council rules and mandates as well as the Council work as defined by the state, membership and partners

Maintain an adequate number of credentialed coaches throughout the region

Advocate for equitable access to high quality care, needed supports and services for all children and families

Actively recruit new providers to expand overall capacity

As Child Care Resource & Referral for Eagle, Garfield, Lake & Pitkin counties, collaborate with partners and stakeholders to help support families to find childcare and other supports as needed

Expand partnerships and recruit new stakeholders to the Council to participate in Council meetings and initiatives

Engage in established committees at the local, regional and state levels to stay informed of Early Childhood initiatives

Be excellent stewards and grant administrators to assure funding is used for intended purposes, meets grant goals and insures funding is effectively used to improve quality

The Council will act as a hub to connect programs and families to resources, supports and services

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ADVOCACY & POLICY

Advocate at the local, regional and state levels for legislation that positively impacts the lives of young children and their families

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Actively seek out grant opportunities that will move forward the work of the Council, support ongoing initiatives and build infrastructure

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: PROGRAM SUPPORTS

Support and increase overall credential levels of professionals in the field measured by the Colorado Shines PDIS system

Develop strategies to support and retain a well-qualified and appropriately compensated early educator workforce

Support programs in their pursuit of high quality using a menu of evidence- based coaching and consultation services and research-based supports