



Child Care Health Consultation

Early Childhood School Readiness Legislative Committee
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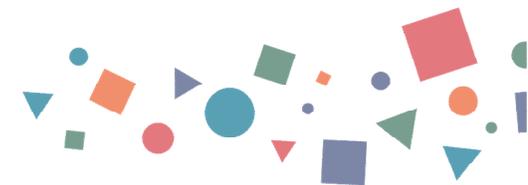
Mission

Build safe, supportive, and healthy early childhood settings and systems where children and professionals learn and grow.

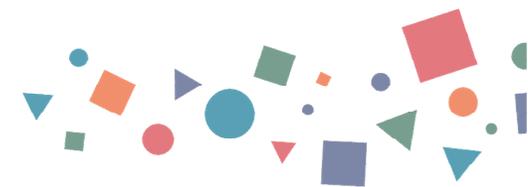
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Mission Strategies



Network Hubs

Our Network Hubs support various consultative roles and focus on strengthening connections, resources, policies, and practices to support high-quality consultation and ensure children, families, and programs thrive.



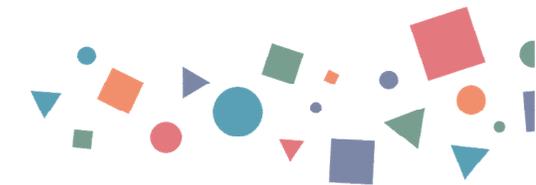
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Pyramid Model
Practitioners



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Purpose

Ensure early childhood environments are healthy, safe, and that children are included in group care settings.

Definition

Consultants collaborate and partner with child care professionals/programs to recognize and promote the health and safety of children, families, and program staff.

Colorado CCHC Competencies

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Child Care Health Consultation

Who is qualified to provide CCHC?

- Registered Nurse *or*
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner *or*
- Family Nurse Practitioner *or*
- Pediatrician



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What services do CCHCs provide?

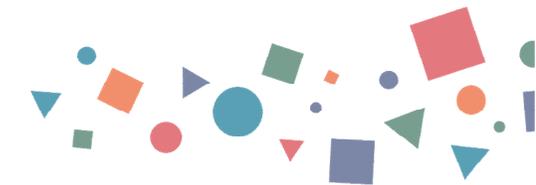
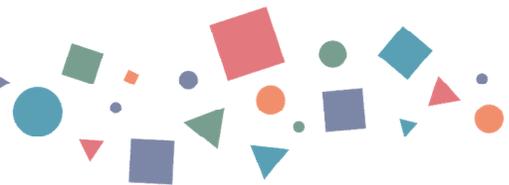
- Offer the legally required transfer of authority, known as *delegation*, so trained staff may administer medications and implement special health care procedures for children
- Guide creation of program policies and procedures
- Illness and injury prevention and documentation
- Infectious disease management
- Deliver health and safety related trainings such as: Medication Administration, Standard Precautions, Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma, Infant Safe Sleep, etc.
- Emergency preparedness, response, and recovery
- Share helpful community resources, administer health and safety checklists and goal setting, meet with staff or parents, and more



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Who receives CCHC and how often?

- Licensed child care centers and preschools are required to have a Child Care Health Consultant.
- Child Care Health Consultants are required to visit licensed center and preschool programs on a **monthly** basis. Visits must occur on-site at least quarterly and may be done via teleconsultation the remainder of the time.
 - School-Age Child Care programs negotiate their visit frequency with their CCHC
 - Family Child Care Homes are exempt from delegation for routine medications but do require a CCHC for special health procedures or complex health conditions
 - Camps have a health care worker on site that has oversight and delegation from a CCHC
 - Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) programs are not required to have a CCHC



Colorado Data

2017 Child Care Program Survey on Child Care Health Consultation
&
2017 Child Care Health Consultation Needs Assessment

Consultant Workforce

- There are approximately 1,000 Child Care Health Consultants in Colorado. 97% are nurses and 3% are physicians.
- There is some overlap with consultants having a dual role as a school nurse and a CCHC for a licensed center or preschool located within the school.
- Consultants rely on in-person interaction and relationship building to build trust and assess the skills and comprehension of staff before they are comfortable to delegate medications and health procedures, this is especially true for any complex health needs.
- Consultants are frequently asked about a wide variety of topics from program staff due to their strong relationships and regular contact.

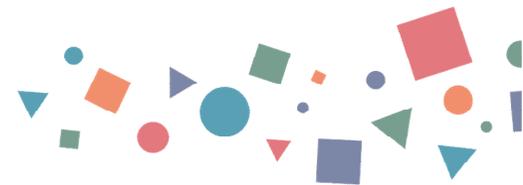
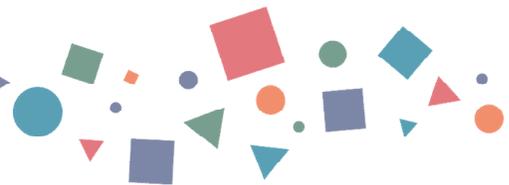
Source: 2017 Child Care Health Consultant Needs Assessment

Consultant Workforce

HCCC responds to more than 3,000 technical assistance requests annually.

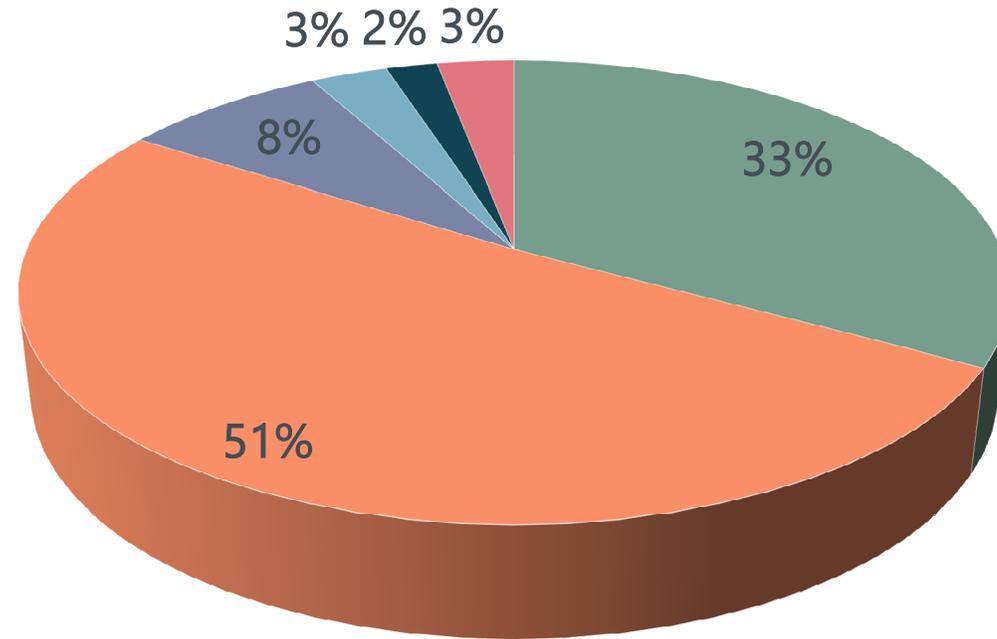
- There has been a significant increase (approx. 600-700 annually) since the pandemic began.

Source: Healthy Child Care Colorado's Technical Assistance Log



Question: What is the estimated number of currently enrolled children that have health care plans for conditions such as, but not limited to, asthma, severe allergies, diabetes, or seizures?

31% of consultants reported supporting children who have complex health needs (3 or more conditions)

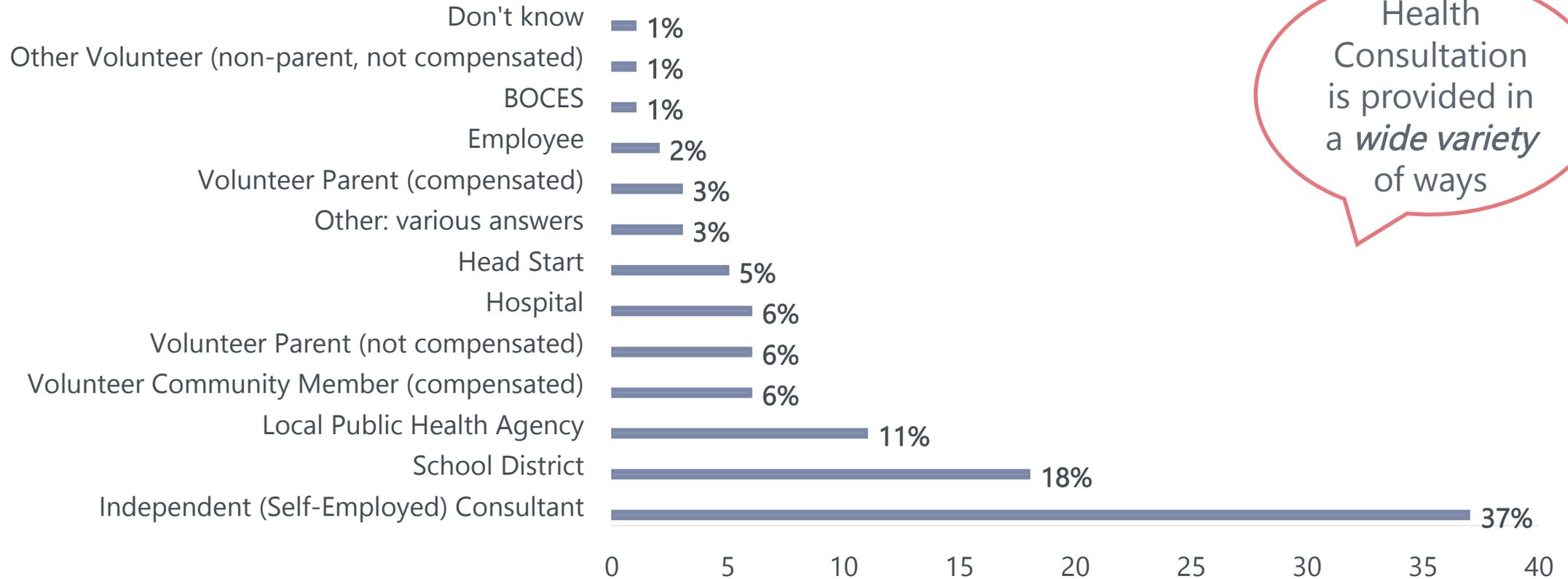


Most programs have children with health needs enrolled

- 0 children
- 1 - 5 children
- 6 - 10 children
- 11 - 15 children
- 16 - 20 children
- More than 25 children

Question: How is your CCHC provided to you?

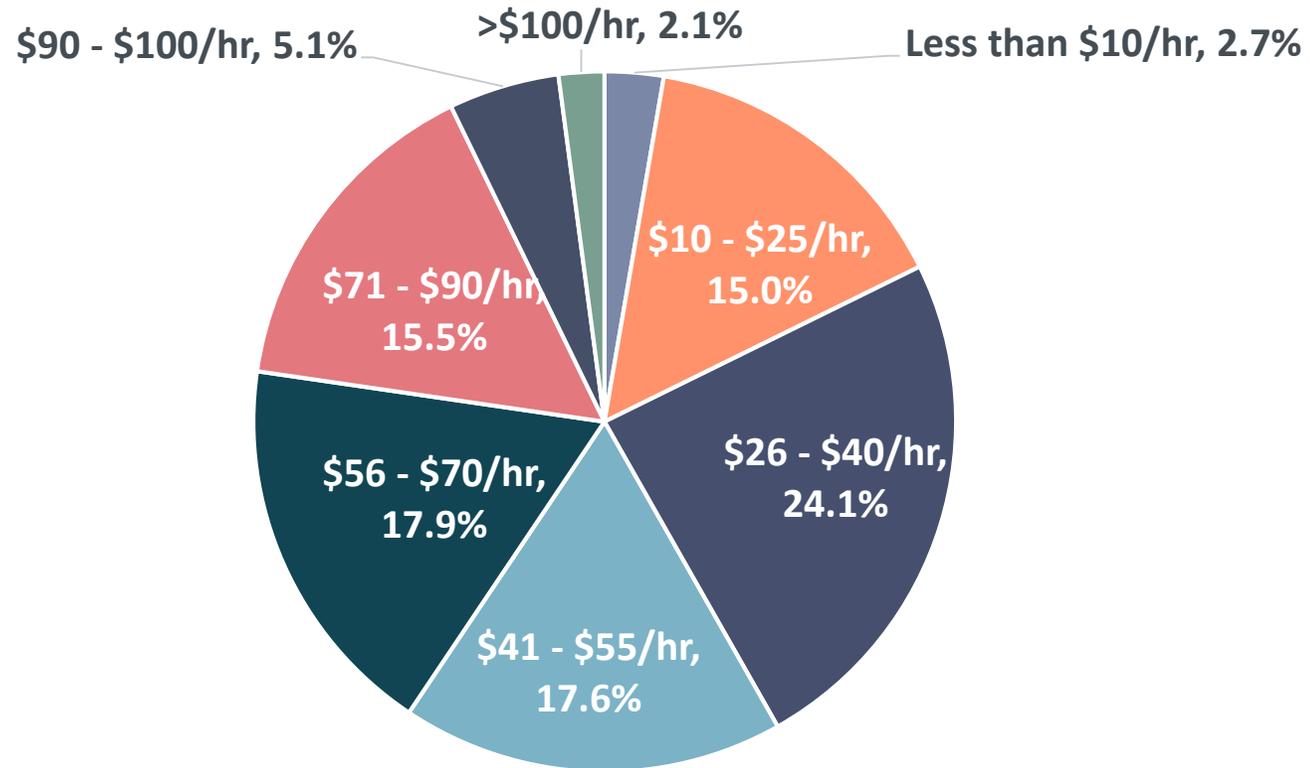
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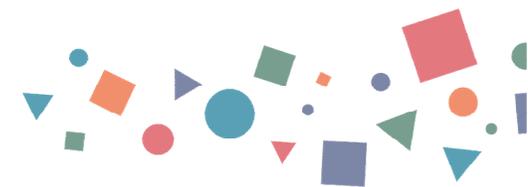
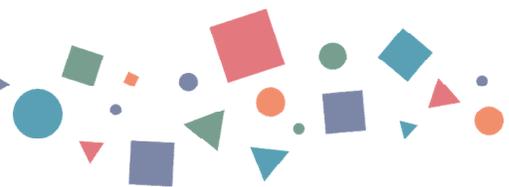
Health Consultation is provided in a *wide variety* of ways



Question: How much does your program pay for CCHC services?

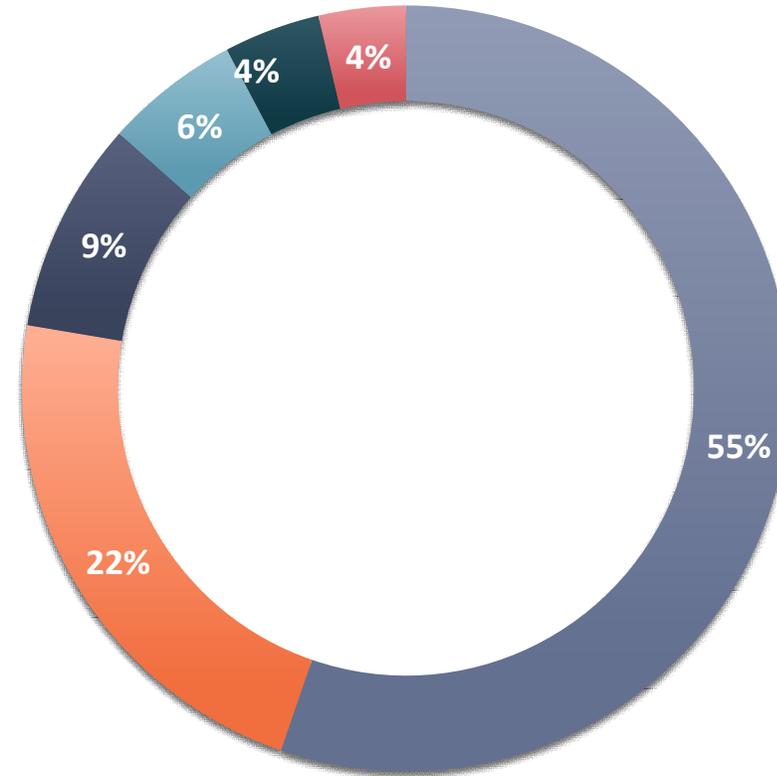


Costs vary significantly from using unpaid volunteers to \$100+ per hour



Question: If not paid by your program how is your CCHC compensated?

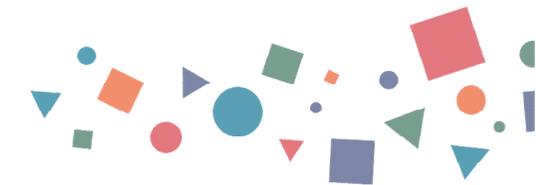
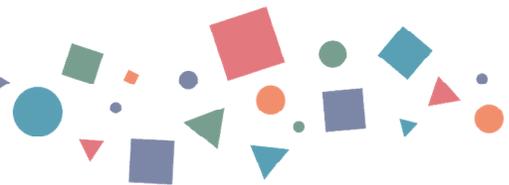
- Employed by a Local Public Health Agency or Other Organization
- Other: School/District pays
- Discount on child care
- Other: Various Answers
- Other: Paid as an employee
- Other: Don't Know



Recommendations

Recommendations for Improvement

- Identify and *provide funding* to support CCHC services for all programs serving young children to ensure inclusion and high quality health and safety
- Conduct a *national scan* to learn about models used in other states to more effectively and efficiently provide CCHC services statewide
- Ensure *strong infrastructure* including: ongoing support, community of practice, professional development, implementation model, data system, templates, and more for the CCHC workforce
- Create stronger *training requirements* and certification for CCHCs in our state



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Thank You!

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Additional Information

What does HCCC provide as the State Network Hub?

Engagement & Support



We support consultants to understand their role and the broader landscape, connect with their peers, provide tools, and share timely and relevant information. We are responsive to the needs of the network and focus on developing relationships.

Learning & Implementation



We guide the ongoing learning and knowledge acquisition of the network to ensure high-quality and equitable consultative services.

Leadership & Advocacy



We focus on developing diverse leaders, convening a leadership structure, and building bridges between national, state, and local levels. We monitor and catalyze policy and advocacy efforts to advance consultative roles, health equity, and early childhood.

History

Healthy Child Care America

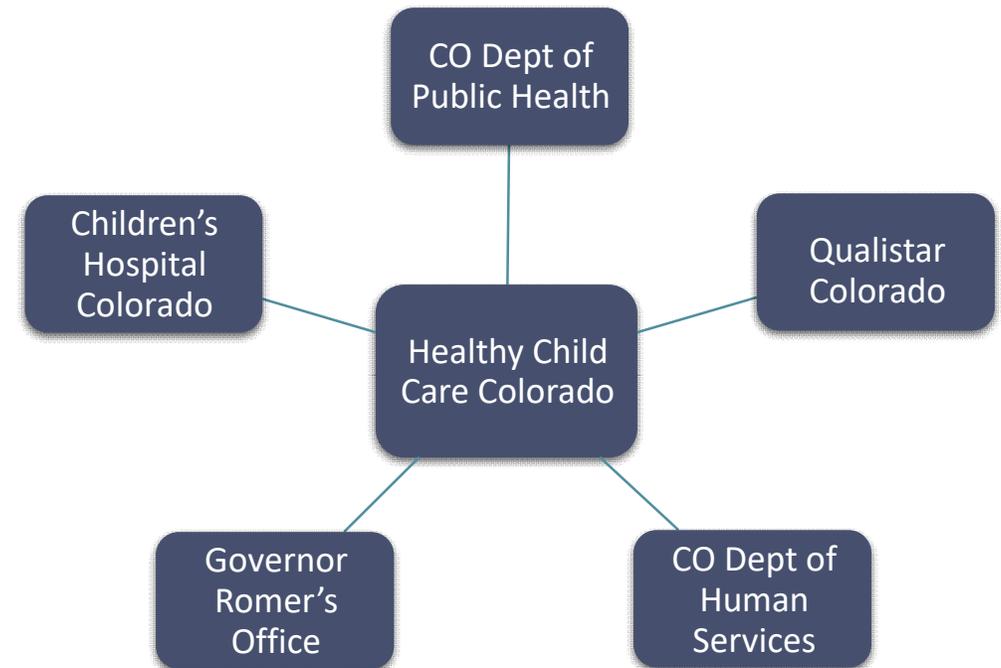
Promote and support an integrated child care system at the community level that includes health care, child care, and social support services.

- Create and maximize linkages between health care providers and the child care community
- Develop comprehensive and coordinated services
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What is Delegation?

Colorado Nurse Practice Act

- An RN can assign a competent individual the authority to perform selected nursing tasks including in the practice of professional nursing in a selected situation
- RN is accountable and responsible for the care provided by the delegatee

Delegation is the legally required transfer of authority so trained staff may administer medications and implement special health care procedures for children.

Child care staff attend Medication Administration Training which includes three parts: 1) knowledge building, 2) practical application, and 3) delegation

Delegation requires relationship building, training, skills check, delegation, ongoing supervision, and annual re-delegation.

