

Early Childhood & School Readiness Legislative Commission **CDPHE Update**

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The reach of WIC & CACFP

CACFP serves
45,000 children
and adults daily
on average

CDPHE funds
over 2,100
CACFP facilities
and 39 local WIC
agencies

WIC serves
approx. 83,500
women and
children per
month



Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

- USDA funded and regulated program
- Provides meal reimbursement to:
 - School age afterschool programs
 - Child care homes, centers, preschools
 - Adult day care programs
 - Homeless shelters
 - Head Start



CACFP supports the goals of the DEC

- **Preschool Development Grant, workgroup to increase access to quality nutrition and increase CACFP participation**
- **Data sharing**
- **Compliance monitoring alignment between CACFP and child care licensing**



Colorado Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (COWIC)

- USDA funded program
- Serves pregnant and breastfeeding women and children under age 5
- Free, healthy food
- Breastfeeding support
- Nutrition education
- Referrals to other care and services



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Partnerships with Head Start in some communities

- Data sharing to reduce burden on families
- Co-location of WIC services within Head Start

State and local partnership with SNAP and Medicaid



Looking ahead: WIC & CACFP support of DEC

- Staffing support for collaboration, integration, & alignment
- Communication with local WIC agencies & CACFP participants
- Monitor establishment of DEC operations and systems to identify opportunities for collaboration



Looking ahead: CDPHE support of DEC

- Education Cabinet Workgroup participation
- ECLC membership and participation
- Involvement in any legislatively mandated responsibilities of CDPHE
- Expertise and participation in DEC subcommittees and advisory groups on a number of public health-related issues



Questions.



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Thank you.



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