

The logo for the Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC) features the letters 'E', 'C', 'L', and 'C' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'E' is orange, the 'C' is green, the 'L' is pink, and the final 'C' is blue.

Early Childhood Leadership Commission

SMART Act Hearing
Joint Education Committee
January 13, 2023

WHO WE ARE

- Colorado's federally recognized **STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL** on Early Childhood
- Created in 2010; **REAUTHORIZED** by HB22-1295 until 2025

§ 26.5-1-302 Early childhood leadership commission - mission

(1) There is created in the state department the early childhood leadership commission. The purpose of the commission is to ensure and advance a **comprehensive service delivery system for pregnant women and children from birth to eight years of age** using data to improve decision-making, alignment, and coordination among federally funded and state-funded services and programs for pregnant women and young children and their families.

At a minimum, the comprehensive service delivery system for pregnant women and children must include services in the areas of **prenatal health, child health, child mental health, early learning, and family support and parent education.**

PARENTS

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

PROVIDERS

PUBLIC HEALTH

FOUNDATIONS

HEALTH

HEAD START

BUSINESS

WHO WE ARE

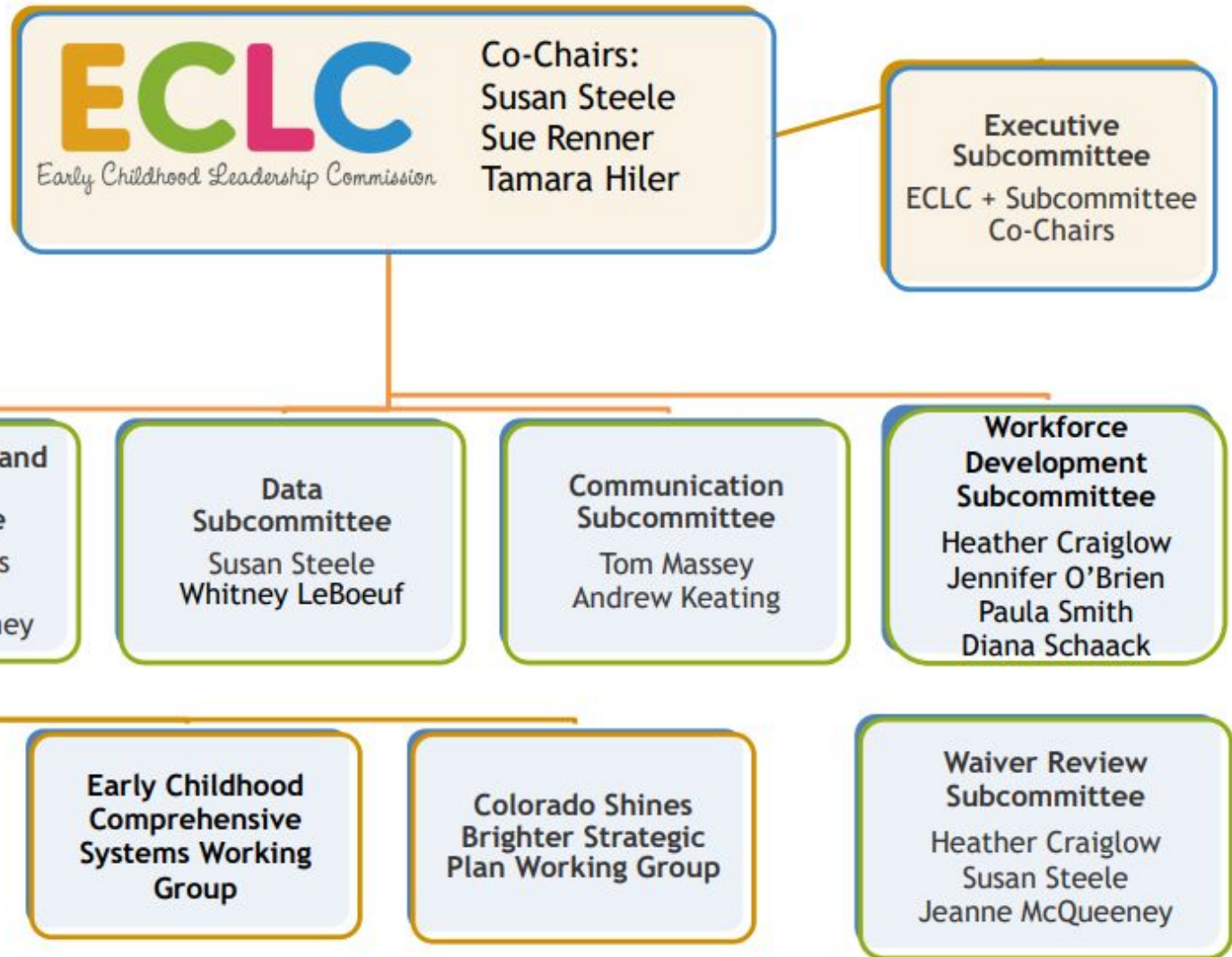
21 Members

including

6 STATE
AGENCIES

- Statutory Duties Include:
 - Advise and make **RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - Assist public and private entities with **ALIGNMENT**
 - Monitor strategies to increase **ACCESS**, **QUALITY** and **EQUITY** of early childhood services and supports

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



Department of Early Childhood and Universal Preschool Planning - Approved Plans



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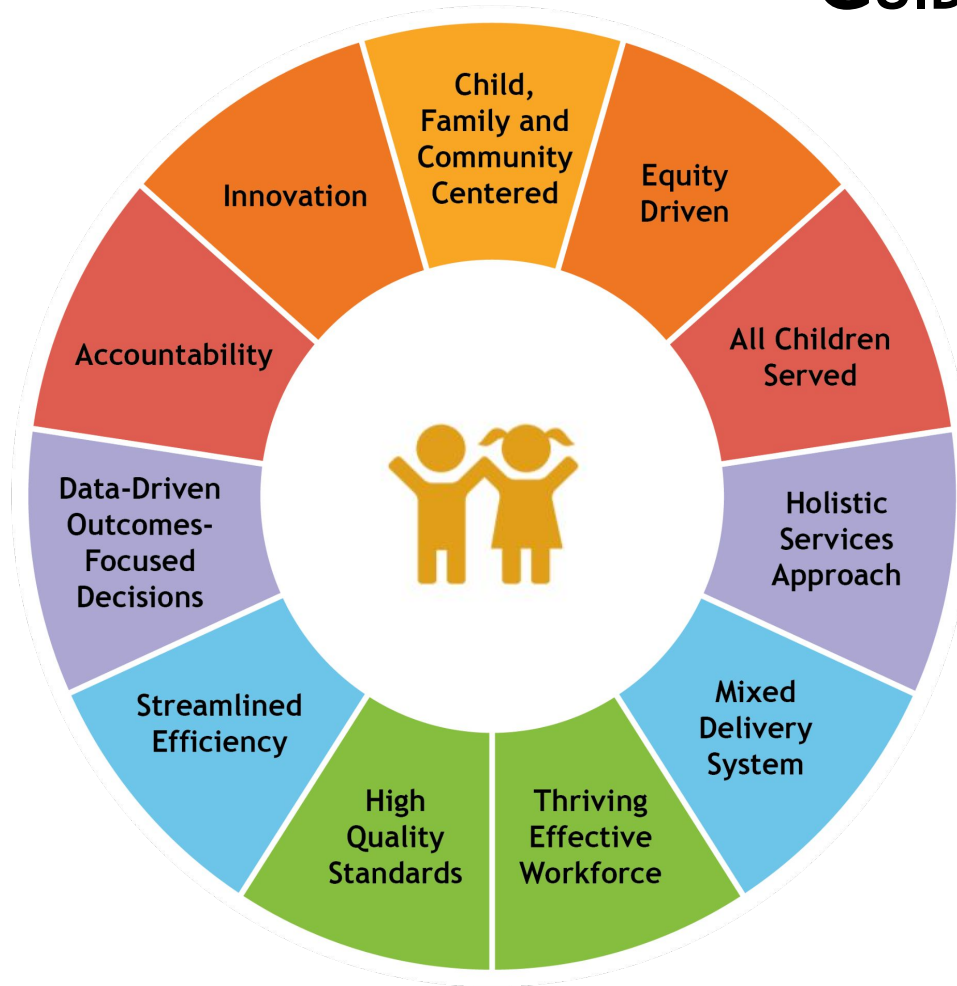
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES



The CDEC and UPK reports centered on the guiding principles adopted by the ECLC

LOOKING FORWARD

1

Develop a 10-year Strategic Plan focusing on the ECLC's role in Accountability, Advocacy, and Alignment

2

Lead a broad stakeholder effort to refresh the *Early Childhood Colorado Framework*

3

Partner with CDEC to develop a revised Early Childhood Workforce Development Plan for Colorado (per HB22-1295)

4

Continue commitment to serve as Stewards of Equity

5

Serve as an Early Childhood Resource

THANK YOU!



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