

Child Maltreatment Prevention Efforts

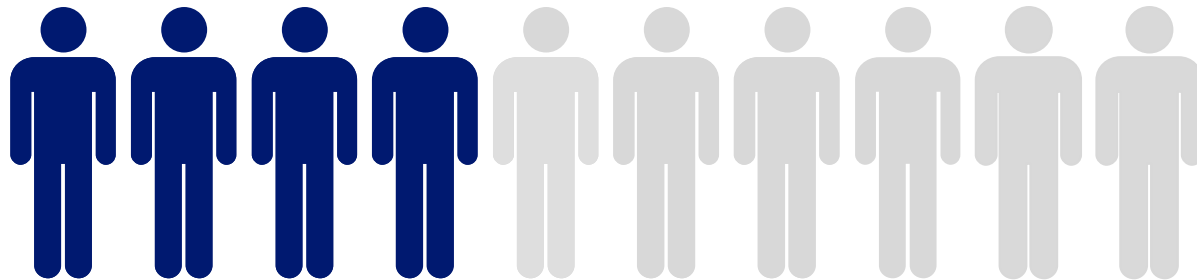
Child Welfare system Interim Study Committee
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In 2022, 41% of child welfare assessments included children under the age of six years old



CDEC Vision and Mission



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Our Vision

All Colorado children, families, and early childhood professionals are valued, healthy, and thriving.

Our Mission

To ensure the delivery of an inclusive, community-centered, data-driven, high quality, and equitable early childhood system that supports the care, education, and well-being of all Colorado's young children, their caregivers, and early childhood professionals in all settings.

Our Values

-  **Equity**
-  **Family & Community Focused**
-  **Excellence**
-  **Innovation**
-  **Strengths-Based**





Goal 3: Strengthen Families

Recognize the crucial role families and communities play in creating supportive and inclusive environments for early childhood development and offer knowledge and skill-building opportunities that support families around their goals of raising happy and healthy children despite the challenges that come their way.

3.1

Implement culturally responsive practices.

Implement culturally responsive practices that acknowledge and respect families' diverse values, beliefs, and experiences.

3.2

Connect families to skill-building and educational programs that support parents with knowledge and skills to raise healthy, happy children.

Connect parents with culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate family support programs that offer skill-building and educational opportunities to enhance parenting skills, promote positive family interactions, and increase child development knowledge.

3.3

Connect children and families to essential services and supports.

Address systemic inequities by connecting children and families to essential services and supports that improve economic security and mobility, such as affordable healthcare, housing assistance, mental health support, child care, educational opportunities, and other basic needs.

3.4

Provide families with appropriate support and resources based on their identified needs.

Prioritize programs that have been proven effective for children, families, and communities who have experienced historic and systemic barriers.

Nexus of Child Abuse Prevention



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CDEC Prevention Programs by Protective Factor



Concrete Supports in Times of Need	Knowledge of Child Development	Social Connections	Resilience Skills	Social Emotional Competence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado Child Care Assistance Program • Child First • Colorado Community Response • Early Intervention Colorado • Family Resource Centers • Colorado Fatherhood Program • Family Connects • Intensive case management and navigation services • Mobile Child Care for Substance Use Disorder Treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conscious Discipline • Early Learning Guidelines • Early Intervention Colorado • Early Childhood Mental Health Support Line • Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training • Home Visiting Programs - NFP, PAT, HIPPPY, SafeCare • Colorado Fatherhood Program • Healthy Steps • Nurturing Parenting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Resource Centers • Colorado Fatherhood Program • Circle of Parents • Colorado Connected Community Norms Campaign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seedlings, Roots, Branches and Sprout Curricula • Respite care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incredible Years • Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation • Pyramid • Healthy Steps



CHILD CARE

01 Reduced encounters with child welfare services

02 Reduced physical and sexual violence against children

03 Lower rates of out-of-home placement

04 Lower rates of juvenile arrests, felony arrests, incarceration



HOME VISITING

Spectrum of Home Visiting Services to Match Needs

Funded through CDEC

Child First

Family Connects

Healthy Steps

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters

Nurse-Family Partnership

Parents as Teachers

SafeCare Colorado

Spectrum of Evidence-Based Services

Home-Based Head Start

Healthy Families America

Directly funded with federal or local resources



HOME VISITING

01 Healthy Birth and Increased Caregiver and Child Health

02 Positive child development and Improved Positive Parenting Practices

03 Reduced Child Maltreatment

04 Improved Family Economic Self-Sufficiency



FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

01

Improved Family Economic Security

02

Increased protective factors that prevent child maltreatment

03

Improved Mental and Physical Health

Mitigating Risk Factors with Early Childhood Mental Health and Early Intervention Services



A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a purple shirt and a necklace, is sitting at a table and reading a large, colorful book to a group of young children. The children are sitting around the table, looking at the book. The background shows a classroom setting with shelves, a clock, and various educational materials. The image has a blue tint and a semi-transparent white box containing text.

THANK YOU.
Questions?



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