



ECPAC

EARLY CHILDHOOD PARTNERSHIP
OF ADAMS COUNTY

ANNUAL REPORT

2016-2017





Vision

All children are valued, healthy, and thriving



Mission

Building a community where every young child can reach their full potential

ECPAC's Ultimate Goal:

All Adams County children enter kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed.



The following individuals and organizations support ECPAC's ultimate goal by serving on the Board, one or more of ECPAC's collective impact action teams or committees, the quarterly ECPAC Advisory Council or have otherwise contributed to ECPAC's overall mission.

Adams County Housing Authority
 Adams County Youth Initiative
 Adams 12 Five Star Schools
 Adams 14 Schools
 Adams County Human Services Department
 Anythink Libraries
 Centura Health
 Child Care Innovations
 Children's Hospital Colorado
 Children's Outreach Project
 City of Thornton
 City of Westminster
 Clinica Family Health
 Colorado ABCD
 Community Reach Center
 DentaQuest
 Family Tree – Safe Care
 Front Range Community College
 Growing Home
 Head Start
 Kaiser Permanente

Kids First Health Care
 Kids In Need of Dentistry
 Mapleton Public Schools
 Metro Community Provider Network
 Mountainland Pediatrics
 North Metro Community Services
 North Suburban Medical Center
 Parent Representatives
 PASCO (Personal Assistance Services of Colorado)
 Peak Pediatrics
 Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics
 Salud
 Solace Home Healthcare
 Step-by-Step Child Development Center
 Sweet Pea Early Learning Center
 Tri-County Health Department
 University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine
 Westminster Public Schools

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Partners

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2016-2017 Board of Directors



Our Purpose

A STRONG, COORDINATED SYSTEM IS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SUPPORTING YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Almost 37,000 children under the age of five call Adams County home. Many children living in Adams County face greater challenges that may prevent them from entering kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed.

Compared to the average across Colorado, Adams County's youngest children are:

At a greater risk of living in poverty (AdCo: 17.3%; CO: 14.8%)

At a greater risk of abuse and neglect during their childhood (AdCo: 10.8/1,000; CO: 7.8/1,000)

More likely to be born to a teenage mother (AdCo: 30.4/1,000; CO: 19.2/1,000)

Less likely to be proficient in reading by the fourth grade (4th grade reading below average: AdCo: 65.3%; CO: 56.1%)



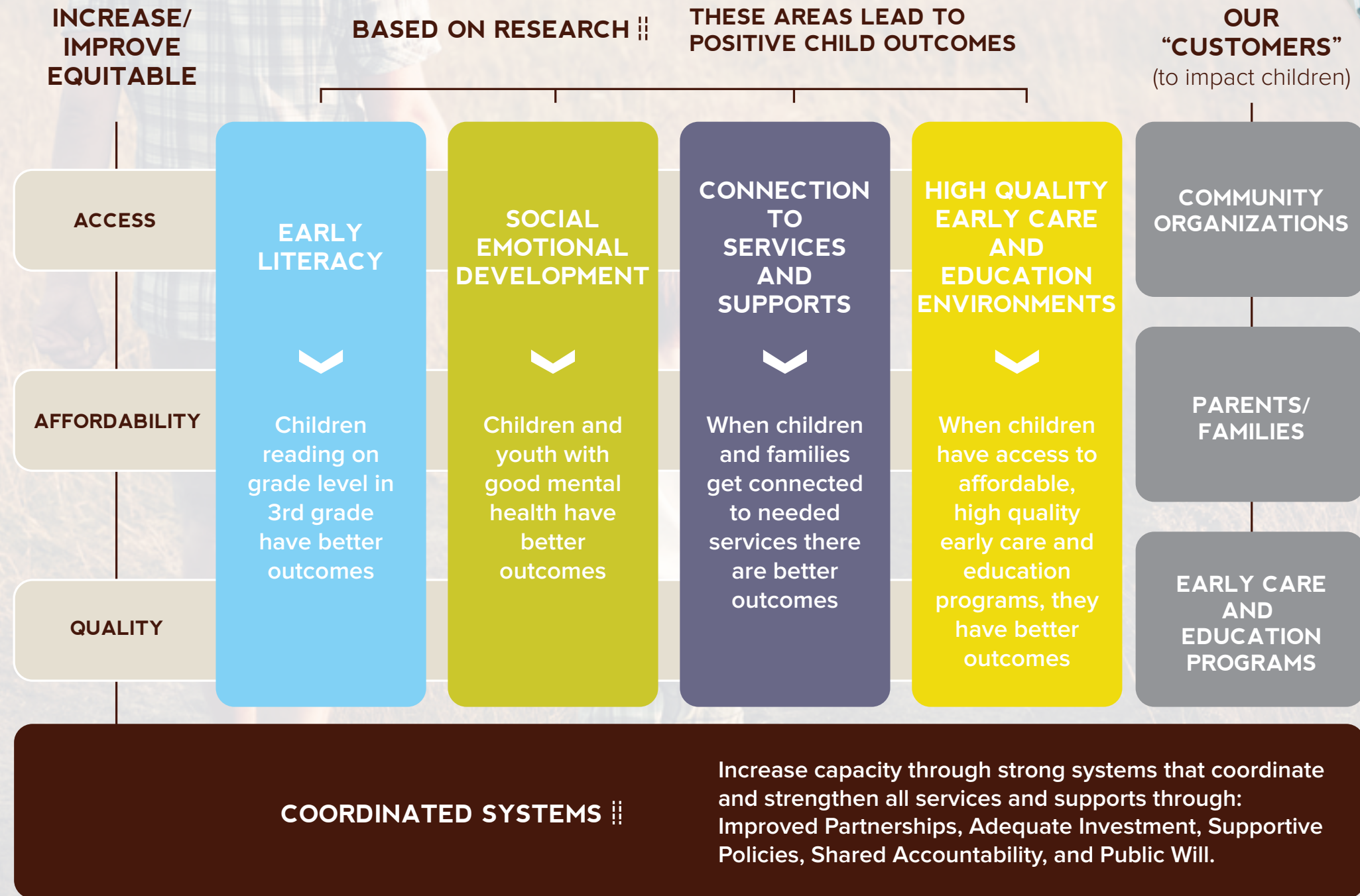
While Adams County continues to rank in the bottom 5 for child well-being (Kids Count Annual Report), ECPAC recognizes that there are areas of the county where children and families are thriving, and areas where children and families struggle more and face more adversities. Through our partnerships we work to close that gap towards a more equitable early childhood system, so every young child can reach their full potential.





Our Approach

ECPAC works with community partners towards impacting child outcomes to both prevent and/or mitigate the impacts of risks through the following strategies, outcome areas, and primary recipients of supports.





This Year's Successes

Access & Affordability

Through strong community partnerships, ECPAC supported 230 parents/family caregivers (English and Spanish speaking) in receiving free parenting classes in the areas of early literacy (142) and social-emotional development (88).

Quality

ECPAC supported 40% of Early Care and Education programs (121) to move towards higher quality with 69 reaching Level 2; 15 reaching Level 3, 31 reaching Level 4, and 6 reaching Level 5.

ACCESS

ECPAC partners worked to develop and roll out 3 public awareness and parent education efforts to increase families' access to needed information. These included Early Literacy, Social-Emotional development, and the Importance of High Quality Preschool.



Systems

To help ensure that our efforts meet the needs of the community, ECPAC has supported 4 family partners to be engaged in working with ECPAC and 46 family members through Community Cafés.

ACCESS

Since 2012, ECPAC has supported early childhood direct service providers through training, implementation support, and funded positions. This has resulted in increasing the numbers of children ages 0-3, identified and referred to developmental evaluations from 1,331 to 1,954 and an increase in follow through rate from 52% to 65%.

Quality

ECPAC provided training to 1,045 - duplicated and 520 - unduplicated, early childhood professionals to support the use of best practices.

Organizationally

Became an independent nonprofit organization as of July 1, 2017.





The Year Ahead

In the year ahead ECPAC will:

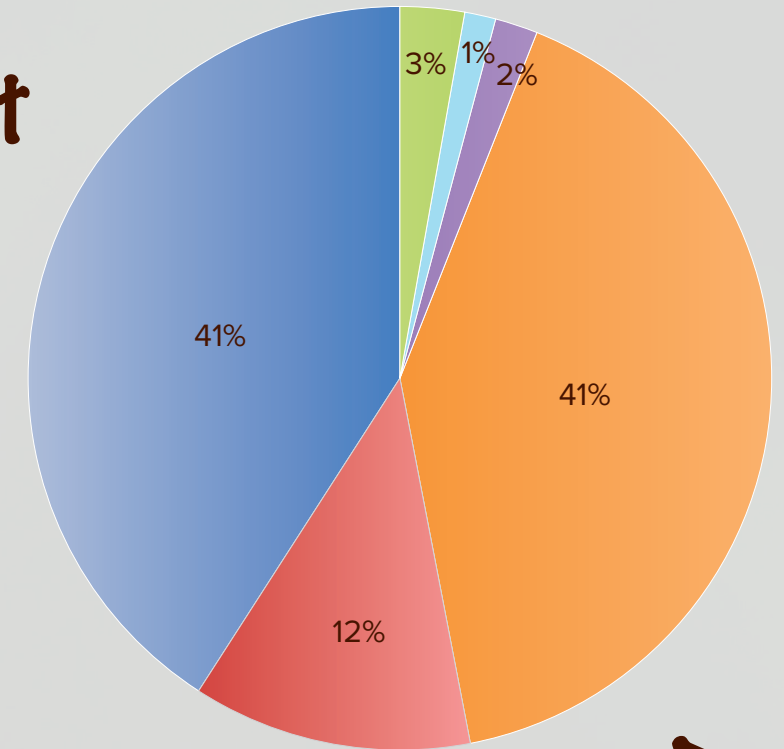
- Continue to support efforts in Early Literacy, Social Emotional Development, Connection to Services and Supports and High Quality Early Care and Education Environments for Adams County early childhood organizations, families and early care and education providers
- Conduct a countywide Early Childhood Education Access and Affordability study
- Develop a Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) engagement and support strategy
- Address poverty with the two-generation Strengthening Working Families Initiative (SWFI) that began in 2016 in partnership with The Community Colleges of Aurora and Denver
- Increase public awareness and advocacy that will improve the outcomes for young children and their families in Adams County
- Increase focus on supporting community organizations to address issues of equity
- Increase efforts to support family leaders



Financial Report

PERCENT SPENT PER FUNDING CATEGORY

- Program Contractors
- Program Expenses
- Personnel
- Operations
- Travel
- Admin to Fiscal Sponsor



Our Funders

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

• Project LAUNCH	-----	29.52%
• School Readiness Quality Improvement Program	-----	12.95%
• Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant	-----	16.63%
• CCCAP Quality Improvement grant	-----	5.34%
• Systems Building Grant	-----	5.27%
• Maternal Infant Home Visitation Project	-----	1.14%

ROSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

• Early Literacy Project	-----	5.68%
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PITON FOUNDATION – GARY COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

• Social Emotional	-----	4.57%
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MILE HIGH UNITED WAY

• Collective Impact	-----	4.26%
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STRENGTHENING WORKING FAMILIES INITIATIVE - CCA

• Child Care Navigation	-----	3.48%
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• Professional Development and General	-----	2.84%
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CARING FOR COLORADO

• Health Integration	-----	2.71%
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COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

• Expanding Quality in Infant and Toddler Care	-----	.63%
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ADDITIONAL FUNDS

• Unrestricted funds from fees, donations, and other	-----	5.0%
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ECPAC Funding FY 2016-17

ECPAC WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT US THROUGH FUNDING OR OTHER DONATIONS.

Our Funders

- » Colorado Department of Human Services (6 grants)
- » Rose Community Foundation
- » Piton Foundation – Gary Community Investments
- » Mile High United Way
- » Strengthening Working Families Initiative - CCA
- » Temple Hoyne Buell
- » Caring for Colorado
- » Colorado Department of Education

Our Donors

In-Kind:

- » Adams School District 12
- » Anythink Library
- » City of Westminster
- » Community Reach Center
- » Front Range Community College
- » Mapleton Public Schools
- » Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center
- » Noah's Ark Preschool and Child Care
- » North Metro Community Services
- » Rocky Mountain Youth Clinic
- » Step by Step Child Development Center
- » The Academy Charter School 2
- » Tri-County Health Department
- » Barb Crabtree (photography)

Donations:

Monetary and/or Material

- » Barnes and Noble
- » Children's Outreach Project
- » Duane Jansen
- » Keith and Linda Simmons
- » Marie Rael-Padilla
- » Malinda Scott
- » Melissa Sighting
- » Ware Malcome – JansenStrawn

Additionally the following donated to the Annual Teacher Recognition Event:

- » A New Generation
- » Bundles of Babies
- » Chick-fil-A
- » City of Thornton
- » Community Reach Center
- » Discount School Supply
- » Food and Beverage Secret Sauce
- » God Fathers Pizza
- » Gold Cannon
- » Good Times
- » Harrison and Company
- » Kodo Kids
- » Joni Park
- » Lakeshore Learning
- » Mountain Man Candy
- » Nifty-nifty
- » Panzano
- » Rosemarie Reagan
- » Open Air
- » Step-by Step Child Development Center
- » Syrup
- » Traci Chamberlain
- » Tri-County Health Department
- » The Academy
- » The Williams Family
- » Speed Stackers

ECPAC WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS OF TIME AND RESOURCES.

Our Volunteers

The Directors Roundtable Executive Team:

- » Lisa Lambrecht
- » Traci Chamberlain
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- » Tassi Angel
- » Sharon Juel

- » ECPAC staff
- » Emma Pendergast
- » Julia Brink
- » Dee Dee Green
- » Gloria Sanchez
- » Sharon Juel
- » Susan Flood

Thank you to Mapleton Public Schools for their generous support as ECPAC's Employer and Fiscal Sponsor through June 30, 2017.



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