WHY ADAMS COUNTY CHILDREN FACE MORE RISK THAN CHILDREN IN OTHER COLORADO COUNTIES

Health, family, economic and education indicators all show Adams County consistently ranks in the bottom five of Colorado counties rated for child wellbeing (Kids Count Annual Survey). More of our children live in poverty, experience abuse and neglect, and are born to mothers with less than 12 years of education. Less of our children read at grade level and graduate from high school. The ECPAC Partnership is committed to addressing the systemic barriers that make this a reality for many of our children and families.

WHO THE PARTNERSHIP: A COMPREHENSIVE TWO-GENERATION APPROACH

Research shows 90 percent of the brain is developed before a child enters kindergarten. No single person or organization can provide everything a child needs to enter kindergarten healthy and ready to learn and succeed. The Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County convenes more than 45 service and support organizations, parents and community members. The Partnership’s impact on the wellbeing of Adams County’s youngest children is stronger because we are working together towards our common goal.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

INCREASE/IMPROVE EQUITABLE

BASED ON RESEARCH THESE AREAS LEAD TO POSITIVE CHILD OUTCOMES

OUR “CUSTOMERS” (to impact children)

ACCESS

EARLY LITERACY

Children reading on grade level in 3rd grade have better outcomes

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

AFFORDABILITY

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Children and youth with good mental health have better outcomes

PARENTS/FAMILIES

QUALITY

CONNECTION TO SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

When children and families get connected to needed services there are better outcomes

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

HIGH QUALITY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION ENVIRONMENTS

When children have access to affordable, high quality early care and education programs, they have better outcomes

COORDINATED SYSTEMS

Increase capacity through strong systems that coordinate and strengthen all services and supports through: Improved Partnerships, Adequate Investment, Supportive Policies, Shared Accountability, and Public Will.
HOW BASED ON RESEARCH, OUR STRATEGIES CONCENTRATE ON:

• Improving early literacy skills
• Promoting healthy social and emotional development
• Connecting children and families to services and supports as early as possible
• Supporting high quality early care and education environments

WE FACILITATE SEVERAL ACTION TEAMS WHERE COMMUNITY PARTNERS WORK TO IMPROVE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, HIGH QUALITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

SUCCESS
In 2017, 119 of Adams County’s 306 child care programs engaged in improving the quality of the care they provide to children and their families compared with 55 in 2015 and 17 in 2014.

SUCCESS
From 2014-2018, ECPAC offered 51 unique professional development opportunities towards improved quality of multi-disciplinary services.

SUCCESS
From 2014-2018, ECPAC has provided parenting classes for over 550 parents.

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WE COLLABORATE TO SHAPE SYSTEMS THAT IMPROVE EQUITABLE ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, AND QUALITY OF SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THROUGH:

• Sharing accountability for improved child and family outcomes
• Securing and leveraging adequate investment for identified needs
• Gathering, analyzing and distributing data to drive and adjust our efforts
• Developing supportive policies
• Building and strengthening partnerships towards collective impact
• Promoting best practices towards improved quality

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

• CHAMPION community progress
• INVITE others to get engaged in our mission
• VOLUNTEER or provide in-kind support
• INVEST in our ability to improve our successes

PLEASE JOIN US IN IMPROVING THE LIVES OF ADAMS COUNTY’S YOUNGEST CHILDREN.