



ECPAC
EARLY CHILDHOOD
PARTNERSHIP
OF ADAMS COUNTY

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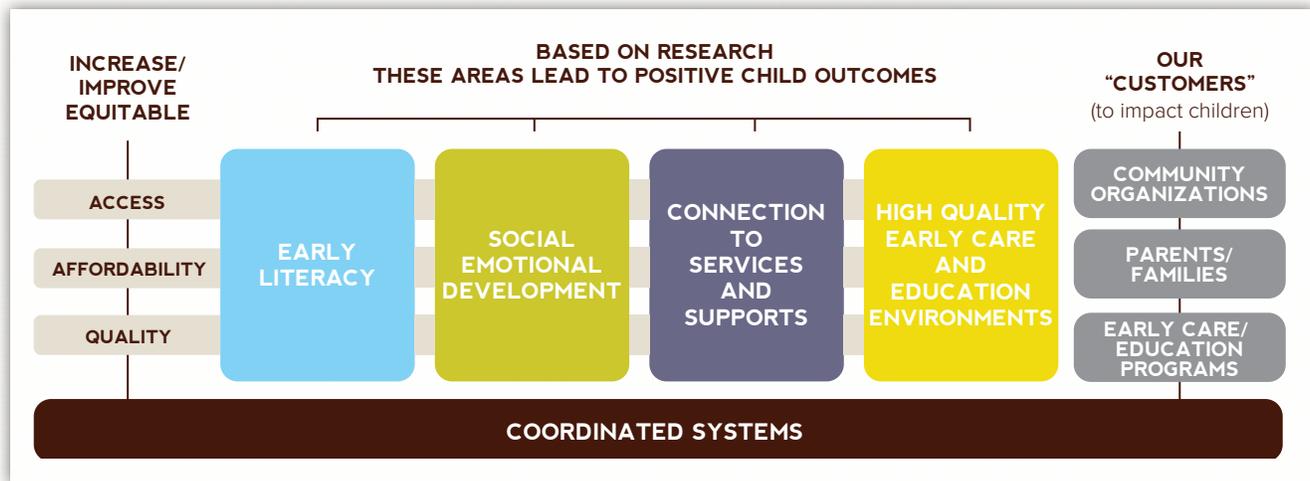
All children and their families are valued, healthy, and thriving

MISSION

Build a community where each child and their family can reach their full potential



FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER HUBS



ALL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, HIGH QUALITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT TOWARDS ECPAC'S ULTIMATE GOAL THAT ALL CHILDREN ENTER KINDERGARTEN HEALTHY AND READY TO LEARN AND SUCCEED.

A CHALLENGE:

- Compared to the CO state average, Adams County has a higher rate of children living in poverty, child abuse and neglect, and children born to teen parents, as well as lower academic performance. Children who experience challenges are more likely to have life-long impacts on health and wellbeing.
- ECPAC partners and families identify that knowing where families can go for services is challenging.
- Barriers to accessing available services include the large geographical area of Adams County, lack of transportation and time needed to attend various appointments.
- It is recognized that there are great disparities in Adams County, as there are areas of the County in which children and their families are thriving, and areas where children and families are barely surviving. The zip code or neighborhood in which children and families live, unfortunately, often determines whether they have what they need to thrive.

A SOLUTION:

- Because there are great nonprofit service organizations, strong family and community leaders, and invested businesses in Adams County, there is an opportunity to work together to change the landscape for these challenges and create a future where every zip code is filled with everything that makes a strong community.
- Research shows positive impact on parents, families, and children through two-generation approaches, which provide opportunities for and meet the needs of children and their parents simultaneously, helping the two generations make progress together.
- Families report having a person who can help them in navigating the various resources available is beneficial. ECPAC partners and families have identified the creation of "Family Resource Center Hubs" located in various areas of the County, as "one-stop shops" provided through strong partnerships with community organizations, where families can equitably access a variety of comprehensive services without having to experience the barriers associated with time, transportation, and trust.



CURRENT IMPACTS/SUCSESSES

Through the provision of care navigation, Families will be connected to needed services and supports to strengthen their families.



Through ECPAC's support of care navigators in the community, referral follow-through rates have increased from 52% (2012) to 66% (2018) - which is higher than the overall Adams County average of 63% - for Early Intervention services (0-3 years of age), with one location having consistent follow-through rates over 70% and up to 90%.

Implemented as a two-generation (2Gen) approach, Family Strengthening helps participants explore how they can become better parents, better families and more engaged members of the community. The skills and knowledge acquired support them as both parents and individuals, which in turn supports their children and families.



Through ECPAC, since 2015, over 40 parent enrichment classes have been offered. Eighty-seven parents have attended an early literacy class, impacting a total of 256 children in Adams County. Overall, there has been a 26% increase in literacy skills and knowledge among parents involved. Over 80% of parents who participated in PIPE noticed a positive change in their child's behavior and how their child expresses their feelings.

Family Resource Center Hubs can only be implemented through strong partnerships which support shared accountability for improved child and family outcomes.



ECPAC partners with over 45 community service organizations. One pilot is underway with Growing Home and Unison Housing Partners at the Alto Housing Property in Westminster. ECPAC is located with 16 other community organizations at the Adams County Human Services Department. ECPAC is working to secure space in Commerce City.

Support

ECPAC partners in addressing possible barriers including but not limited to:

- shared resources,
- shared data,
- use of shared "intake forms,"
- increased engagement with local businesses
- needed improvements in policy (institutional, city, county, state)

Help ECPAC partners in addressing ...



Contribute

to the flexible funding to help ensure the successful implementation and positive outcomes for children and families.

Join

ECPAC partners in planning, implementing and evaluating these Hubs

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