



## Senate Bill 19-063 Infant and Family Child Care Strategic Action Plan

### Overview of Legislation

- **Title:** A Bill for an Act Concerning a Strategic Action Plan to Address Infant and Family Child Care Home Shortages in Colorado:  
[http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2019A/bills/2019a\\_063\\_enr.pdf](http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2019A/bills/2019a_063_enr.pdf)
- **Need:** Since 2010, Colorado has seen a decline of 1582 family child care homes (FCCH) and a resultant decline in more than 7300 licensed infant slots. Many Coloradans prefer the smaller environment of a family child care home for infant care and many rural communities rely on family child care homes as a care option where centers may not exist.
- **Charge:** This bill requires the Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC) and various stakeholders, to study the reasons for, and draft a Strategic Action Plan addressing, the declining availability of family child care homes and infant child care. That Strategic Action Plan is to be submitted to the legislature by December 1, 2019.

### Process for Identifying Recommendations in SB19-063 Strategic Action Plan:

- Study the decline of family child care homes and available infant child care in the state and identify reasons for these shortages
  - Informed by Preschool Development Grant vendors; additional data collection; and stakeholder input
  - Issues to be studied:
    - Lack of available infant and family child care and impact on families
    - Obstacles to getting and keeping a family child care home license
    - Reasons why providers stop operating family child care homes
    - Reasons why licensed providers do not provide infant care
    - Zoning, building, tax, and other regulatory structures affecting family child care and infant care
    - Extent to which programs and investments ensure available, quality family child care and infant care
    - Resources available and needed to help family child care homes become licensed and stay in business
- Create Strategic Action Plan for improving the recruitment and retention of family child care homes and available infant child care
  - Stakeholder engagement process for possible recommendations to include in the Strategic Action Plan
  - Recommendations narrowed down by internal review, then stakeholder input and support survey
  - Recommendations finalized by small stakeholder group
    - Including representatives from: urban and rural family child care homes; centers; advocacy organizations; parents; Governor's Office; municipalities; small business; Office of Early Childhood; Early Childhood Leadership Commission
- Identify anticipated costs associated with implementing the recommendations in the Strategic Action Plan

Stakeholders to be Consulted:

- Family child care homes & organizations representing them
- Child care centers & organizations representing them
- Early childhood educators & organizations representing them
- County departments of human or social services
- Counties and municipalities
- Building, planning and zoning professionals and organizations representing them
- Early Childhood Councils and organizations representing them
- Business and economic development organizations
- State or local early childhood advocacy and policy organizations with expertise on strategies to increase available and affordable family child care home and infant care
- Parents of infants & organizations representing them
- Any other interested persons or organizations

Timeline:

| <b>Month</b> | <b>Activity</b>   |
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| July         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finalize plan for implementation of bill and data collection</li><li>• Start stakeholder outreach</li><li>• Begin data collection</li></ul>   |
| August       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stakeholder outreach</li><li>• Contract with Strategic Action Plan vendor</li></ul>   |
| September    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete stakeholder outreach</li><li>• Compile data and stakeholder recommendations</li></ul>  |
| October      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop long list of recommendations</li><li>• Collect stakeholder feedback on long list by survey</li><li>• Convene small group of stakeholders to determine final recommendations</li></ul> |
| November     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete Strategic Action Plan</li><li>• Complete costing out of recommendations</li></ul>  |
| December     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit Strategic Action Plan to legislature</li></ul>   |