



ECPAC

The Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County CHILD MALTREATMENT PREVENTION

VISION ::

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

THE PROBLEM ECPAC IS WORKING TO IMPROVE:

Adams County consistently has a higher rate of child abuse and neglect than the state average. According to Kids Count 2021, Adams County's rate of child abuse and neglect was 14.2 (rate per 1,000), compared to Colorado's 9.7. Young children are most likely to experience abuse.

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT:

Decades of research has shown that Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), such as experiencing violence, abuse or neglect, can have lasting negative effects on health, development, education, and opportunity. In addition, the economic and social impacts are staggering.

THE STRATEGIES ECPAC IS EMPLOYING:

- Research has shown that the [Strengthening Families 5 Protective Factors](#) result in a reduced likelihood of child abuse and neglect. Given this, ECPAC strives to implement each of the Protective Factors into its work, offers Strengthening Families classes for families, and holds trainings for organizational partners on how to promote the factors within their existing programming.
- ECPAC facilitates a Child Maltreatment Prevention Action Team that works collaboratively to:
 - promote positive social norms related to help-seeking/offering and responsive caregiving
 - host neighborhood events that support positive social connections between families
 - coordinate efforts related to increasing access to services and supports for families
 - take action on policies that support families
- ECPAC is working with Adams County Human Services and Tri-County Health Department to align prevention efforts for a county-wide Strengthening Families Plan
- ECPAC is working with community partners to promote [Child Abuse Prevention Month](#) every April (and year-long) to raise awareness of how we ALL play a role in prevention and supporting families through the five Protective Factors
- ECPAC is working with partners to develop a "Resource Hub" in Commerce City and is open to other areas in the county



THE IMPACT:

- The Child Maltreatment Prevention Action Team has developed several social norming messages to reduce stigma related to asking for help, responsive caregiving, and the Strengthening Families Protective Factors, all of which have been promoted broadly
- 8 Neighborhood Events, with more than 350 attendees, have been hosted in order to increase social connections among families and connect families to resources
- 56 family members and 261 organizational partners have been trained on Strengthening Families

COMMITTED PARTNERS:

ECPAC's Child Maltreatment Prevention Action Team has been convening since 2018 and includes 4 family partners, as well as representatives from Adams County Human Services Department, Community Reach Center, Tri-County Health Department, Westminster Fire Department, The Family Tree, North Suburban Medical Center, CASA of Adams and Broomfield Counties, Savio House, A Precious Child, Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Maiker Housing Partners, and Growing Home.

TO GET INVOLVED OR LEARN MORE:

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