



ECPAC

The Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County **POLICY AGENDA**

VISION ::

All children, their families, and early childhood professionals are valued, healthy, and thriving.



MISSION ::

Building a community where all young children, their families, and early childhood professionals are able to reach their full potential.



Engagement

ALL FAMILIES HAVE EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO AUTHENTICALLY AND ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN SOLUTIONS THAT IMPACT THEIR COMMUNITY

WHY ECPAC PRIORITIZES?

- Decisions are made with full/direct participation of those affected
- Families can exercise power through a shared common purpose, knowledge, and collective action and by understanding historical injustices
- Families strengthen social connections, have a sense of belonging, neighborliness, and build trust and support

ECPAC SUPPORTS POLICIES/PRACTICES TOWARDS THESE OUTCOMES:

- Family members are adequately supported and incentivized for their expertise and contribution
- Family members are provided a variety of opportunities to authentically contribute
- Family members' experiences are culturally and linguistically meaningful



Early Education

ALL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS TO THE AFFORDABLE AND HIGH-QUALITY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION (ECE) THEY NEED

WHY ECPAC PRIORITIZES?

- Economic security for families
- Stability for small businesses
- Quality care to support all areas of children's development

ECPAC SUPPORTS POLICIES/PRACTICES TOWARDS THESE OUTCOMES:

- ECE programs are adequately available through a mixed-delivery system in all areas of Adams County so families can work and advance their careers
- ECE is high quality through adequately funding through local, state, and federal dollars
- The ECE workforce is prepared and supported through career pathways and sufficient compensation
- ECE programs use best practices to support optimal development in all areas in collaboration with families



Community

ALL FAMILIES EXPERIENCE A HEALTHY, EQUITABLE COMMUNITY WHERE THEY LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY

WHY ECPAC PRIORITIZES?

- Children are impacted by the self-defined and multi-generational well-being of their family.
- Economic security for families
- Prevention of and mitigation of the impacts of adverse childhood experiences/toxic stress
- Impacts of Social Determinants of Health
- Strong families depend on supportive communities

ECPAC SUPPORTS POLICIES/PRACTICES TOWARDS THESE OUTCOMES:

- Families experience a culturally responsive and well-coordinated system of health, early learning, and social supports/networks
- Families have equitable access to basic needs that are adequate and affordable
- Families have equitable access to culturally responsive services to support health, mental health, and family support and education