



Mesa County Partnership for Children and Families (PCF)

Strategic Plan - Effective 7/1/15

Mission: *Create, coordinate and sustain a resource rich community for all families so that children reach their full potential in safe and optimally nurturing environments.*

Vision: *Helping families reach their full potential.*

<p>EARLY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT ...early education</p>	<p><i>Provide professional development opportunities for early childhood professionals as well as ensure there are local methods to measure quality within early care and education sites.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and maintain high quality early childhood professionals in the workforce throughout urban and rural Mesa County. • Provide effective support to the local child care community with the state’s implementation of Colorado Shines (coloradoshines.com) and the Professional Development Information System (ecpd.costartstrong.org). • Engage in activities to promote transitions of children (infant to toddler, toddler to pre-k and transitions to kindergarten). • Support the School Readiness Quality Improvement Program, Colorado Children Care Assistance Program Quality Improvement Pilot, Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler classes, Early Learning Ventures shared services project, and Early Head Start initiatives.
<p>HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH ...health, safety & medical home</p>	<p><i>Ensure supports and services that promote healthy child development are available and engaging to all families.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build, support and strengthen community partnerships to increase access to preventive medical, oral and mental health care including providing community presentation to committee members to expand knowledge of current committee work. • Support goals and activities in coordination with Assuring Better Child Health and Development and community partners that will create and support a quality, coordinated approach to screening, referral and the follow-up process. • Generate education and leadership for families and the community through effective training models. • Continue efforts of promoting family positivity through distribution of <i>Multiply Your Happy</i> calendars.
<p>FAMILY SUPPORT & EDUCATION ...child abuse prevention</p>	<p><i>Prevent child abuse and neglect by supporting families, educating parents, and engaging community members to ensure the children are well.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are the Children?® will continue its community outreach and educational efforts to the public regarding the importance of parent education, family support, and child abuse and neglect with prevention as the focus. • Community members will understand how to identify child abuse and feel responsible to report it. • The community takes ownership of protecting children, and we reach the community with this messaging through all avenues. • Support and build upon the momentum of the 1-800-Children and “Got Kids” (www.gotkidsroadmap.com) outreach campaigns.
<p>EARLY CHILDHOOD STEERING COMMITTEE</p>	<p><i>Strengthen, support and build upon the leadership of the Early Childhood Steering Committee (PCF, Colorado Preschool Program and Local Interagency Coordinating Council).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure mission and vision are central components within all work plans including membership recruitment and parental involvement. • Collaborate with Family and Adolescent Partnership to strengthen coordination across the age spectrum and create joint community report. • Continue diversifying funding for the Early Childhood Council to ensure all committees and priorities are represented.