

Qualistar 2018 Policy Framework

The *2018 Policy Framework* reflects our priorities to support the people and places offering early childhood education services. We offer specific recommendations to build and sustain an effective, comprehensive system for children birth to eight.

Adequately Support & Elevate Our Early Childhood Education Workforce

Ensure increased capacity within the licensed early childhood education delivery system, most critically focused on programs serving infants and toddlers.

Support the Incubation to Innovation (i2I) effort steered by state leadership, philanthropic partners, and early childhood education stakeholders, in part, by supporting the successful implementation of the Workforce 2020 Plan.

Promote effective practices for early childhood education professionals to positively impact outcomes for children and families.

Promote increased support and awareness of child care health consultation.

Promote sustainable and ongoing access to resources that support continuous quality improvement.

Adequately Fund & Improve Early Childhood & After School Programs

Promote increased funding for children birth to eight in early childhood and after school settings to ensure children's access to educational enrichment programs that support families.

Promote increased and continued funding within the Colorado Department of Human Services' Office of Early Childhood to sustain Colorado's investments in Colorado Shines and the Professional Development Information System (PDIS) and other quality improvement measures.

Support the continued improvement of the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) to ensure positive outcomes for children, families, and early childhood providers.

Promote increased Colorado Preschool Program funding to serve more children in a mixed delivery system including private, non-profit, and public settings.

Support the continued improvement of child care licensing rules, regulations, and quality standards with a particular focus on those that improve the health, safety, and wellness of children

Support and contribute to creative funding strategies for early childhood education.

Our mission is to elevate the quality of early childhood education in Colorado by improving everyday practice of professionals, and by building safe, supportive environments.

