

## POLICY FRAMEWORK

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Healthy Child Care Colorado's *Policy Framework* reflects our priorities to support health, safety, and wellness in early childhood settings and systems. We offer recommendations to build and sustain an effective, comprehensive system for children birth to age eight.

### ADEQUATELY SUPPORT & ELEVATE THE WORKFORCE

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

**Support** the successful implementation of efforts led by the Early Childhood Leadership Commission and/or Office of Early Childhood.

**Promote** best practices for early childhood professionals and child care health consultants to positively impact outcomes for children and families.

**Promote** increased support and awareness of the critical role child care health consultants have to ensure children with health needs are included in licensed child care settings.

**Promote** sustainable and ongoing access to resources that support professional development.

### ADEQUATELY FUND & IMPROVE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

**Promote** increased funding for children birth to age eight in early childhood and after school settings to ensure access to educational enrichment programs.

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

**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 health, safety, and wellness.

