

# Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) Working Group

Kick-off Meeting - **April 6th, 2022**



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Office of Early Childhood  
Department of Human Services



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# Meeting Objectives

- Orient members to the ECCS grant
- Identify members to form goal-specific implementation teams
- Determine and invite additional members from identified sectors to serve on the working group and/or implementation teams

# Welcome!

Please introduce yourself in chat!

- Name
- Title
- Organization
- Is there a memento from when you were younger that you still have? What is it?



# ECCS Grant Overview

## Roles & Responsibilities

- Federal Project Officer
- TA Provider
- Grantee
- Evaluator
- Facilitator
- ECCS Working Group
  - A group under ECLC's Program Quality and Alignment Subcommittee

# ECCS Grant Overview

## *Grant Goals*

### GOAL 1:

**Increase the engagement** of new stakeholders, such as **families** and **health providers** in the **system of wrap-around supports** for families during pregnancy through the **first three years** of a child's life.

- Expand health care providers' use of a single point of entry and coordinated intake and referral system.
- Identify and assess policy barriers across early childhood systems and build on health innovations to improve systems.
- Alignment of family engagement strategies across early childhood and maternal child health initiatives and create a structure for incorporating feedback into planning.

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## *Grant Goals*

### GOAL 2

**Align early childhood** and **maternal child health systems** to advance the **sustainability** of multi-generational **preventive** services and systems.

- Support 5 local communities in collaborative planning and blending funds for program implementation.
- Merge health into the early childhood system by examining existing needs assessments that impact the early childhood population and implement health equity strategies.

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## *Grant Goals*

### GOAL 3

**Advance health equity** by creating an **Early Childhood Health Equity Action Plan** focused from the **prenatal** period through the **first three years** of a child's life.

- Examine racial disparities identified in data sets and needs assessments and use data to inform the health equity plan.
- Collect information from diverse partners through existing advisory councils to inform the P-3 Health Equity Action Plan.
- Produce and disseminate an Early Childhood Health Equity Action Plan.

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## Evaluation

- CDPHE



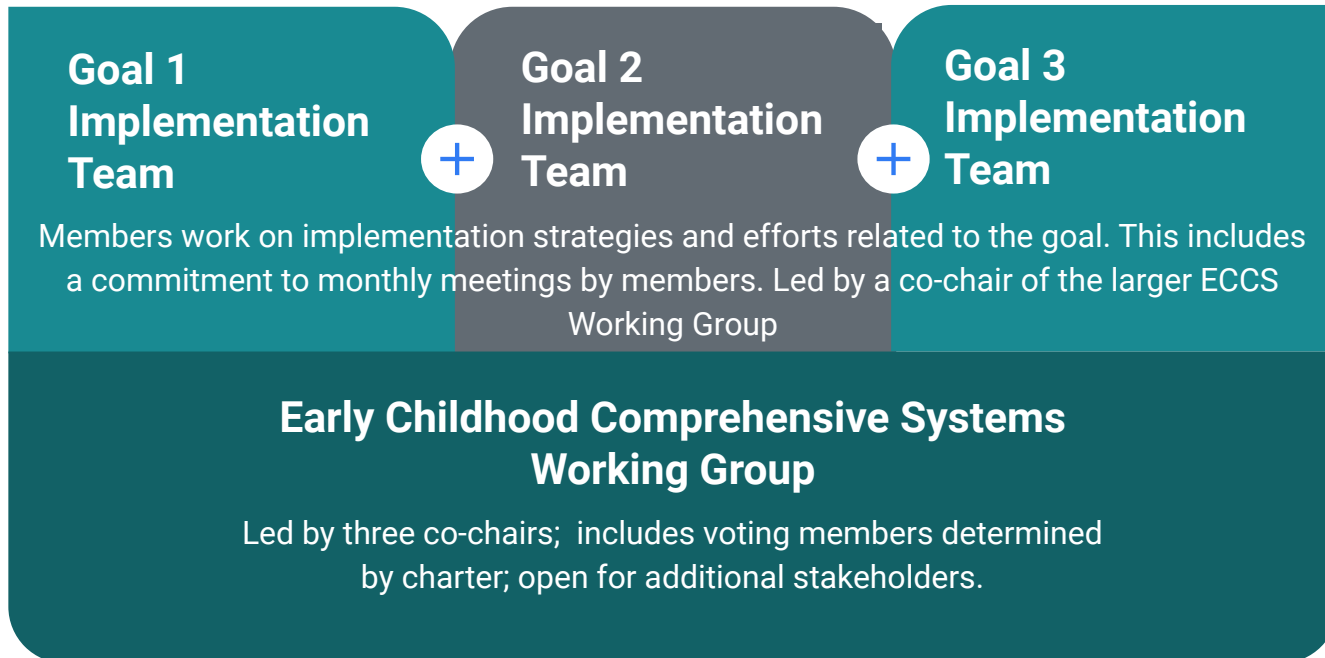
# Structure & How to Engage

## ECCS Working Group Charter - *Working Group Charge*

“The Working Group is charged as an **advisory group** for the ECCS Grant. The Working Group will engage stakeholders in the system of wrap-around supports for families during pregnancy through the first three years of a child’s life to ensure alignment of Colorado’s early childhood and maternal child health systems. In order to advance health equity of P-3 services, the Working Group will collect information and examine data from diverse partners to inform a Health Equity Action Plan.”

# Structure & How to Engage

## Implementation Teams



# Structure & How to Engage

- **Sign up to be on an implementation team!**
- Visit the website to access all ECCS related info - next meetings, agendas, minutes, & other documents
  - [www.earlychildhoodcolorado.org/eccs](http://www.earlychildhoodcolorado.org/eccs)
- Participate in Working Group Meetings, bring your voice during Public Comment

# Brainstorm: Who Else?

Based on our charter and the goals of the grant, who do you think we still need?

Who will you share the form with?

Who Else?		
Goal 1	Goal 2	Goal 3
<div>Write name, title, organization &amp; place where they might make most impact</div>		

# Public Comment

# Next Steps

## Actions to take now:

1. Sign up for an implementation team
2. Give feedback to the CDPHE evaluation team
3. Get acquainted with the ECCS webpage

## May - TBD

Next ECCS Working Group meeting we will:

- Establish norms & review our charter
- Identify & celebrate co-chairs
- Begin meetings of goal-specific implementation teams