

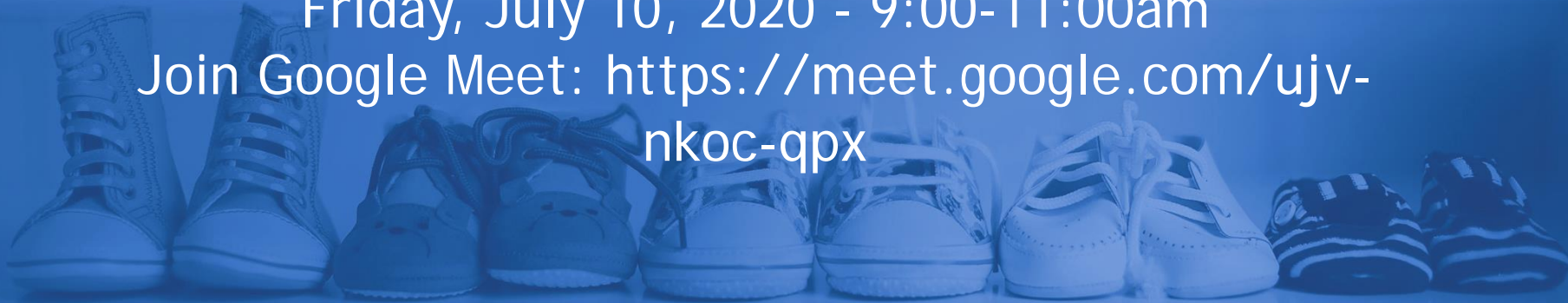
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Early Childhood Leadership Commission

Program Quality & Alignment Subcommittee

Friday, July 10, 2020 - 9:00-11:00am

Join Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ujv-nkoc-qpx>





Welcome and Review of Minutes

- Please mute yourself when you are not speaking
- Please type your name and organization you are representing into the chat box for introductions
- Review meeting objectives
 - Learn about progress on PDG strategies
 - Hear updates from CDE
 - Discuss organization and efforts supporting FFN care
 - Allow an opportunity for updates, new business and public comment
- Approval of meeting minutes from June 12, 2020



Update on Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Strategies

Update on Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Strategies:

- Business practices work progress and expectations (Kristen Lang & Angela Ben-Zekry)
- CDA and Micro grants (Angela Ben-Zekry)
- Inclusion Cohort (Kristen Lang)



Colorado Department of Education (CDE)
Restart and Recovery Resources
Melissa Colzman



Discussion on Supporting Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) Care



History & Background

Betty Dalton



The Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition

Lorena Garcia



The Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition

PASO: Providers Advancing
Student Outcomes

15 years working with FFN
providers

The Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition

- Founded in 1980 by a grassroots group of parents

Pillars of Organizing

- Equitable education
- Recognize the inherent power of parents
- Recognize the inherent power of teachers
- Recognize the inherent power of youth/children



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The Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition

Goals:

- Close the opportunity gap
- Eliminate racism in education
- Support the creation of more family inclusive schools
- Build a network of parents across Colorado with the skills
And knowledge to be effective and engaged parents



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40 years of positive impact all over Colorado

CSPC has worked in schools and with parents and educators from 150 school districts across Colorado since 1980

- Las Madres/Los Padres
- Statewide parent conferences
- Youth Institute
- SOY –Statewide Opportunities for Youth
- Parent Leadership Teams
- PASO
- 3step
- Adelante: Health and Education Network



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PASO

- In 2004, CSPC Identified the need to support childcare providers as well as parents to close the opportunity gap
- Who are the childcare providers?
 - Grandparents
 - Aunts
 - Sisters
 - Neighbors
 - Friends
 - Co-worker's friends

Providers Advancing Student Outcomes



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- PASO trains informal childcare providers to create high-quality-learning opportunities for the children in their care.
 - CSPC has trained over 1300 providers since 2006
 - 120 hours of instruction over the course of 15 weeks
 - Three Home visits to monitor for improvements in Childcare environment
 - Covers the six core competencies of the Child Development Associates (CDA)
 - Graduates are qualified to apply for the CDA
 - PASO is culturally competent



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Child Development Associates

- Most widely recognized child development certificate
- Must renew every three years
- Requires competencies and requirements beyond those of the State licensure program.

PASO is an evidence-based program



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- 5 year rigorous external evaluation

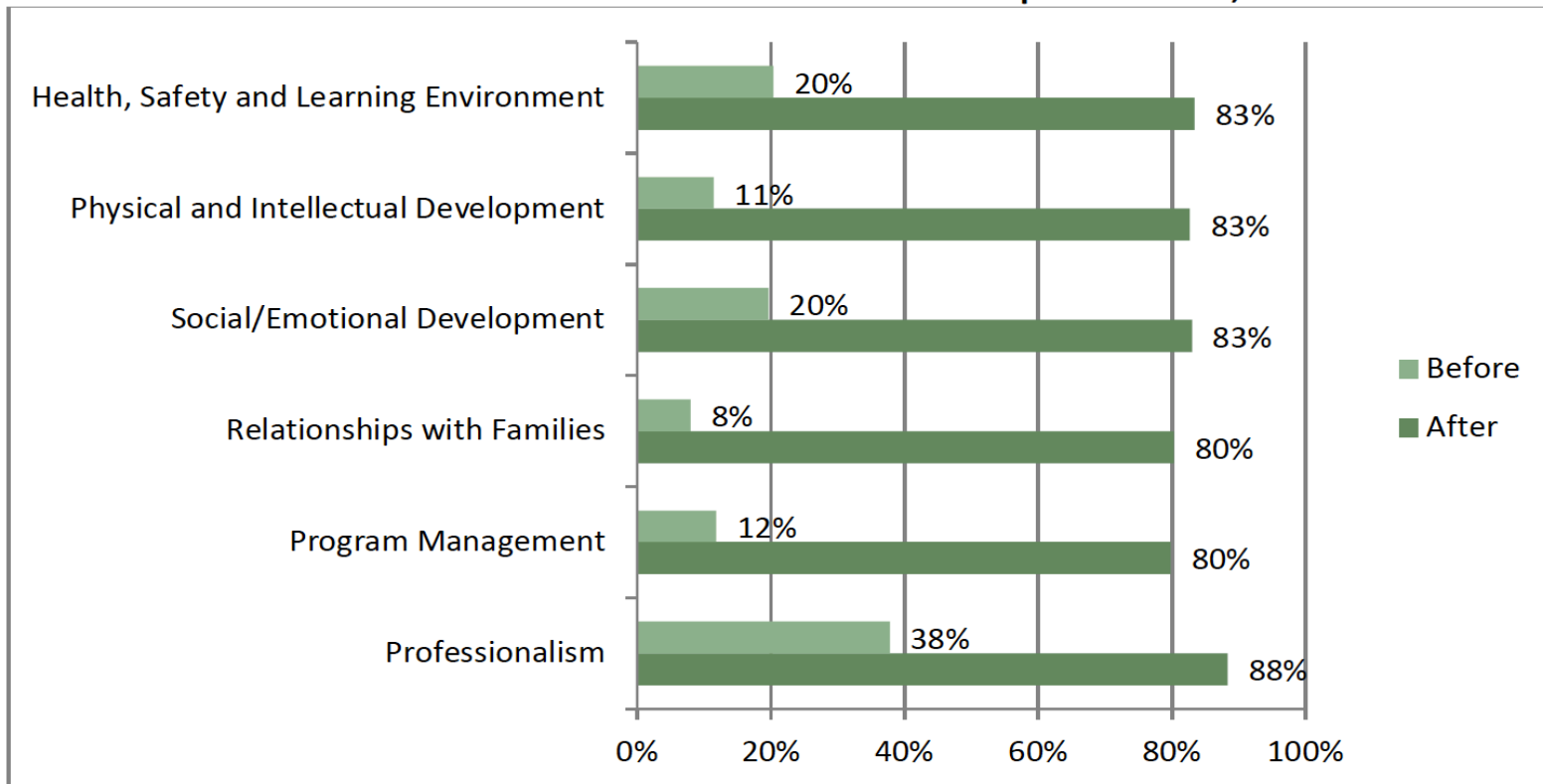
Results: Statistically significant positive improvement of 11 NCE points

- 11 NCE points translates to an increase from 6th percentile to 17th percentile in DP-3 Measure

Results: between 78 and 75% of PASO graduates apply for their CDAs

Overall provider performance:

Figure 5.13
Provider Performance Increased in All CDA Subcomponent Areas, 2014-2017





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Challenges for FFN providers:

- Arbitrary requirements for home-childcare providers
- Low threshold for number of children providers can care for
- No benefits, i.e. health insurance, etc.
- No subsidies
- High overhead cost for FFN providers with very low ROI: liability insurance, cost of meals
- Saying no to families with children in need of care



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Solution: From Providers

- Add Childcare exemption to HB 1023
- Revise the home safety requirements for home-based childcare
- Create a group FFN provider liability plan that providers can buy into at a reduced rate
- Develop partnerships with grocery stores and food banks to support the healthy nutrition for FFN providers





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Growing Readers Program/ State Libraries

Joyce Johnson



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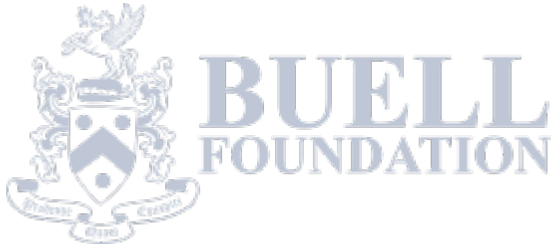
Growing Readers Together

*Libraries Engaging Family, Friend, and Neighbor Caregivers in
Early Literacy*



Colorado State Library

Background & Goals



- FFN caregivers have the skills, confidence, and resources to engage children in their care with early literacy materials and activities daily.
- Public library staff have strategies to connect FFN caregivers in their area with early literacy services.
- Colorado State Library will develop state-level infrastructure for early literacy support to FFN caregivers and the children in their care.
- Children under six will be exposed to more language and literacy-rich experiences in informal childcare settings and at the library.

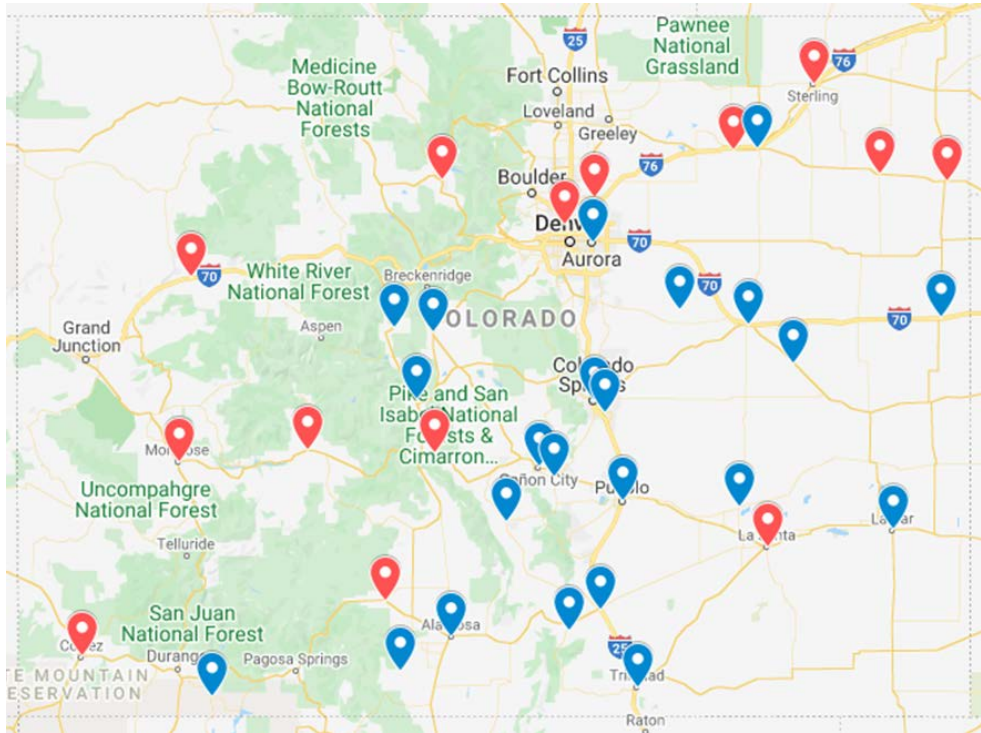


Growing Readers Together (GRT) Grants

- Small awards (\$5,000 - \$8,125)
- Support iterative development
- Partnerships & outreach key activities
- Require 20% of funds used for “give-away” materials



Participating Libraries 2016 - 2020



Participating Library Systems, 2019-20	Participating Library Systems, 2016-19
Cortez Public Library	Alamosa Public Library
Del Norte Public Library	Aurora Public Library
Fort Morgan Public Library	Burlington Public Library
Garfield County Public Library District	Canon City Public Library
Grand County Public Library District	Combined Community Library (Ordway)
Gunnison County Library District	Conejos County Library District
La Junta/Woodruff Memorial Library	East Morgan County Library District/Brush
Montrose Regional Library District	Ignacio Community Library District
Rangeview Library District (Anythink)	John C. Fremont Library District (Florence)
Southern Chaffee County Regional Lib District/Salida	La Veta Public Library
Sterling Public Library	Lake County Public Library/Leadville
Westminster Public Library	Lamar Public Library
Wray Public Library	Limon Memorial Library
Yuma Public Library	Lincoln County Bookmobile
	Northern Chaffee County Lib District/Buena Vista
	Park County Public Library
	Pikes Peak Library District (El Paso County, CO Springs)
	Pines & Plains Libraries (Elbert County)
	Pueblo City-County Library District
	Security Public Library
	Spanish Peaks Library (Walsenburg)
	Trinidad Carnegie Public Library
	West Custer County Library District (Westcliffe)



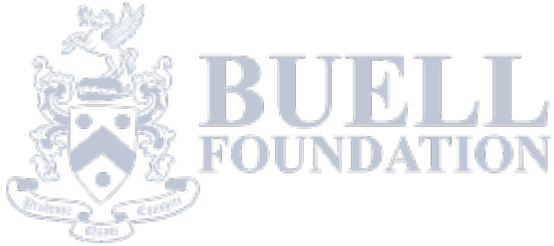
- Funded through Colorado's Preschool Development Grant
- Support expanding GRT focus into any library system
- Provide professional development to library staff and programs for FFN in local libraries
- Provide materials for use in libraries & as give-aways



***Growing Readers Together's Early Literacy Team:
Melody Garcia, Gail Yerbic and Kate Brunner (left
to right)***



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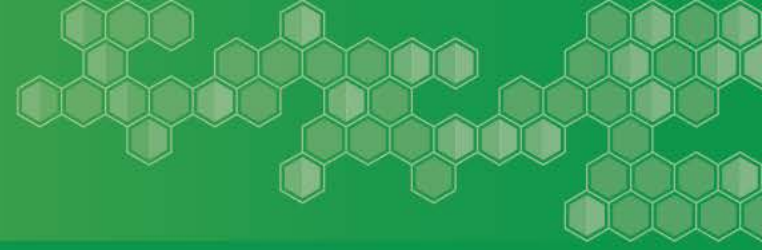
FFN Strategic Partnership Action Network: *an informal group that seeks to support FFN providers through collaborative leadership, tangible resources and/or advocacy.*

The current e-mail distribution list is over 70 individuals and includes **FFN providers** as well as staff from:

- Bright by Three/Bright by Text
- Clayton Early Learning
- Colorado ABCD
- Colorado Children's Campaign
- CO Dept of Education, State Library
- CO Dept of Human Services, OEC
- CO Dept of Public Environment & Health
- Colorado Health Foundation
- Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition
- Denver Children's Advocacy Center
- Denver City & County government
- Early Childhood Councils
- Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance
- Family Resource Center Association
- Jefferson County Health Dept
- Libraries
- Parent Possible
- Pueblo County Health Department
- RAISE Colorado
- Share Our Strength/Cooking Matters
- Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning
- United Way (Mile High & Weld County)
- Vail Valley Foundation



Questions



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Discussion and Other Efforts to Support FFN



Public Comment and Member Updates

Next Steps and Adjourn

- Agenda Topics for Future Meetings



THANK YOU LETTY BASS
FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION!!!

Next Meeting:
ECLC Program Quality & Alignment
Friday, September 11, 2020
from 9:00-11:00 am

