

Thank you for joining! We will begin shortly.

# ECLC

*Early Childhood Leadership Commission*

## Program Quality & Alignment Subcommittee

Friday, March 17, 2023

9:00 - 10:30 am

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/iho-jrzs-drt>

Or by Phone: 669-238-0523 PIN: 984 743 671#

- Please remember to mute your computer or phone when not speaking ●
  - We will be recording the meeting ●
- All materials can be found at: [www.earlychildhoodcolorado.org/program-quality-and-alignment-subcommittee](http://www.earlychildhoodcolorado.org/program-quality-and-alignment-subcommittee) ●

# Meeting Objectives

- Approve the January 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Provide Feedback during a Focus Session on the Early Childhood Colorado Framework Refresh
- Learn about the ECCS Working Group and Opportunities to Get Involved
- Discuss 2023 Legislative and Policy Priorities and Identify Opportunities for Collaboration
- Hear comments from the Early Childhood Community

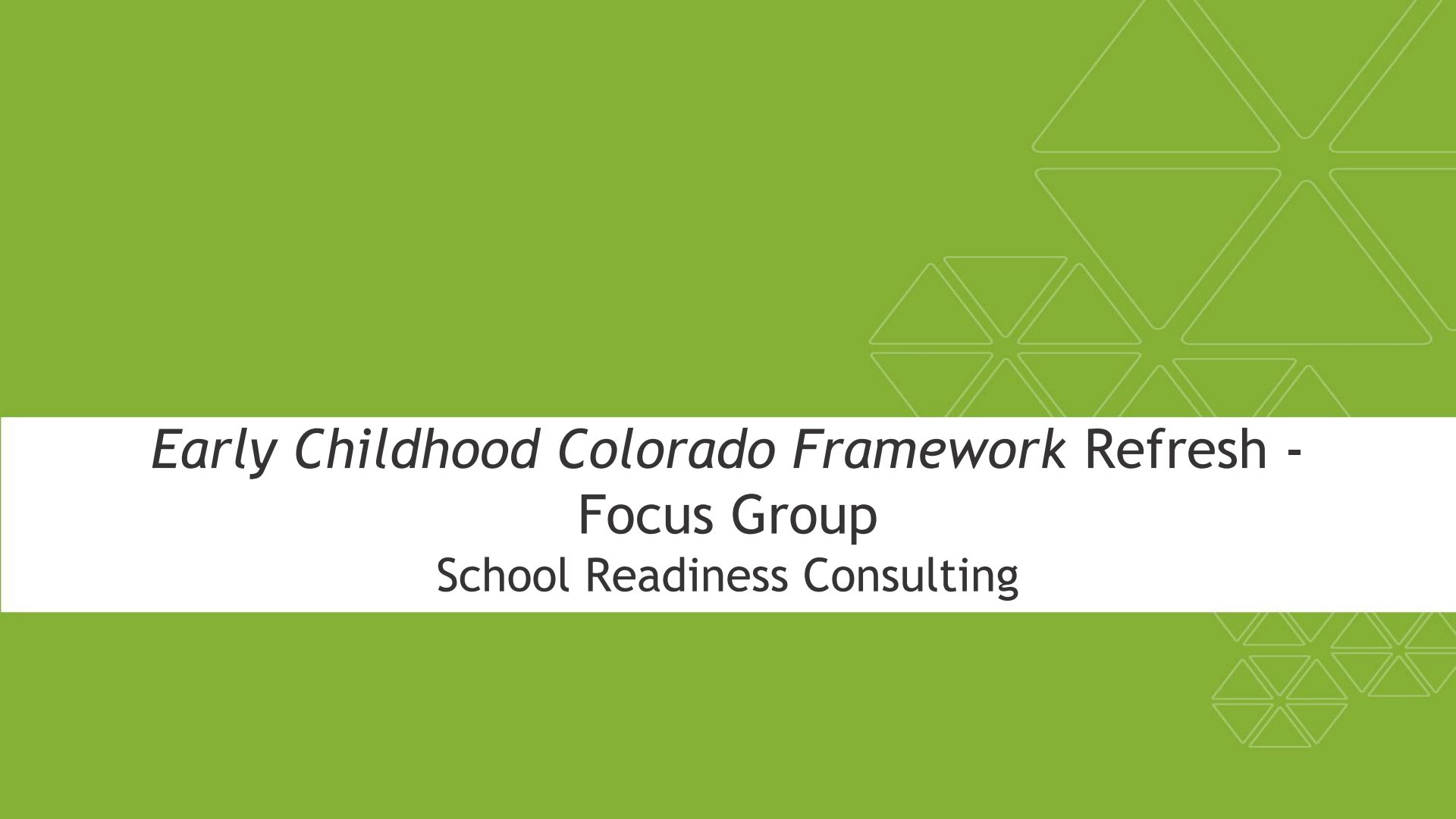


# Welcome, Introductions & Approve Minutes

Anna Jo Haynes

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- **ACTION:** Approve the January 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes



*Early Childhood Colorado Framework Refresh -*  
Focus Group  
School Readiness Consulting



Early  
Childhood  
Colorado  
**Framework**

.....  
A SHARED VISION

Listening Session

SETTING EXPECTATIONS FOR OUR TIME TOGETHER

# HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE BEYOND TODAY



## LISTENING AND LEARNING

Our time together is meant to be conversational. We are excited and interested in hearing about your experiences with/within the early childhood system in Colorado.



## PROVIDING FURTHER REFLECTIONS

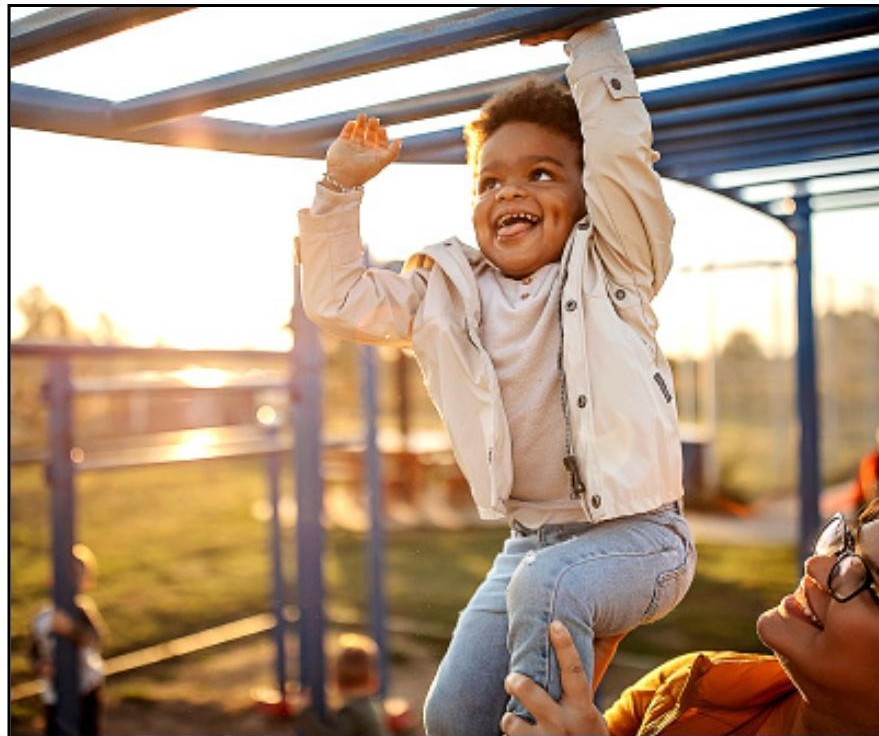
Because our time together is limited, you will have the opportunity to expand on your reflections from today through the completion of a brief survey.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD CO FRAMEWORK REFRESH

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Facilitate a statewide stakeholder engagement process to provide an **updated Early Childhood Colorado Framework**





# GROUNDING IN THE FRAMEWORK

## Early Childhood Colorado Framework A SHARED VISION

For more information visit [earlychildhoodframework.org](http://earlychildhoodframework.org)  
ADOPTED JULY 2008 | UPDATED JULY 2015

### Core Principles

The Early Childhood Colorado Framework is based on and guided by these principles:

- Whole child and family centered
- Prenatal through age eight
- Strengths based
- Culturally relevant and responsive
- Outcomes focused
- Informed by evidence based and promising practices
- Cross-sector collaboration

### Strategies for Action

- Connect and Empower Families
- Build Community Capacity
- Implement Quality Standards
- Make Data Informed Decisions
- Develop and Retain the Workforce
- Support Consumer Affordability
- Advance Sustainable Business Practices
- Encourage Public Private Approaches
- Pursue Continuous Quality Improvement
- Ensure Coordinated Services
- Promote and Share Knowledge

### Fundamentals

- Strong Partnerships
- Sufficient Investments
- Sound Policy
- Robust Public Engagement
- Shared Accountability
- Effective Leadership
- Relevant Education Opportunities

### Outcomes ► access, quality and equity

- Family Support & Education
- Health & Well-Being
- Learning & Development

#### ACCESS

- Family engagement and leadership opportunities exist within programs, schools and communities
- Services and supports promote the well-being and resiliency of parents and caregivers
- Family friendly policies and practices exist in the workplace
- Comprehensive health coverage and services are consistently utilized by pregnant women and children
- Integrated and preventive maternal and child physical, behavioral and oral health services are available
- All settings promote mental health and well-being through early identification, consultation and treatment
- Education, coaching and ongoing training exist for caregivers, teachers and other professionals
- Learning experiences and environments are high quality, developmentally appropriate and affordable

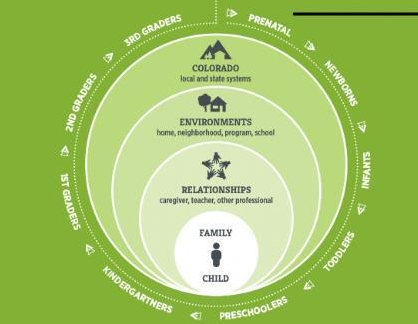
#### QUALITY

- Family knowledge and capacity support children's healthy development and learning
- Families advocate for high quality comprehensive services and supports that lead to future success
- All health care providers, including mental health, deliver coordinated, family focused care
- Settings and practices promote strong relationships, social and emotional development, appropriate nutrition and physical activity
- Formal and informal care environments and education practices reach the highest levels of quality
- Adults understand and support children's learning and development, including social and emotional
- All settings provide effective transitions across and within programs, schools and systems

#### EQUITY

- Education, employment, housing, financial and legal supports contribute to family economic security
- Families, including those with high needs, experience timely and coordinated services and supports
- Families have the ability to plan the number and timing of their children
- All environments are safe, free of toxins, have affordable foods and offer physical activity
- Children with special health, behavioral or developmental needs receive individualized services and supports
- All children are ready for school and achieving by 3rd grade regardless of ability, race, place, income, language and culture
- Children, including those with high needs, receive timely, comprehensive and affordable academic services and transition supports

### all children are valued, healthy and thriving



### Results

- CHILD**  
Young children reach their developmental potential and are ready to succeed in school and in life
- ENVIRONMENTS**  
Environments that impact children are safe, stable and supportive
- RELATIONSHIPS**  
Adults are knowledgeable, responsive and interact effectively with and on behalf of children
- COLORADO**  
Localities and the state attain economic and social benefits by prioritizing children and families

Domains

Service Delivery

Shared Vision

# THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FRAMEWORK

- ☆ **The purpose** is to create a shared vision to foster collaboration across state agencies, local communities, and partner coalitions.
- ☆ **It is meant to be a tool** to guide community conversations around developing and integrating services.
- ☆ **It serves as a roadmap** for local communities to identify strengths, barriers, and gaps within local systems.

The refresh effort presents an opportunity to ensure the framework is inclusive and representative of updates in the state landscape, new research in the field, and *most importantly*, representative of the realities of families and communities across Colorado.

# CONTRIBUTING TO AN UPDATED FRAMEWORK

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Provide insights and experiences to ensure updates are representative and inclusive (listening sessions, survey, 1:1s)



# How does **stakeholder engagement** fit into this process?

October 2022-September 2023

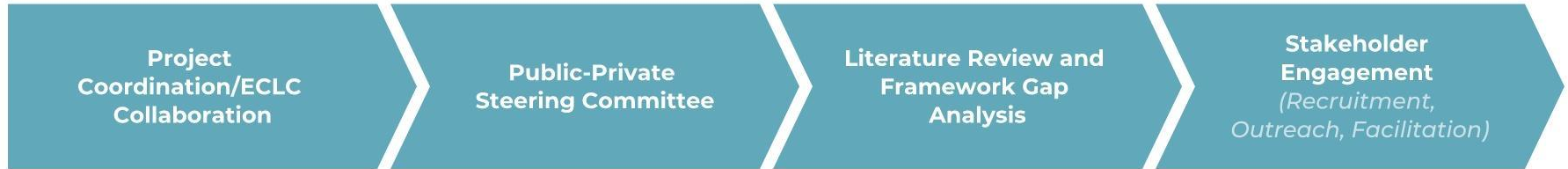
**START**

Oct 2022-Sept 2023

Through Sept 2023

Through April 2023

Jan-April 2023



May-July 2023

July-Sept 2023

September 2023

**FINISH**



# LISTENING SESSION QUESTIONS

# THANK YOU

Any questions?

**The Process:** [sammander@schoolreadinessconsulting.com](mailto:sammander@schoolreadinessconsulting.com)

**Continued Engagement:** [www.earlychildhoodcolorado.org/](http://www.earlychildhoodcolorado.org/)

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OPTIONAL EXIT SURVEY FOR TODAY'S DISCUSSION



EXPANDED SURVEY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REFLECTIONS





# Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Working Group - Progress Updates

Dawn Newby, Illuminate Colorado

# Vision of the CO-ECCS Project

This project will advance the infrastructure, capacity, equity, and sustainability of Colorado's maternal and early childhood systems of care



*“All children are valued, healthy, and thriving and have equal access to services, supports and resources.”*



# CO-ECCS Project History





## Equity Consultants to the CO-ECCS Project



**Ava Williams,**  
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Project Manager / SME



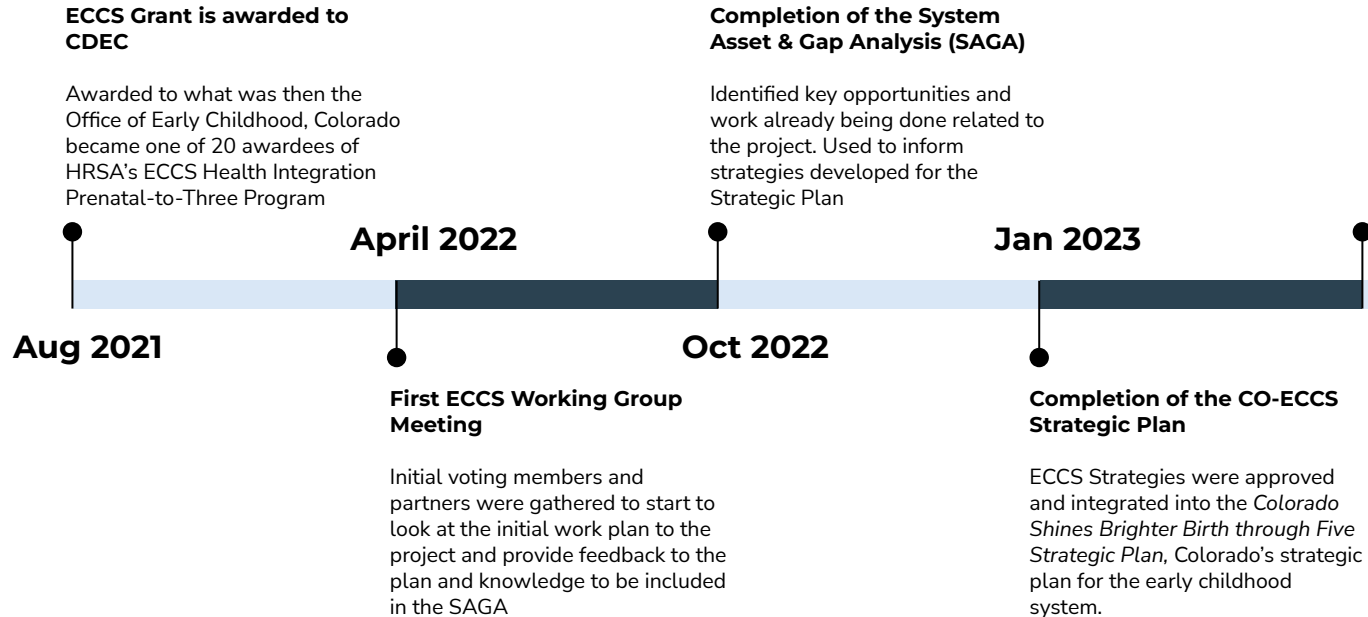
**Kim Denning,**  
Senior Consultant

**WE ARE A TEAM OF RECKLESS OPTIMISTS  
ON A MISSION TO**

**Disrupt & dismantle racism,  
cultivate inclusion & belonging,  
& unleash the power of diversity**

**FOR MISSION-DRIVEN ORGANIZATIONS**

# CO-ECCS Project History



# ECCS Strategies in Colorado Shines Brighter

ECCS Strategy 1:

**Integrated Coordinated Intake and Referral Systems:** Identify and assess barriers across local and state referral systems, create resources to support community cross-sector integration, and develop recommendations for future improvements to prenatal to three referral systems

- Associated with **CSB Objective 1.2 - Ensure Coordinated Services**

ECCS Strategy 2:

**Family Voice in Integrated Systems:** Ensure structures are in place to receive and incorporate family voice across early childhood and maternal child health policy and initiative planning, implementation, and continuous quality improvement processes.

- Associated with **CSB Objective 3.3 - Provide Inclusive Opportunities for Family Engagement and Leadership**

# ECSS Strategies in Colorado Shines Brighter

ECSS Strategy 3:

**Sustainable Integrated Programming:** Develop resources to increase connections between early childhood and maternal child health systems through cross-sector planning, braiding and blending funds, and sustainable implementation strategies.

- Associated with **CSB Objective 4.1 - Build Community Capacity**

ECSS Strategy 4:

**Prenatal-to-Three Policy:** Identify and prioritize policy and financing recommendations that support an integrated prenatal-to-three system and mobilize partners to advance those recommendations.

- Associated with **CSB Objective 1.3 - Promote and Share Knowledge**

# ECCS Strategies in Colorado Shines Brighter

ECCS Strategy 5:

## **Prenatal-to-Three Early Childhood Equity Action Plan:**

Develop an Early Childhood Equity Action Plan that advances equity for prenatal to three that is a collaboration of the early childhood and maternal child health systems.

- Associated with **CSB Objective 1.1 - Make Data Informed Decisions**

# CO-ECCS Project History



# ECCS Working Group

Coordinated  
Intake and  
Referral System  
(CIRS)  
[Goal 1]

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Health Care and  
Early Childhood  
Partnerships  
[Goal 2]

+

Early Childhood  
Equity Planning  
[Goal 3]

**Implementation Teams**

## Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Working Group

Led by three co-chairs; includes voting members;  
open for additional stakeholders.



# Coming Activities

<b>May</b>	Annual Report
<b>August</b>	ECLC Report Out
<b>July/Sept</b>	Equity Action Plan Input Opportunity



# Want more on ECCS?

Check out the ECCS Working  
Group Page

Check out the CO-ECCS Page

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# 2023 Legislative Updates

Melissa Mares, Colorado Children's Campaign



# Member Updates and Public Comment

## All



Next Steps, Final Thoughts and Adjourn  
All

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Next Meeting:

May 12, 2023

9:00 - 11:00 am



Thank you!