

# Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) Working Group

October 25th, 2022

*Welcome!  
We will begin shortly.*

A Working Group  
under the PQA  
Subcommittee of the



**illuminate**  
Building Brighter Childhoods



# 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.”*

# ECCS Working Group Norms

- We are **present and engaged** when we attend meetings
- We are **open minded**
- We **respect** each others time
- We act with **integrity** and **transparency**
- We **share honestly** in discussion
- We make space for everyone's **genuine perspectives and experiences.**
- We **assume best intentions** but also acknowledge what we share can impact others
- We are **action oriented** and **solution focused**. Our purpose, goals and action steps are clear to everyone.
- Meetings are **language accessible**
- Meetings are **accessible to families**, those who will be impacted by our work
- Meetings are **dynamic** and **engaging**
- Agenda and materials are shared with enough time before meetings

# Updates & Celebrations



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# Approve Last Meeting's Minutes

Minutes Approved: TBD

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Working Group



September 27th, 2022 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM MDT | Via Zoom

## Minutes

### Meeting Objectives

- Root in norms of the group and review updates to the ECCS working group's charter for the coming year
- Establish shared understanding of implementation team objectives and initial activities and first steps
- Complete the Working Together Tool to set a baseline measure of our collaborative work.

# Meeting Objectives

- Review timeline of submitting the CO-ECCS Strategic Plan to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the role of the Working Group to support completion of those deliverables.
- Provide a high-level overview of the CO-ECCS System Asset and Gaps Analysis and gather immediate reactions to identified key opportunities to begin understanding possible adjustments to Key Activities & Work Products.
- Build a common understanding of the Colorado Shines Brighter B-5 Strategic Plan and the process to incorporate CO-ECCS strategies.
- Outline tasks for the Working Group members and stakeholders to complete that will inform the CO-ECCS Strategic Plan and help integrate it into the Colorado Shines Brighter B-5 Strategic Plan

# CO-ECCS Strategic Plan Timeline

OCTOBER 2022

NOVEMBER 2022

DECEMBER 2022

JANUARY 2023

Compile feedback for CO-ECCS strategic Plan:

- 1) Changes to ECCS Working Group Key Activities
- 2) Strategies to update/add to *Colorado Shine Brighter Birth - Five Strategic Plan* (CSB-SP) that reflect CO-ECCS priorities

Review feedback due Nov. 3rd

Gather consensus from Working Group of recommended strategies to update and add to the CSB - SP by Nov. 17th

Recommendations to CSB- SP presented.

Finalize CO-ECCS Strategic Plan with Working Group

Connect on next steps for the coming year for working group and implementation teams

Begin first activities of implementation teams

Project Team submits the integrated CO-ECCS Strategic Plan to HRSA by Jan 31st



# System Asset and Gaps Analysis (SAGA)

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- **Purpose:** Begin to understand the landscape of the state's early childhood system (ECS) and existing efforts, address integration of the ECS and health sector, and identify gaps in promoting early developmental health and family well-being.
- Lay the foundation for the CO-ECCS Strategic Plan and drive a re-assessment of current or future priorities, objectives, and implementation timelines.

# SAGA: Infrastructure Development

| <b>Capacity of Early Childhood System Leaders</b>  | <b>Existing Structure to Advance Goals</b>  | <b>Workforce Development</b>   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Advocate for health and well-being initiatives for early childhood.</li><li>● Leverage Title V Maternal Child Health Program (MCH) connections to strengthen relationships and representation of health system partners in CO-ECCS Project implementation.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Complete a landscape analysis of local data systems to gain additional insight on ways to support statewide data sharing and integration efforts.</li><li>● Develop data use cases to improve data sharing to and from Early Intervention (EI) Colorado, which would also improve the referral process.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Ensure the P-3 early childhood workforce that make up the wraparound supports for children and families are included in the update of Colorado's Early Childhood Workforce 2020 Plan.</li><li>● Include workforce considerations in the P-3 Early Childhood Equity Action Plan to build a workforce that is representative of Colorado's families.</li></ul> |

# SAGA: Advancing a Common Vision

| <b>Sharing Strategic Plans</b>  | <b>Advisory Council Structure</b>   | <b>Strengthening Partnerships</b>   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure coordination and alignment of CO-ECCS work with MCH and PDG B-5, and expand the Colorado Shines Brighter Birth through Five Strategic Plan to include child and maternal health priorities and strategies.</li><li>• Update Raise Colorado Coalition’s policy agenda through additional listening sessions and engagements with families and implement recommended policies.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Build health systems partnership and address missing representation through existing connections to CO-ECCS Advisory Group members and stakeholders and other groups the Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC) convenes.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implement the PARTNER tool to conduct a social network analysis that provides a baseline understanding of key partners’ relationships, especially those between early childhood and healthcare.</li></ul> |

# SAGA: Health System Transformation

| <b>Models for Health Integration</b>  | <b>Statewide Early Childhood System and Health Sector Linkages</b>   | <b>Coordinated Intake and Referral Systems</b>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Identify and assess other existing data-sharing pilot projects and models.</li><li>● Create a resource for groups and communities considering instituting data-sharing models to improve coordinated intake and referral for P-3.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Engage with healthcare providers and community partners to understand where and why there are still knowledge gaps regarding developmental screenings, referrals, and resources.</li><li>● Conduct a comprehensive landscape scan of local efforts throughout the state to identify successes of early childhood and healthcare partnering to create coordinated intake and referral systems</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Support the development of trainings for communities interested in implementing e-referral pilot programs for coordinated intake and referral to P-3 services and programs.</li><li>● Evaluate the impact of e-referrals in improving equity as El Colorado's e-referral pilot expands to other healthcare centers.</li></ul> |

# SAGA: Policy and Financing

| <b>Policy</b>  | <b>Financing</b>  | <b>Medicaid Partnerships</b>   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Review the recommended P-3 policies from partners' policy agendas and prioritize policies to champion as part of CO-ECCS work.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Complete a financial mapping of P-3 services and programs to identify existing best practices and future opportunities, including opportunities to blend and braid federal or private funding with state funds.</li><li>● Learn how local organizations, like Early Childhood Councils (ECCs), have funded efforts to improve referral processes for early childhood and integrate healthcare providers and systems into these efforts.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Partner with the Colorado Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing (HCPF) to leverage their Medicaid expertise to support the P-3 Early Childhood Equity Action Plan and support El Colorado's coordinated intake and referral systems.</li></ul> |

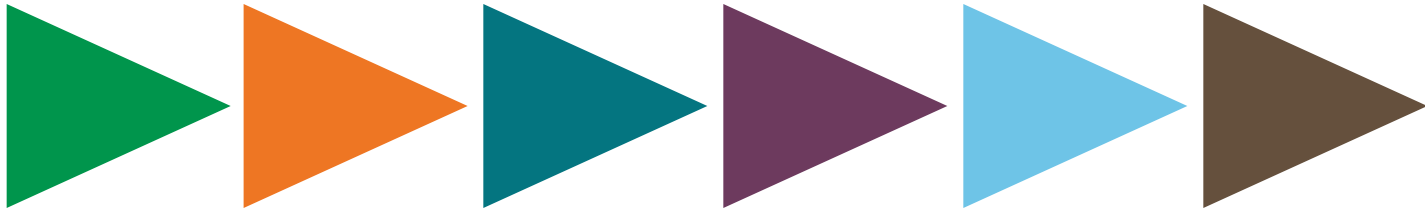
# SAGA: Equity

| <b>Family Leadership</b>  | <b>State-Community Coordination</b>  | <b>Equitable Systems</b>   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Develop relationships with established family voice groups such as the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) Family Voice Council (FVC), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Community Advisory Board (CAB), and the Colorado Partnership for Thriving Families (CPTF) Family and Caregiver Space (FCS) to collaborate and gather diverse feedback on CO-ECCS activities</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Use established state-community coordinating processes through Family Resource Centers (FRCs), ECCs and local MCH sites to improve wraparound P-3 service provision.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Partner with the ECLC Data Subcommittee to advance data equity and understand the specific needs of Colorado's BIPOC P-3 population.</li><li>● Align and coordinate CDPHE Equity Plan activities related to CO-ECCS goals in the P-3 Early Childhood Equity Action Plan.</li><li>● Use the Early Childhood Colorado Framework to expand understanding of equity in Colorado's comprehensive early childhood systems.</li></ul> |

# COLORADO SHINES BRIGHTER

## Strategic Plan Update Process

CO-ECCS Working Group  
October 25, 2022



# Colorado Shines Brighter B-5 Strategic Plan, 2020-2025

- Developed through the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five
- Initially informed by the 2019 Colorado Shines Brighter Needs Assessment and stakeholder outreach (>6,000 contacts)
- Aligned to the Early Childhood Colorado Framework
- Endorsed by the ECLC in December 2019 as the state's comprehensive, statewide B-5 strategic plan





# Colorado Shines Brighter Strategic Plan Working Group (PQA Subcommittee)

- Identify and monitor activities that support strategies in the Strategic Plan that are not funded through the PDG B-5.
- Recommend changes to update the Strategic Plan based on inputs from ongoing needs assessment and evaluation activities as well as stakeholder feedback.

## Working Group Representation

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| B-3/Infants and Toddlers               | English Language Learners/Refugee or Immigrant Populations | Licensed Child Care          |
| Business Supports                      | Friend, Family, Neighbor Care                              | Mental Health                |
| CO Department of Education, P-3 Office | Funders/Philanthropic Partners                             | Parents/Caregivers           |
| CO Department of Early Childhood       | Governor's Office  | Physical Health and Wellness |
| Early Childhood Councils               | Head Start   | Public Preschool             |
| Early Intervention Colorado            | Home Visitation  | Special Education            |
| Early Childhood Leadership Commission  | Homelessness and Migrant Supports                          | Workforce Development        |

# Strategic Plan Updates – Inputs

- Current early childhood environment
- New findings from ongoing needs assessment activities
- Recommendations from the program evaluation and continuous quality improvement
- Ongoing stakeholder feedback with an emphasis on families and caregivers of children birth through five

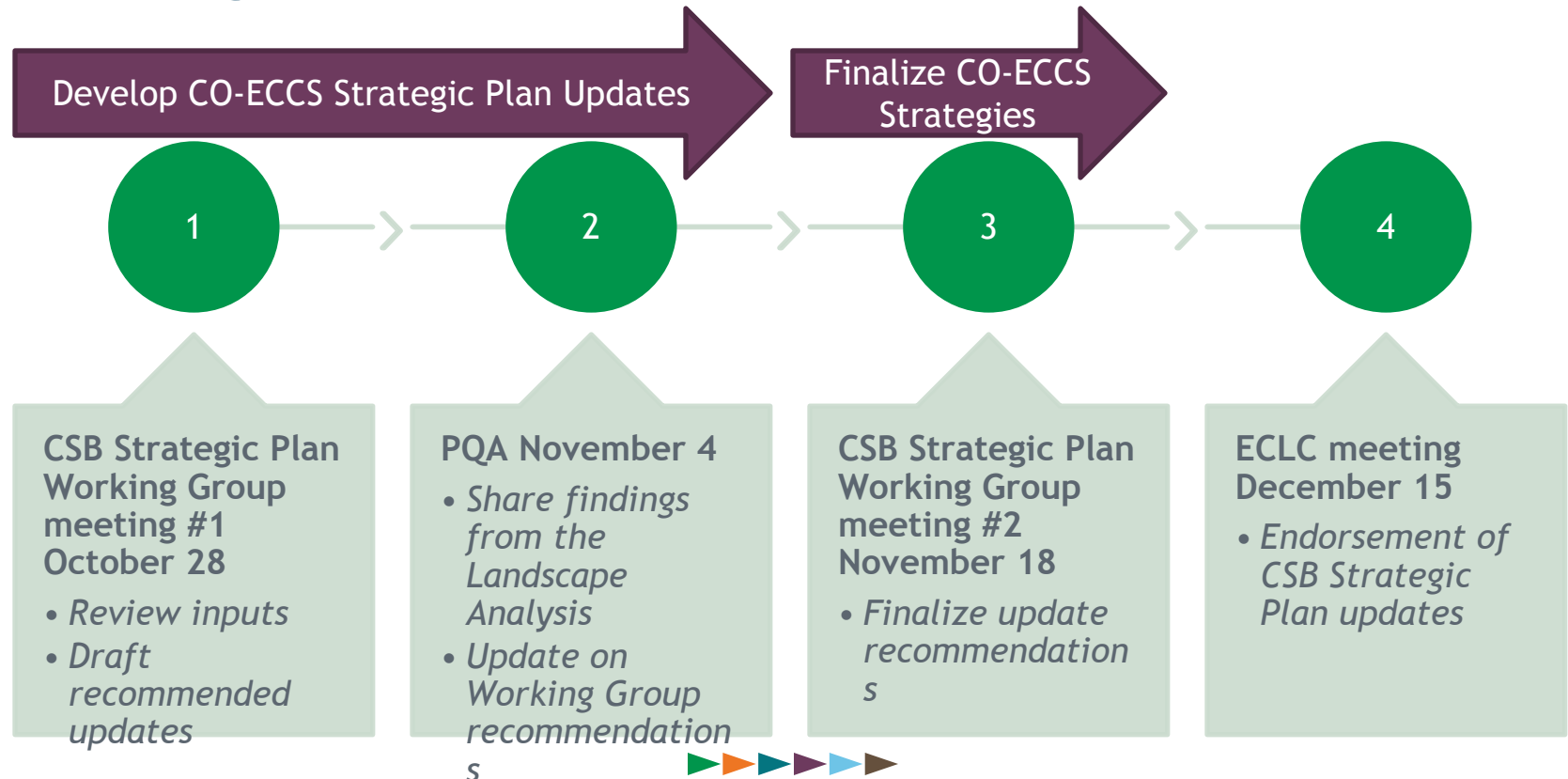


# Strategic Plan Updates – Inputs

- CSB 2022 Landscape Analysis
- PDG B-5 Evaluation (Butler Institute)
- **Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant Strategic Plan**
- Changes to Colorado's early childhood landscape
  - Stimulus funding
  - Implementation of 2021 legislation
  - Universal Preschool
  - Department of Early Childhood



# Strategic Plan Update - Timeline



# Questions? Thank you!

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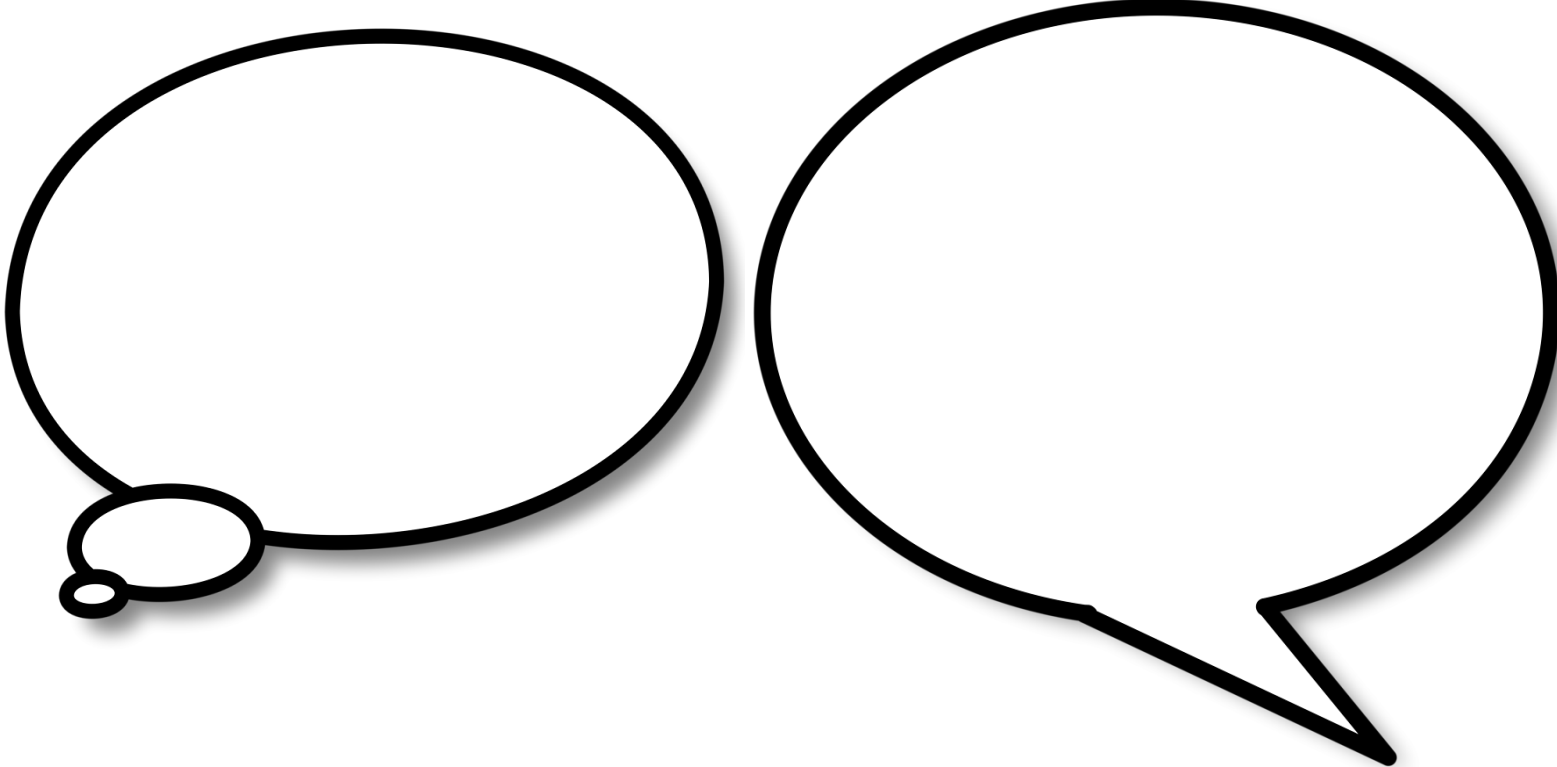
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# Public Comment



# Closing

## Actions you can take:

1. Provide immediate feedback on this meeting
2. Submit Feedback for CO-ECCS Strategic Planning by Nov. 3rd

**November meeting will be CO-ECCS Office Hours:**

November 22nd  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm