



## **Home Visiting Investment Task Force – Meeting Summary**

**November 2, 2023 9:00 - 11:00 am**

[Links: Implementation Plan Tracking Document, Home Visitation Investment Progress Report, Meeting Recording \(Passcode: 8b=3QyZz\)](#)

*37 participants*

### **SUMMARY**

#### **1. Welcome from Chairs**

Kendra Dunn welcomed the group and shared news about the Colorado budget – it includes \$4 million for an expanded Family Connects pilot

#### **2. Introductions**

Attendees post their names and organizations in the chat.

#### **3. Spring Institute Presentation**

Khatira Amn, Senior Policy Advocate for Early Childhood from the Spring Institute shared data on dual language learners in Colorado and information on how the work of the Spring Institute aligns with home visiting programming. She made recommendations about how home visiting programs can better incorporate language access, equity, and cultural responsiveness. Click here for the [Slides](#) and [YouTube](#) video from the presentation.

#### **4. Data Work Group**

Trent Lalonde asked the Task Force about the possibility of forming a workgroup dedicated to home visiting data. The group could help coordinate and “codify” current data activities (e.g., workforce survey, annual families engaged/home visits, annual financing sources and dollars, and annual report/presentation). In the short-term, a small group will form (that includes individuals who have already been involved in data activities in the task force) and other task force members will be invited to join. Larger, “big data” topics can potentially be covered within existing structures/groups (e.g. the ECLC data sub-committee).

#### **5. ECLC Updates/Charter Review**

Shannon Wilson shared information on the finalized ECLC framework. She also led a feedback discussion on updating the home visiting task force charter. Here is a link to [slides/updates](#). Members of the Task Force will provide additional feedback with a goal of finalizing the charter by December.

## 6. Colorado Home Visiting Coalition (CHVC)

Heather Matthews shared an infographic showing the ways that the roles/work of the Colorado Home Visiting Coalition and the Home Visiting Investment Task Force align. She also presented materials on the CHVC roadmap for Colorado Home Visiting Coalition. She also presented materials on the CHVC roadmap. Materials are attached.

## 7. Work Group Updates (provided via email)

### Qualified Workforce

- Red Rocks Community College is working on [hiring the position](#) to support the development of the Home Visiting Apprenticeship program. They had a deadline in October for applications, but will leave it open until they find a suitable candidate.
- The group is continuing its planning for SB22-213 workforce supports for home visitors (approximately \$1.6M available through December 2026). The Qualified Workforce Group has been giving some input over the last several months in our meetings, and CDEC's Home Visiting team and Workforce Division are working toward implementing opportunities, which will likely include a solicitation or two in the near future.

### Availability, Collaboration, and Innovations

- The group has been discussing different strategies for measuring program growth that minimize the data collection burden for programs while providing useful information to guide the task force. There have been discussions about baseline data, what sub-metrics would be useful, if/how to rollup the data into a 20% target, and more. Many of the topics are relevant for the emerging group that will discuss Home Visiting Investment Task Force data more broadly.
- There is \$50,000 set aside for this workgroup to use for dissemination of the information that came out of the work Jenn Bellamy did on best practices in home visiting in special circumstances - specifically in rural areas and in virtual home visits.
- The group currently only has one Co-Chair (Deb Darrow) and is seeking a volunteer to serve as a co-chair. If you are interested, reach out to [Betsy Kummer](#) or [Kara Schmitt](#).

### Finance and Funding Opportunities

- The Finance and Funding Opportunities workgroup reviewed an earlier version of the Home Visiting Funding Priority one-page document that highlights and prioritizes possible areas for additional investment in home visiting. Next steps include sending the updated document to the other workgroups for their review and to reflect on whether priorities and costs listed in the document are still appropriate. As part of that review, the Finance and Funding Opportunities workgroup would like each of the other workgroups to revisit the question: what would you do with funding right now if it were immediately available?
- Colorado successfully applied to be included in Start Early Consulting's "Impact Initiative". Beginning next spring, and at no cost to the state, CO will have the opportunity to partner with experts from across the US on broadening fiscal support for home visiting. Specifically, we will use the opportunity to consider ways in which Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) funds can be used to support home visiting models that have been found to foster school readiness.

### Outreach and Advocacy

- The Outreach and Advocacy workgroup continues to engage with and learn from the work that Corona Insights and Amelie are doing on the Communication/Messaging work. In October, they shared the results of their research including in-depth interviews with providers/advocates, focus groups in English and Spanish with parents/caregivers, and an online survey with a random sample of caregivers of 0-5 year olds in Colorado assessing their awareness and understanding of home visiting and other early childhood programs. They will now be using that research to inform their development of shared messages for home visiting which will be completed by December.

### **8. Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

### **9. Announcements**

- The updated quality standards have been released for review and comment. Please review and edit.
- Alex Diorio is a new Project Specialist at Invest In Kids and is focused on workforce issues.

### **10. Closing - Kendra Dunn**

#### **Upcoming meeting dates**

2/29/24, Thursday, 9-11 am

5/30/24, Thursday, 9-11 am

7/25/24, Thursday, 9-11 am

11/7/24, Thursday, **10am-12pm**