



**Home Visiting Investment Taskforce
MEETING SUMMARY**
November 20, 2025 (9:00-11:00am)

Colorado's State Advisory Council for Early Childhood

Home Visiting Investment Taskforce Purpose

The Home Visiting Investment Task Force guides the implementation of the [Home Visiting Investment Plan](#), aiming to expand home visiting services in Colorado. This initiative influences future funding opportunities from the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC), including Federal MIECHV funding. The HVITF supports planning for state budget requests, partnership with other government agencies, the solicitation of federal funding opportunities, and alignment with philanthropic funding for home visiting.

[Recording Link](#)

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22 attendees

1. Welcome - Heather Craiglow, Co-Chair

2. Update: Workgroups

Availability, Collaboration, and Innovations/Outreach and Advocacy (Courtney Everson)

- The workgroup continues to revisit goals to ensure they accurately reflect the needs of the work group and the evolving landscape
- Emphasized the importance of linkage and alignment across work groups - Fold in and integrate work into the Outreach Group, as it is a natural fit.
- Joyce Johnson noted that the Outreach Group has developed several messaging
- Home Visiting Messaging Toolkit & Videos: Landing Page: [Early Childhood Leadership Commission](#); Home Visiting Toolkit [Link](#); Home Visiting Videos [Link](#)

Finance and Funding Opportunities (Joyce Johnson)

- Main focus has been on this year's data collection - can we ask questions/collect data in different ways another way
- Big headline is funding is staying relatively flat

- This group helped support the rollout of the Prenatal to 5 cost modeling tool - the tool is developed and live and there have been webinar sessions on how states and other entities can use it to make decisions. If anyone wants to join a conversation about the tool through a Colorado - specific lens on Dec. 19th, contact Joyce Johnson (joyce.johnson@state.co.us)

Qualified Workforce (Jennifer Deam)

- Grant Bonus Email went out - retention grant round 2- few additional requirements we learned after round 1- In January there will be rollout- up to \$2500 Grant

Notice sent to HV Partners: Dear Home Visiting Partners,

MetrixIQ, in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) and the Home Visiting Investment Task Force, is excited to announce the launch of **Round 2 of the Home Visiting Bonus Program. This opportunity is active and accepting applications until December 10, 2025.**

As a vital partner in the Home Visiting ecosystem, your support is essential in maximizing the program's impact. The Bonus Program is a direct investment designed to strengthen our state's workforce by offering eligible home visiting professionals up to **\$1,500 in individual financial incentives** for both recruiting new staff and retaining existing talent.

[Home Visiting Workforce Retention Bonus Program Application](#)

How You Can Help Maximize Round 2 Success:

- **Promote the Opportunity:** We ask you to urgently share the application link with the Home Visiting programs and staff within your network. Your platform can ensure this financial support reaches the most dedicated professionals across Colorado. Suggested language is attached as a separate document.
- **Scoring for Equity:** Please note that due to high demand, a scoring template will be utilized for all waitlisted and new applicants in Round 2. This process ensures the most equitable distribution of the remaining bonus funds.
- **Waitlist Update:** All individuals who were placed on the waiting list from the first round will be automatically processed as part of Round 2 and will receive direct communication regarding their status very shortly.

- **Application Clarity:** This is an **individual application** for home visiting staff. It requires **no contract or financial responsibility** from the employer organization. Employees handle their own tax reporting via a W9 form.
- **Eligibility Note:** Please note that, according to the program rules, intermediary **employees are not eligible** for the bonus. We rely on your leadership to help us reach the eligible home visiting professionals you serve.
- **Submissions for Future Funding:** All applications received after December 11, 2025, will be automatically placed on the waitlist pending additional funds for Round Three in 2026.

 Email Language to Home Visiting Employers.docx

Data and Evaluation (Trent Lalonde)

- This group completed recurring analysis for Finance group - ended up being mostly flat and Availability group (mostly flat as well)
- Saw modest increases in families visited, decrease in overall visits
- We'd like to do follow-up visits with each of the work group
- Make a stronger connection with what we are trying to do and how we collect data, enhance buy in
- Will reach out next month with each group to set up meetings

3. Annual Report updates

- Kara Schmitt updated the group on the status of the development of the annual narrative and slide deck: Draft will go to task force members in December- who will provide feedback by January and will be presented to ECLC in Feb.
- Discussion/Update on data changes this year - Joyce Johnson and Trent Lalonde shared some for the changes to data reporting for the new reports

4. Discussion: Where do we go from here?

- The group discussed the relevance of the original goals/purpose of HVITF: *"Increase the capacity of evidence-based home visiting program models by at least 20% from the state's 2019 baseline capacity figure."* Some high level comments/considerations:
 - Need to think about data reliability - with a changing context- what is the appropriate goal now?
 - Need upstream thinking: does a hyperfocus on 20% goal still make sense? We

- drive the bus.
- We have a home visiting continuum of care that meets the needs of families where they are

Other thoughts and ideas were generated in small group discussions.

5. CDEC Evaluation Update - Kristina Heyl, State and Community Partnerships Manager, CDEC

Kristina Heyl presented information on the CDEC evaluation and key recommendations. Reach out to Kristina with information on progress being made in recommendation areas.

- Presentation [Slides](#)
-  CDEC Evaluation Report_Fall 2025

6. CDEC Budget Request Presentation

Floyd Cobb - Division Director, Division of Community & Family Support presented information on how to maximize reimbursements from federal funding sources.

 **CDEC FY 2026-27 Nov 1st Budget Submission .pdf** Follow up questions should go to Floyd at: floyd.cobb@state.co.us.

Other points of discussion:

- What programs will be impacted by moving \$5.1 million out of the tobacco master settlement funds to Nurse Visitor program? No anticipated changes (just trading of funding sources - bottom line will stay the same).
- There is an opportunity to advocate for money be returned to home visiting
- Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement - not the same as vaping tax

Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Revenue Distributions

Department	Program	Percent	FY24-25 Actual	FY25-26 Actual	FY26-27 Forecast
Early Childhood Health Care Policy and Financing	Nurse Home Visitor Program	28.7%	\$23,810,989	\$22,100,926	\$22,088,251
	Children's Basic Health Plan Trust (CHP+)	18.0%	14,933,721	13,861,208	13,853,258
Higher Ed	University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (2.0% of this amount is for in- state cancer research)	17.5%	14,518,896	13,476,174	13,468,446
Higher Ed	Fitzsimons Lease Purchase Payments	8.0%	6,637,210	6,160,537	6,157,004
Human Services	Tony Grampas Youth Services Program	7.5%	6,222,384	5,775,503	5,772,191
Law	Tobacco Litigation Settlement	2.5%	2,074,128	1,925,168	1,924,064
Military and Veterans Affairs	State Veterans Trust Fund	1.0%	829,651	770,067	769,625
Personnel	Supplemental State Contribution	2.3%	1,908,198	1,771,154	1,770,139
CDPHE	State Drug Assistance Program (SDAP, Ryan White)	5.0%	4,148,256	3,850,336	3,848,127
CDPHE	AIDS and HIV Prevention (CHAPP)	3.5%	2,903,779	2,695,235	2,693,689
CDPHE	Immunizations	2.5%	2,074,128	1,925,168	1,924,064
CDPHE	Dental Loan Repayment Program (DLRP)	1.0%	829,651	770,067	769,625
CDPHE	CO Health Service Corps (CHSC)	1.0%	829,651	770,067	769,625
n/a	Unallocated Amount	1.5%	1,244,477	1,155,101	1,154,438
Total		100.0%	\$82,965,119	\$77,006,710	\$76,962,546

7. Public Comment and Wrap-Up

- No public comment

<u>Meeting Resources</u> • Home Visiting Investment Plan • Home Visiting Messaging Toolkit • Home Visiting Messaging Videos • Home Visiting Investment Plan Progress Report • Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESSA) Toolkit • Additional Resources can be found in this Google Folder	<u>Next Meetings</u> • Digital evaluation form
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Membership List

Name	Organization	Membership Sector
Carsten Baumann	CDPHE (research and evaluation)	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Melissa Buchholz	Assuring Better Child Health and Development	State Intermediary for Healthy Steps
Amy Call	Nurse Family Partnership Families	Families
Katherine Casillas	Kempe Center	State Intermediary for SafeCare Colorado
Alysia Chang	Colorado Department of Human Services	Colorado Department of Human Services
Alexa Chenoweth	Healthy Families America Families	Families
Brian Conly	Parent Possible	State Intermediary for Parents as Teachers and Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters
Heather Craiglow	Colorado Department of Early Childhood	Head Start/Early Head Start and ECLC Commissioner
Gretchen Davidson	Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council	Local community providers including family resource centers and early childhood councils that offer home visiting
Jennifer Deam	Baby Bear Hugs	Rural Representation
Sarah Dutcher	Caring for Colorado	Early Childhood Funders
Courtney Everson	Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab, DU Research	Research and evaluation partner
		Local Regional Accountability Entities (RAEs)
Catalina Gonsales	Mile High United Way	Early childhood funders
Annette Dayley	CO Dept. of Health Care Policy and Financing	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
Lisa Hill	Invest in Kids State Intermediary for NFP and Child First	State Intermediary for Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First

Janiece Knepe	Red Rocks Community College	Higher education
Jenny Lerner	Colorado Department of Education Migrant Education	Colorado Department of Education
Maegan Lokteff	Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance	Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance
Kim Mauthe	Teller County Human Services Director	County human services departments
Jennie Munthali	CDPHE	Maternal and Child Health
Lesa Nesbit	Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation	Early Childhood Funders
Lisa Schell	Jeffco Public Schools	School districts
Christy Scott	Colorado Department of Early Childhood	Early Intervention
Kelly Stainback-Tracy	Local Program Administrator for Family Connects at the Public Health Institute at Denver Health	County public health departments
Maria Tarajano Rodman	Valley Settlement	
Christina Walker	Healthier Colorado	Advocacy Organizations
Laura Johnson	Illuminate Colorado	State Intermediary for Family Connects International and Healthy Families America
Vacant		Home Visitors and Home Visiting Staff
Vacant		Tribal Representatives
Vacant		Policymakers
Vacant		State or County Child Welfare
Vacant		Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance
Vacant		Family Resource Center Association