COLORADO
Office of Early Childhood
Department of Human Services

Program	Description	Funding Stream(s)	**Required to Move Program to new Dept** (state legislation; EO; rule change; fed. approval; etc)	
Division of Early Learning Licensing and Administration (DELLA)				
Child Care Licensing	Child Care Licensing ensures child care programs, including preschools, child care centers, and family child care homes, as well as children's resident camps and school-age programs, meet health and safety standards and the developmental needs of children in care. This division's responsible for inspecting, licensing, and monitoring child care facilities throughout the State. The licensing program is responsible for the enforcement of applicable federal and State rules and regulations for child care facilities. The Division provides technical assistance to child care providers and establishes educational and experience requirements for child care providers in all facilities. The licensing program is federally required to conduct annual licensing inspections for all facilities. Ages Served: Mostly 0-5, with some older children served at camps and before/after school programs	GF, Cash Funds from child care licensing fees, CCDF federal funds	Legislation; rule change	

Background Investigation Unit	The Background Investigation Unit processes Colorado child abuse and neglect check requests and reviews the results of required state and federal criminal background checks for individuals working with children or in unsupervised contact with children. Ages Served: n/a	Cash Funds from background check fees	Legislation	
Division of Early Learning Access and Quality (DELAQ)				
Colorado Shines Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)	Colorado Shines is the statewide quality rating and improvement system for Colorado's licensed early care and learning programs. Colorado Shines rates early learning programs and connects families with quality child care and preschool programs. It measures quality based on how a program supports its children, families, and professionals. Quality Improvement. The federal government currently requires that 9 percent of expenditures for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) be used to improve the quality of child care. The 9 percent calculation is based on total CCDF expenditures, including state expenditures required to match a portion of the federal CCDF grant and expenditures of county transfers of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds to CCDF. Funding for quality activities supports Colorado's Early Childhood Councils (ECCs) and the School-Readiness Quality Improvement Program pursuant to Section 26-6.5-106, C.R.S. (2021). Targeted Funds. Beginning in FFY 2016-17, federal law required 3 percent of the total CCDF expenditures to be targeted for infant/toddler care to provide specialized training, technical assistance, or expansion of the supply of child care programs serving infants	GF and CCDF federal funds	Legislation	

	and toddlers. This funding includes, but is not limited to, the Infant and Toddler Quality and Availability (ITQA) program, codified in Section 26-6.7-101 through 105, C.R.S. (2021). Ages served: birth to age 8			
Early Childhood Workforce and Professional Development	The Colorado Shines Professional Development Information System (PDIS) is a web-based system providing free and easy access to professional development courses and credentialing to the early childhood workforce. This system tracks training and education, provides high-quality online professional development, and helps individuals select a professional development path according to their competency level, professional development goals, job or role, and geographic location. Continuation of Child Care Quality Initiatives was funded through a budget request in FY 2016-17, which authorized federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) spending authority to support the ongoing sustainability of child care quality initiatives. These initiatives include the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), Colorado Shines, which the Department launched in 2014. Colorado Shines is embedded in the state child care licensing regulatory system, requiring the assignment of a quality rating level for all licensed child care programs enrolling children prior to kindergarten to inform parents about the quality of early learning programs and drive improvements to the quality of those programs. The initiatives also include the Colorado Shines Professional Development Information System (PDIS), which is the statewide workforce registry and learning management system	CCDF federal funds		

	supporting professional development for Colorado's early childhood workforce. Effective December 2021, all staff in licensed programs are required to be registered in the PDIS. Additionally, required annual training is offered to all child care professionals for free through the learning management system in English and Spanish, ensuring access to required health and safety training as well as ongoing professional development for all professionals in the state. The funds support the costs of the FTE and resources for the ongoing oversight and development of the Colorado Shines framework, including coaching, rating administration, inter-rater reliability for assessor staff, ongoing training, and professional development opportunities for early childhood educators, and operating and maintenance costs for the technology systems (Colorado Shines Technology System and PDIS). Ages served: birth to age 8			
Expanding Quality in Infant and Toddler Care (EQ) Initiative	The Expanding Quality in Infant and Toddler Care (EQ) Initiative is a relationship-based professional development initiative designed to improve the quality of and access to the responsive, nurturing relationships that define quality in infant and toddler child care. This initiative delivers strengths-based and evidence-informed training and coaching through a distributed and annually certified Infant Toddler Specialist Network. Through professional development, the EQ Initiative increases infant-toddler early care educators' responsive caregiving skills, reflective	100% funded by the CCDF infant toddler 3% set aside (does NOT use all of the current set aside)		

	capacity, knowledge about infant and toddler development, and knowledge about good practice in infant and toddler child care. EQ serves 80 coaches across the state and serve 1000 educators per year. Ages served: Birth to age 3			
Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP)	The Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) provides subsidized child care benefits to low-income families that are working, searching for work, in school or training, or homeless. Families enrolled in the Colorado Works Program (TANF) can also access CCCAP. In 2020, CCCAP supported 16,196 families with 26,026 families. The Colorado Child Care Assistance Program is codified at 26-2-801 et seq., C.R.S. (2021). The Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) provides financial assistance to low-income families who are working, searching for employment, pursuing training or higher education, or are enrolled in the Colorado Works Program and need child care services to support their efforts toward self-sufficiency. The Division of Early Care and Learning is the lead agency for CCCAP, as established in S.B. 97-120 in 26-2-801 through 809, C.R.S. (2021). The Department supervises CCCAP services administered by county departments of human or social services. The State allocates CCCAP monies to counties annually based on an allocation formula. Funding for the program consists of General Fund, local funds, and federal funding from the Child Care and Development Fund, and a small amount of Title XX funds. CCCAP monies are used for both county administration of the	GF, Cash Funds from county share, federal funds from CCDF and Title XX	Legislation	

	program and to reimburse child care providers for child care services provided for CCCAP children. Overall, CCCAP expenditures are tied to the number of families receiving care, the amount of care provided, and the provider reimbursement rates. The Colorado Child Care Assistance Program Rate Setting Study was created by H.B. 14-1317 and is funded by federal funds from the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) grant. This rate-setting study is used to help establish reimbursement rates for child care providers within Colorado's Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) that provide equal access to children and families. In Colorado, the State sets provider rates for each county and each child care market. Per S.B. 21-217, the State will complete the rate-setting study once every three years. During the FY 2017-18 budget cycle, JBC Staff initiated a transfer of $1,200,000 from the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) line item to a new line item, Child Care Assistance Program Support. Codified in Section 26-2-801 et. seq., C.R.S. (2021), this program is funded by the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) grant for costs associated with software licenses and contracted maintenance and support for the Child Care Automated Tracking System (CHATS). Ages Served: Infant up to age 13			
Stimulus Funding	CHILD CARE SUSTAINABILITY GRANT PROGRAM The Child Care Sustainability Grant Program was established by H.B. 20b-1002 and revised by S.B. 21-236. The program is codified at Section 26-6-802,			

	C.R.S. (2021). For FY 2021-22, this line item is funded by federal funds from the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) grant for costs associated with issuing sustainability grants to eligible child care providers. Line item funding supports grant payments to providers, contractual costs related to the distribution of funds, and state staff charged with managing the grant program, associated contracts, and budgets. EMERGING AND EXPANDING CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM The Emerging and Expanding Child Care Grant Program was established by H.B. 20b-1002 and revised by S.B. 21-236. The program is codified at Section 26-6-803, C.R.S. (2021). For FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22, this line item is funded by General Fund to expand access and availability of licensed child care throughout the state. Grants may be used for costs associated with expanding an open and operating child care center or family child care home or to assist an eligible entity with the start-up of a new child care center or family child care home. Funding also supports local Early Childhood Councils (ECCs) and community education and outreach. EMPLOYER-BASED CHILD CARE FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM The Employer-Based Child Care Facility Grant Program was established by S.B. 21-236. Funded by General Fund for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22, the program is codified at Section 26-6-804, C.R.S. (2021) to provide eligible entities with money to construct, remodel, renovate, or retrofit a child care center on the site or			

	near to the site of the eligible entity's property to provide licensed child care services. Line item funding also supports contractual costs related to the distribution of funds, and state staff charged with managing the grant program, associated contracts, and budgets. EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION GRANT PROGRAM The Early Care and Education Recruitment and Retention Grant Program was established by S.B. 21-236. Funded by the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) grant for FY 2021-22, the program is codified at Section 26-6-805, C.R.S. (2021) to increase the number of qualified early childhood educators in the State and retain the early childhood educator workforce. Line item funding supports contracts with eligible entities to implement the various scholarship and grant programs, as well as the state staff charged with managing the grant program, associated contracts, and budgets. CHILD CARE TEACHER SALARY GRANT PROGRAM The Child Care Teacher Salary Grant Program was established by S.B. 21-236. Funded by the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) grant for FY 2021-22, the program is codified at Section 26-6-806, C.R.S. (2021) with the purpose of allowing eligible entities to apply for a grant to increase the salaries of its early childhood educators. Line item funding also supports contractual costs related to the distribution of funds, and state staff charged with managing the grant program, associated contracts, and budgets.			

	COMMUNITY INNOVATION AND RESILIENCE FOR CARE AND LEARNING EQUITY GRANT PROGRAM The Community Innovation and Resilience for Care and Learning Equity (CIRCLE) Grant Program was established by S.B. 21-236. Funded by the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) grant for FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23, the program is codified at Section 26-6-807, C.R.S. (2021) with the purpose of systemic challenges for early care and learning providers that have worsened as a result of the economic, social, and health impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency and to promote innovation to improve outcomes for children and families. Line item funding also supports contractual costs related to the distribution of funds, and state staff charged with managing the grant program, associated contracts, and budgets. Ages served: birth to age 8			
Early Childhood Councils (ECCs)	The Early Childhood Council system covers 63 of 64 Colorado counties and is charged with building the foundations of a locally based early childhood system so that more high quality services are available to more children and families. Funding in this line item is from federal Child Care Development Fund grant funding that is distributed to Early Childhood Councils through a grant process on a three-year cycle by the Department. Funding is also used by the Department for staff to administer the grant process, and to	GF and CCDF federal funds		

	provide program oversight, contract and budget management, and technical assistance and support to the Councils. The passage of H.B. 07-1062, codified at 26-6.5-101 et. seq., C.R.S. (2021), renamed, improved, and expanded the Consolidated Child Care Pilot program. Effective FY 2008-09, this line item was renamed to "Early Childhood Councils" to match the program name. Ages Served: Families with young children			
Division of Community and Family Support				
Early Intervention	The Early Intervention program provides services for at-risk children from birth to their third birthdays. EI services assist young children with atypical physical, cognitive, communication, adaptive and social or emotional development. The goal of early intervention is to enable young children to be active and successful participants during the early childhood years and in the future in a variety of settings, in their homes, with their families, in child care, preschool or school programs and in the community. The Early Intervention Services program is codified at 27-10.5-701 through 710, C.R.S. (2021) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (2004), 34 C.F.R. Section 303.101 (a)(1). Early Intervention services provide services and supports to children from birth through age two and their families who are determined eligible based on a developmental delay or disability. These services and supports enhance child development in the areas of adaptive skills, cognitive	GF, Cash Funds from Early Intervention Trust, and federal funds from IDEA Part C grant	Coordination with the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP); Governor's Executive Order to move the program from CDHS; legislation; rule change	

	skills, communication, motor development including vision and hearing, and social and emotional development. The Early Intervention program also includes early identification, screening, and assessment services, and procedural safeguards. The program is funded by a combination of General Fund, local funds, Medicaid, the Early Intervention Services Trust (EIST), and federal funding from Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). In 2019-20, EI served 8,439 children and 7,265 children in FY 2020-2021 Line item funding supports contracts with community agencies to provide service coordination and direct services to eligible children and families, and other costs necessary to implement the Early Intervention program, including public awareness, training, information technology, and the state staff responsible for oversight and implementation of the program. EARLY INTERVENTION EVALUATIONS The Early Intervention Evaluations line was created during the FY 2018-19 figure setting process with an appropriation of General Fund and federal funding from Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The funding assists the State with the administration and completion of Early Intervention Evaluations for children from birth through age two. With the passage of S.B. 21-275, the full authority for conducting all Early Intervention evaluations was transferred from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) to align with			

	CDHS' responsibility as the state lead agency for purposes of federal Part C funding and law. Line item funding supports costs associated with conducting evaluations and implementing the evaluation program, including public awareness, training, information technology, and the state staff responsible for oversight and implementation of the program. Ages served: birth to age 3			
Head Start Collaboration Office (HSCO)	Head Start Collaboration Offices facilitate partnerships between Head Start agencies and other state entities that provide services to benefit low-income children and their families. HSCO provides a structure and a process for the Office of Head Start (OHS) to work and partner with state agencies and local entities. Together, these partners work to leverage their common interests around young children and their families to formulate, implement, and improve state and local policy and practices.	Federal funds from Head Start Collaboration Grant (Collab Director only), Head Start Sites receive funding directly from Feds		
Early Childhood Mental Health	The Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Specialists program provides ECMH consultation in early care and learning settings for children ages 0-6. The consultation builds the knowledge and skills of early care and learning providers, parents, and caregivers about the importance of relationships and interactions in the support of children's social-emotional and developmental needs. The Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation program is codified at 26-6.5-401 through 407, C.R.S. (2021). The purpose of the Early Childhood Mental	GF and federal CCDF funds		

	Health Consultation (ECMHC) program is to increase the availability of mental health consultation services to young children, birth through age five, and provide coaching and training to families and early care and learning environments that will help adults support children's social-emotional development and to identify early in a child's life any concerns that could lead to greater challenges in the future. Benefits of the ECMHC program include fewer incidents of challenging behaviors, reduced stress for parents, increased resiliency for children, stronger relationships between children and parents, and improved school readiness meaning that children are ready for school, families are ready to support their children's learning, and early care and learning programs are ready for children. In FY 2015-16, the Department submitted a supplemental budget request to use CCDF to implement new federal program requirements. Specifically, the funding addresses the requirement to provide enhanced resources to address the social and emotional needs of young children in Colorado that will reduce suspensions and expulsions. The Legislature approved the request, and the State was able to expand the number of FTE community-based ECMH Consultants. The line supports costs associated with state staff responsible for administering the program, and managing the associated contracts and budgets.			
Incredible Years	Incredible Years encompases three programs that work to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors by leveraging positive parent-child and teacher-child	Marijuana cash funds		

	relationships to promote preschool-aged children's social-emotional skills and prevent behavior issues that can lead to expulsion and suspension from early childhood programs. Incredible Years is an evidence-based, two-generation program that fosters social and emotional well-being in young children and works to prevent behavior issues that could lead to suspension or expulsion from preschool. The program consists of three components: classroom management support for teachers, a curriculum delivered in Pre-K and kindergarten classrooms, and a parenting program. The program is funded through Marijuana Tax Cash Funds. Funding also supports the cost of state staff responsible for oversight and administration of the federal grant program. Ages served: Families with children 3-5 years old			
Home Visiting Programs	Home Visiting programs include Nurse Family Partnership, Safe Care, HealthySteps, Home Instruction for the Parents of Preschool Youngsters, Child First, Family Connects, and Parents as Teachers. These programs, while each unique, all provide services to families in their homes. These programs are supported in part by the Federal formula funding for home visiting. ***NURSE HOME VISITOR PROGRAM (NHVP)*** The program is funded by the Nurse Home Visitor Program (NHVP) Fund created in 26-6.4-107 (2) (b), C.R.S. (2021), federal funding from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)	***NHVP (NFP):*** Cash funds from Tobacco MSA & federal funds from MIECHV ***SafeCare***: GF ***Healthy Steps***: GF ***HIPPY***: Federal funds from MIECHV ***Parents as Teachers***:		

	grant, and Medicaid reimbursements. The program receives an annual distribution of funding from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, which is deposited into the NHVP fund. 95% of the funding must go to contracts with community agencies to implement the direct services, and the remaining 5% supports the cost of oversight and implementation of the program. This program is based on the proven national Nurse Family Partnership program (NFP), which has more than 40 years' worth of clinical trials demonstrating long-term outcomes such as reduced childhood injuries. Compared with a similar reference group of low-income women nationally, NFP participants had 18 percent fewer preterm births, 21 percent more mothers were breastfeeding, and 19 percent more infants were immunized at six months. The state program provides funding for home visiting nurse services to low-income (up to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level), first-time mothers during their pregnancies, and through their children's second birthday. This is a voluntary program designed to provide trained visiting nurses to help educate mothers on the importance of nutrition, healthy decision-making, and to assist and educate mothers in providing general infant care to improve outcomes for their children. Each year the program sees over 4,000 first-time mothers with services in all 64 Colorado counties through its 22 sites across the state. Ages served: first time mothers with children birth to age 2 ***SAFECARE COLORADO*** SafeCare Colorado is a voluntary in-home prevention	Federal funds from MIECHV ***Child First***: Federal funds from MIECHV ***Family Connects***: Federal funds from CBCAP		

	service for parents to assist them with the challenges of parenting and inter-family relationships. Services offered include child behavior management, planned activities training, home safety training, and child health care skills, all designed to stabilize families and prevent child maltreatment. Program resources include home visits, family coaches, and access to other services that may be of need to a family, including but not limited to food assistance, work assistance, and child care assistance. SafeCare is used in other communities across the country and has demonstrated strong success in eliminating child maltreatment. Funding is used to support sites across the State that provide services under the SafeCare Colorado model. The program commenced in FY 2013-14 with the establishment of 6 sites, followed by 3 more. Currently, there are 13 sites and one tribe that provide SafeCare services in 39 counties. Evaluation activities are administered by the Colorado State University School of Social Work. Ages served: Families with children five and under ***HEALTHY STEPS*** HealthySteps is a voluntary, evidence-based two-generation program that is delivered through the pediatric care system to provide parent support and education, developmental screening, instruction in safe sleep practices, family protective and risk factor screening, and connections to needed services. Ages served: Families with young children ***HOME INSTRUCTION FOR THE PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS (HIPPY)***			

	HIPPY is a free, voluntary school readiness program that helps you prepare your 3- to 5-year-old children for success. HIPPY is a peer-delivered program where trained home visitors provide weekly home visits, working with you one-on-one. The program also provides monthly group meetings, where you and your children can socialize and meet other families in your community, and a resource network to connect your family with resources that meet your specific needs. Families typically enroll in HIPPY for at least one school year. Many families continue enrollment for two or three school years. Ages served: families with children aged 3-5 ***PARENTS AS TEACHERS (PAT)*** PAT is a free, voluntary parent education and family support program serving families like yours, from pregnancy until your child enters kindergarten. PAT pairs trained Parent Educators with families to ensure school readiness and healthy child development. PAT delivers services once or twice per month in the home or a place of the caregiver's choosing. Families typically enroll in PAT for at least one year. Many families continue enrollment for multiple years and some families are enrolled from pregnancy until kindergarten entry. Ages served: pregnancy to kindergarten entry ***CHILD FIRST***			

	Child First is an evidence-based, two generation, home-based mental health intervention that serves young children and their families most impacted by systemic and structural inequities. Goals of Child First: (1) Promote child and parent emotional health, (2) Promote child development and learning, (3) Enhance parent and child executive capacity, and (4) Prevent child abuse and neglect. The initial implementation of this intensive model started in the Spring of 2021 in four sites covering 13 counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Adams, El Paso, Broomfield, Jefferson, Boulder, Alamosa, Saguache, Costilla, Mineral, Conejos, and Rio Grande. Invest in Kids serves as the state model intermediary supporting this effort. Ages served: Families during pregnancy and with children five and under. ***FAMILY CONNECTS*** The Family Connects model is an evidence-based approach to supporting all newborns and their families. By reaching all families in a community, Family Connects improves health outcomes at the population level. Every family needs support after bringing home a baby. The needs are different in each family – from help with feeding and safe sleep to getting information about child care and parenting groups. Family Connects links parents to the individual community resources they need. Initial			

	implementation of this program is under way in Denver, Jefferson, and Boulder counties. Randomized controlled trials of Family Connects published in Pediatrics, the American Journal of Public Health, and JAMA Network Open have shown positive effects for families in a number of key areas. Of particular note, the program has demonstrated reductions in maternal behavioral health experiences (postpartum anxiety and depressions), emergency department visits, child welfare involvement while also demonstrating increased parental responsiveness, positive parenting behaviors, and community connections. This program is transformational in the Colorado Home Visiting Continuum because it's universal and voluntary--which normalizes that all families could use some extra support around the birth of a child and ensures that program participation isn't stigmatized. It is not just another home visiting program because it is designed to complement the existing service array (not compete) by building the bridge to community linkages with other services. For families with lower acuity needs (who might not otherwise interact with a formal support other than healthcare), Family Connects may be able to address the family's needs as part of their 1-3 home visits. For families with more complex needs, Family Connects can offer community linkages (like with NFP, Parents as Teachers, Child First, etc.) and/or urgent intervention to ensure the family has what they need for their well-being. Family Connects International reports that the model promotes equity through universal outreach and connection to resources and decreases racial disparities			

	in the child welfare system. The COVID-19 pandemic highlights existing health and social inequities, a tattered social support network that could not respond to meet rising needs, and a perpetually underfunded and understaffed public health system. The Family Connects model provides infrastructure that supports a population reach for all families with newborns within a community. Such an approach can build in other universal touchpoints for families with young children to create a coordinated system of care throughout the lifespan. Ages served: Families with a newborn			
Family Support and Child Maltreatment Prevention Programs	***FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS (FRC)*** Family Resource Centers provide family support services to vulnerable families with children of all ages, including building protective factors to keep families strong, coordinated case management, resource referrals, and system navigation with the ultimate objective of increasing that family's well-being and economic stability. The Family Support Services line item was created through legislative action in FY 2015-16 to support and make grants to Family Resource Centers (FRCs) to create stronger Colorado families by providing support to vulnerable families. By visiting an FRC, families participate in voluntary comprehensive coordinated case management services to navigate the pathways to economic, educational, social, and health success for all generations, thus moving families from crisis to self-reliance. For many families, FRCs are the gateway to accessing the early childhood system, including home visitation programs and early intervention	***FRC:*** GF from Family Support Services line plus many other sources of funding ***CCR***: GF ***CFP***: Federal funds from FIRE grant ***PSSF:*** Federal PSSF funds ***CAPTF:*** State cash funds and future Federal funds from reimbursement on Title IV-E claiming		

	supports. These brick-and-mortar Centers provide a single point of entry for families to receive comprehensive, integrated services in their community. FRCs provide families with a broad range of supports, which may include early child care and education, adult education, wellness programming, Medicaid enrollment, connections to local food banks and housing supports, utility assistance, and other services. Established in 1993, the FRC system is one of the longest-standing family supports in the state. The family resource center network, through the Family Resource Center Association, has grown to 33 FRCs across Colorado, and together they served more than 13,000 families in 2018-19, although residents in 16 counties still do not have access to a center. FRCs are supported by a mix of local, state, and federal funding; foundations; faith-based organizations; individual donations; special events; earned income; and program fees. This line item is funded with General Fund and supports costs of state staff charged with managing the program, contracts with program sites, and other contractual costs necessary for the implementation and evaluation of the program. Ages served: all families ***COLORADO COMMUNITY RESPONSE (CCR)*** CCR is a voluntary prevention program serving families who have been screened out from child welfare as the allegations did not meet the statutory definition of abuse or neglect. The program serves priority populations that include families with children under the age of five, expecting parents, caregivers, and families facing multiple challenges that increase the risk for child neglect occurring. Sites can choose to	***CBCAP***: Federal CBCAP funds		

	serve other families if capacity allows. The Colorado Community Response Program draws on public, private, and community supports to keep children safe by increasing a family's protective capacities to prevent child neglect among low-income families. The Colorado Community Response Program is a voluntary program serving families that have been reported to a county child protective agency for alleged child abuse or neglect but are screened out without an offer of services. The family receives needed referrals, financial literacy coaching, and access to flex funding in order to increase economic self-reliance. The program is organizationally located and managed by the Office of Early Childhood. Similar to SafeCare Colorado, funding for the Colorado Community Response Program established sites across Colorado that were selected through a competitive application process. As of FY 2019-20, CCR services are being delivered at 24 sites in 34 counties. A randomized control trial study of the promising practice is being completed by the Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab at the University of Denver. Ages served: families with children under 18 ***COLORADO FATHERHOOD PROGRAM (CFP)*** CFP does additional specialized outreach to priority populations that include male caregivers who are receiving government aid, living in rural areas, non-custodial and custodial single fathers, veterans, fathers without a high school diploma, unemployed fathers, and fathers re-entering after incarceration. There are three pillars of focus: healthy relationships, responsible parenting, and economic stability. Federal			

	grant supports seven local sites (most family resource centers) that offer a suite of services to fathers engaged in the program. Ages served: Fathers over the age of 18 years old that have children aged 24 years or under. ***PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES (PSSF)*** The purpose of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families program is to enable States to develop and establish, or expand, and to operate a continuum of coordinated community-based family support services, family preservation services, time-limited family reunification services, and adoption promotion and support services. These Federal formula funds are awarded to counties to support community-based services to families based on their needs, regardless of their status with child welfare so families can be helped as early as possible. There are ten funding priorities, which include many of the other family support programs already listed: Intensive family case management, family engagement Meetings, Incredible Years Program, parenting education classes, fatherhood programs, respite care, Colorado Community Response (CCR), supports for families post-adoption or permanency, parent peer support programs, and kinship navigation. Promoting Safe and Stable Families was originally authorized in 1993 under Subpart 2 of Title IV-B of the federal Social Security Act, and was established in name by the 1997 federal Adoption and Safe Families Act. The program is codified at Section 26-5-101 et. seq., C.R.S. (2021). The line supports costs associated			

	with state staff responsible for administering the program, and managing the associated contracts and budgets. The Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program provides funding and technical assistance to selected counties in Colorado to create, enhance, and coordinate four service areas including family support programs to increase family well-being, family preservation services for families with children at risk of maltreatment or those with disabilities, reunification services for families with children in out-of-home placement, and adoption promotion and support services. PSSF is funded by a formula grant and requires a 25 percent non-federal match to draw down the federal funds. The General Fund appropriation provides the match for the portion of the funds that are used to support state-level staff and data collection activities, and the cash funds represent the in-kind and non-federal funds that the local counties provide as a match for the funds they receive. Ages served: Families with children under 18 ***COLORADO CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION TRUST FUND (CAPTF)*** The Fund focuses on efforts to strengthen families before the first occurrence of child maltreatment. It is currently supporting child sexual abuse prevention training to advance child sexual abuse prevention across the state through training, technical assistance, coalition building, and public awareness. Starting in 2022 the Trust Fund is statutorily designated to pool			

	reimbursement from federal Title IV-E funds for Family First Prevention Services. These funds will be granted to increase capacity across the state to offer family support services listed on the family First Clearinghouse. The Governor's Colorado Child Abuse Prevention Trust Fund Board will advise the program on the best use for the pooled funds. Funds derived from the Colorado Child Abuse Prevention Trust Fund created in 19-3.5-106(1), C.R.S. (2021) are allocated with advisement from the Governor-appointed seventeen-member Colorado Child Abuse Prevention Trust Fund Board to local organizations to prevent the abuse and neglect of Colorado's children. Line item funding also supports the costs of state staff responsible for oversight and administration of the trust fund. Cash funds from divorce docket fees will be expended toward primary child abuse prevention strategies with two priorities identified in the statute: child sexual abuse prevention and the prevention of drug-exposed newborns. H.B. 18-1064 added a requirement to utilize additional state funds for a training program to prevent child sexual abuse. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, General Fund for this purpose was removed starting in FY 2020-21 though the mandate to provide the training remains in statute. H.B. 21-1248 added a new sub-account to the Trust Fund starting FY 2021-22 that will receive and pool federal Title IV-E claiming reimbursement for state investment in prevention services named on the Family First Prevention Services Act Clearinghouse. The Colorado Child Abuse Prevention Trust Fund Board will			

	establish priorities to build capacity for more prevention services across the state that will guide the Department in releasing solicitations to local organizations implmenting programs on the same Clearinghouse. **FEDERAL COMMUNITY BASED CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION (CBCAP)** The Federal formula funding for community based child abuse prevention, from Part II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, supports strategies to keep families strong from the start so they don't ever need to touch the child welfare system. The program funds counties to create local child abuse prevention plans and awards five year grants to some of these communities to implement parts of their action plans. The program also supports: the Colorado Partnership for Thriving Families collaboration, parent leadership and other OEC parent voice efforts, expansion of Circle of Fathers, implementation of Family Connects in Colorado, the biennial Strengthening Colorado Families and Communities conference and professional development, data system maintenance and enhancements, public awareness efforts, and statewide efforts to change community norms around social connections for families. Ages served: Professionals and families with children under 18			
Operations				
Finance and Contracts	The Division of Operations includes the OEC's contract			

	and finance teams.			
Directors Office	The Director's Office includes teams that support cross-office work in the OEC: communications, strategy, IT, and policy, as well as the Preschool Development Grant, the Early Childhood Leadership Commission and the OEC Family Voice Council.	Federal funds from Preschool Development Grant		