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### CDEC Independent Evaluation

Public Consulting Group (PCG) is excited to share that we have launched the **Independent Evaluation of the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC)**!

As you know, the CDEC launched in 2022 and this evaluation is to review the progress made in building an effective system of early childhood programs and services to support young children, families and the workforce and make recommendations regarding potential changes going forward. PCG, a national early childhood consulting firm, was selected as the vendor to conduct this evaluation.

**We need your help** to evaluate and shape the future of the CDEC!

### *Evaluation Activities May- June*

The [CDEC Independent Evaluation Webpage](#) has information regarding how to sign up to **participate in virtual focus groups** (May - June) and links to **take an online survey**.

Groups invited to provide their input include:

**Families:** *Includes parents, foster parents, and primary caregivers for children should complete this survey.*

**Early Childhood Professionals:** *Includes members of the workforce who deliver direct services to young children and/or families, such as home visitors, mental health providers, classroom teachers, family child care home providers, early interventionists, and others.*

**Early Childhood Agency Leaders:** *Includes directors/administrators/owners of public, private for-profit or nonprofit organizations/businesses that provide direct early childhood and/or family support services for young children and/or families that are funded and/or regulated by the CDEC.*

**Community Partners:** *Includes intermediary organizations that otherwise support or connect the early childhood system, e.g. LCOs, EC Councils, Family Resource Center, counties, philanthropic/advocacy, associations, professional preparation, etc. This includes both organizations that receive funding from the CDEC, as well as partner organizations not funded by the CDEC.*

## **Questions?**

*If you have questions regarding the evaluation, as well as regarding the opportunities to participate, please contact: [CDECEvaluation@pcgus.com](mailto:CDECEvaluation@pcgus.com)*