



COLORADO

Lt. Gov. Donna Lynne

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Early childhood stakeholders:

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who worked to develop the Early Childhood Workforce 2020 Plan. I apologize for not being able to join you tonight in celebration of all your hard work.

Colorado has taken great strides over the past several years, creating systems to strengthen our understanding of how to support children to learn and grow to their full potential. We know that children thrive when they are in safe, supportive, high-quality environments, and early childhood educators and teachers are crucial to helping a child succeed.

This EC Workforce 2020 Plan lays out a thoughtful and comprehensive plan to recruit, retain, and compensate a highly-qualified workforce to support these children and their families.

We know the need for teachers is going to grow significantly in the next few years, and attracting and retaining early childhood educators - in all corners of our state - is so critical to Colorado's growing economy.

Our Administration is committed to supporting this work in Colorado. We cannot do this alone, but together, Colorado can be the first state in the nation to figure out how to do this right.

Thank you all for all that you do for kids and families in Colorado.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Donna Lynne

