

Early Childhood Leadership Commission  
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Ms. Miriam Lund  
Pay for Success Pilot Grant Program  
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education  
US Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 3E334  
Washington, DC 20202-6200

Dear Ms. Lund,

The Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC) is pleased to submit this letter of support for the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood's grant application in connection with the Preschool Pay-for-Success Feasibility Pilot Grant Program. We believe this program will be instrumental in helping early childhood education providers, policy makers and advocates leverage state and local preschool activity and effectively design future investments in developing high quality preschool programs in the State of Colorado.

The ECLC is comprised of early childhood stakeholders and supporters including community leaders, service providers, and parents who are appointed by the Governor. The Commission is charged with advancing a comprehensive, seamless and effective delivery system of services for pregnant women and children from birth to eight years of age that supports families to ensure that all Colorado's children are valued, healthy and thriving. The Commission develops innovative tools, approaches and resources and uses data to improve decision-making, alignment, and coordination among federally-funded and state-funded services and programs for young children and their families.

In its role as a statewide leader and advocate for young children, the Commission partners with key entities in all sectors - public, nonprofit and private - to coordinate and promote efficiencies across programs and services. We support the analysis of potential cost savings, and the evaluation of meaningful outcome measures; we believe this feasibility study will make a significant contribution to the evidence base of what is working in preschool education in Colorado, regionally, and nationally. The Early Childhood Leadership Commission will provide unequalled support and guidance for this project.

Sincerely,

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