



Home Visiting Investment Task Force

The Home Visiting Investment Task Force will guide the implementation of the [HV Strategic Plan](#). This work will lead to the creation of a further continuum of home visiting services in Colorado and guide the release of the future funding solicitations from the Office of Early Childhood, including Federal MIECHV funding. The strategy will support planning for state budget requests, the solicitation of new federal funding opportunities, and alignment with philanthropic funding for home visiting. The Home Visiting Investment Task Force is defining the scope of home visiting to include any voluntary program touchpoint with parents/caregivers that have children up to age 6 across a continuum of intensity (one visit up to meeting for several years) for the purpose of ensuring child and family well-being.

Workgroups will be formed for each of the strategies in the plan and these work groups are open for public participation. Members of the task force serve as voting members with all participants encouraged to actively participate in the important efforts.

ECLC Areas of Opportunity

After engaging with stakeholders to understand the history and progress of early childhood in Colorado as well as the wide array of policy strategies and opportunities that exist to ensure the state continues to move forward, the Commission has identified three Areas of Opportunity that are most critical to continue the advancement of work in early childhood across the state.

- Area 3: Support improved family health and economic security through a Two Generation approach.

Goals of Home Visiting Investment Strategy Task Force

- The task force will develop implementation plans to guide the work to implement the strategic planning work.
- The annual deliverable will be a written report of progress made in relation to the strategic plan and recommendations for ongoing implementation to best serve the needs of families in Colorado.
- The task force will determine promising and evidence-based home visiting programs that support priority populations in the underserved geographic locations.
- The task force will explore the continuum of home visiting in Colorado and determine how to sustain/expand existing models and implement new home visiting programs to address gaps in alignment with the goals of the strategic plan.
- The task force will explore funding best practices and investment strategies.
- The task force strongly values family voices and will ensure that family perspective is included throughout the process.

Membership Sectors

- Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Colorado Department of Education
- Invest in Kids (state intermediary for Nurse Family Partnership and Child First)
- Kempe Center (state intermediary for SafeCare)
- ABCD (state intermediary for HealthySteps Early Intervention)
- Head Start and Early Head Start
- Early Childhood Funders
- County human services departments County public health departments
- Health Care
- Local community providers including family resource centers and early childhood councils
- Research and evaluation partners
- Families
- Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
- Policy Makers - *one word, please*
- Advocacy organizations
- Parent Possible (state intermediary for HIPPA and PAT)
- Child Welfare
- Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance
- Family Resource Center Association
- Higher education
- Illuminate Colorado (state intermediary for Family Connects International and Healthy Families America)
- Local Regional Accountability Entities (RAEs)
- School districts (including Colorado Preschool Program)

All meetings will be supported through an independent facilitator and have remote participation options.

Home Visiting Investment Strategy Task Force Next Steps

- Implementation teams formed and meetings to work on implementation strategies and efforts with monthly reports to the full Task Force of progress and challenges for insights support, and coordination.
- Implementation Chairs monthly coordination meetings to ensure that work activities are aligned and that synergies are occurring throughout the teams.
- Convening of monthly task force meetings for coordination, reporting, and further understanding and engagement of families.
- Plan for annual family voice survey and application of information learned.
- Provide input into opportunities for federal and state stimulus funding to support implementation of the strategic plan.
- Request opportunities to educate community members and elected officials regarding the strategic plan and implementation efforts, and further gather input.

Duration

The Subcommittee membership was designated in June 2021, for one year, until June 2022 subject to annual review and reauthorization.