



## Our Vision

### THRIVING YOUTH = THRIVING COMMUNITY

- ✓ Build an inclusive, innovative, and sustainable early childhood education center that will triple the care capacity for the Peak to Peak region (currently 20 slots beginning at 2.5 years old)
- ✓ Prioritize equitable access by offering tuition assistance programs to families with lower incomes
- ✓ Ensure livable wages and benefits for early childhood teachers and staff
- ✓ Develop an early childhood education workforce pipeline by providing internships / Career Technical Education opportunities to area youth

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# The Need for Early Childhood Education in the Peak to Peak

TEENS, Inc. owns and operates the only year-round care center for children 2.5 years old - pre-K (about 5 years old) serving the communities along the Peak to Peak highway, which spans from Idaho Spring to Estes Park. Currently there is no licensed care for children under 2.5 in the region.

In Nederland, and across the Peak to Peak region, without local preschool / childcare options, families are forced to move out of the area, seek care in other communities, leave the workforce, or choose less safe or reliable care.

This reality has contributed to declining enrollment in the local K-12 schools, workforce challenges for local employers, economic issues for families, and is increasingly impacting the social fabric of the community.

## Project Goals

- Raise ~\$6 million to build a sustainable childcare center where all children, regardless of family income, have the opportunity to access high quality care and preschool services.
- Build a two story LEED certified building that can accommodate up to 81 children (10,000 sq. ft.).
- Construct an onsite stimulating and age appropriate play area that sparks curiosity, creativity, and exploration.
- Invest in educational materials, technology, and resources that will support teachers.

## Please Support Access to Quality Child Care!

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