



EARLY CHILDHOOD BUSINESS COUNCIL

THE FAMILY FRIENDLY CITY SUMMIT

Focusing on Early Childhood Solutions for Businesses

May 9, 2024

Penrose House Garden Pavilion

1661 Mesa Avenue



Summit Overview

- DATE:** Thursday, May 9 + Saturday, May 11, 2024
Colorado Springs, CO ★ Penrose House Garden Pavilion
- PURPOSE:** To leverage the newly-created **Early Childhood Business Council**, the Summit will **bring together business and other community leaders** in partnership with early childhood education professionals **to create diverse strategies to solve the child care crisis**. Invitees will include professionals representing the area's 400+ early childhood (childcare) programs, along with sector leaders from the health, education, media, philanthropy, government, and social services sectors.
- ATTENDEES:** By invitation only to 100-120 local community leaders who can utilize their leverage to create broad change. Represented sectors include business, education, faith-based groups, government, healthcare, human services, media, and military.
- FORMAT:** The Summit will bring delegates representing traditional child care providers and new partners to serve within delegations that will engage in strategic planning breakout groups. Each delegation will represent diverse segments of the community and will be comprised of approximately 10-12 members.
- The delegations will meet simultaneously to explore approaches and strategies within the framework of how the community can work together across sectors to address the significant child care (early childhood education) gap in the Pikes Peak Region. To guide them through this process, pre-determined questions will be given to support dialogue.
- CO-CHAIRS:** Janet Brugger, Sam Clark, Max Cupp, Stu Davis, Liz Denson, Michael Gaal, Shawn Gullixson, Kelly Hurtado, Catania Jones, Steven Lewis, Deb Mahan, Becky Medved, Dr. Bridgitt Mitchell, Alison Murray, Lindsay Pack, Jenny Schell, Annie Snead, Yesenia Torres, Linda Weise
- LEAD**
- SPONSORS:** El Pomar Foundation, Joint Initiatives for Youth + Families, Pikes Peak United Way
- COSTS:** There is no cost for participating in the Summit.
- CONTACTS:** SherryLynn Boyles, Joint Initiatives CEO, sboyles@jointinitiatives.org, (210) 296-8577
Cindy Aubrey, PPUW CEO, cindy@ppunitedway.org

Summit Agenda

Thursday, May 9, 2024

- 8:30 am Registration and continental breakfast
- 9:00 am Opening Plenary
Yemi Mobolade, Mayor of Colorado Springs
Johnna Reeder Kleymeyer, President & CEO of Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC
Dr. Thomas Aicher, Dean of the UCCS College of Business and Administration
- 9:45 am Breakout Session I

All panels meet to lay the foundation for the Summit work.
What are the bold new steps we can take to close the child care gap?
- 11:45 am Lunch
Sam Clark
M. Michael Cook
Delegation Report Out
- 1:15 pm Breakout Session II

All panels meet to explore strategic priorities
- 3:00 Plenary Session: Report Out Panel Work

Each panel reports their sessions' outcomes.

Delegate Roles

Prior to the Summit:

- Become familiar with the briefing materials and guiding questions provided prior to the Summit meeting.
- Notify one of the contacts if a conflict arises and you are unable to attend meetings.
- While this is certainly not required, you may wish to visit with child care/early childhood education providers to hear their perspectives about the challenges they face prior to arrival to broaden the discussion.

On-site Roles:

- Communicate constructively and encourage a variety of ideas. Remember that while an initial idea may not be viable, it could lead to other exciting and attainable ideas.
- Objectively consider the other panel members' viewpoints, with the goal of expanding access to quality childcare as the highest priority in the discussions.
- Make efforts to participate fully in the meetings and avoid distractions (i.e., cell phones) that may disrupt the delegation's work.
- Actively contribute to identifying common goals of the delegation.

Post-Summit Roles:

- Provide input on the Summit outcomes report.
- Join Early Childhood Business Council.
- Each delegate will have an opportunity to identify action they may feel motivated to take that would contribute to addressing the need for more quality child care in our community, which supports a family-friendly city.