

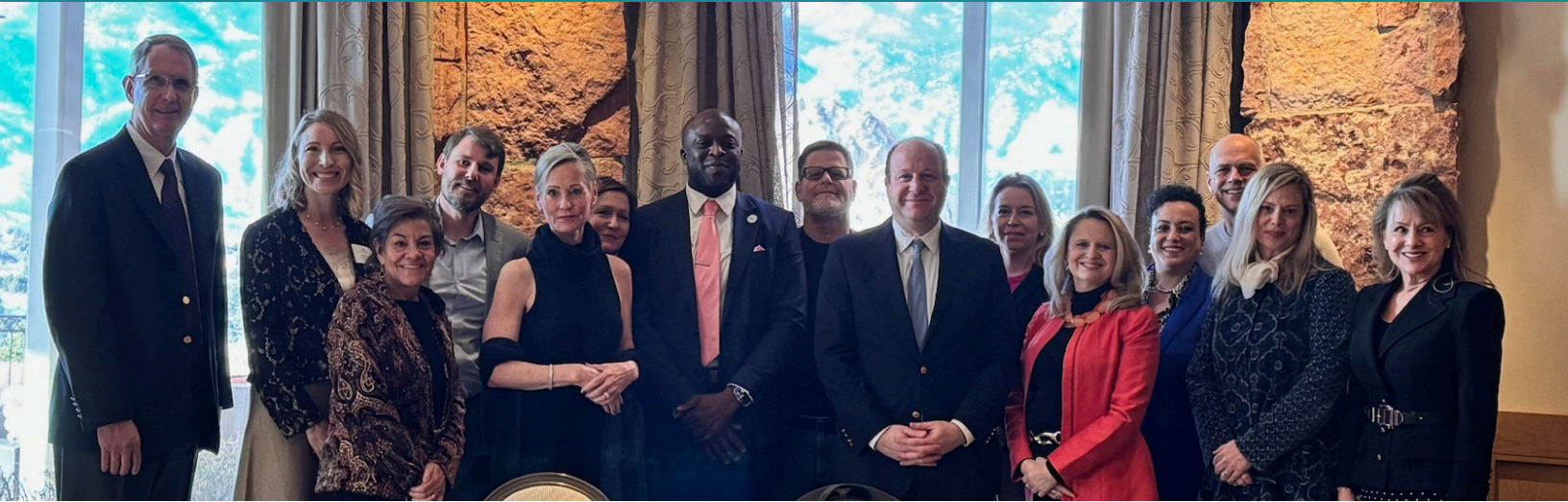
Ji PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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FAMILY FRIENDLY INITIATIVE



The **Family Friendly Initiative** was launched this month, with **79 in attendance**, as well as **two media outlets**. This successful media launch was followed by breakout working groups where vision and action was determined. These groups will meet quarterly moving forward, to address the local early childhood crisis.

The Family Friendly Initiative Executive Committee met with **Governor Jared Polis** and **Mayor Yemi Mobolade** this month, to increase their awareness of the local initiative and discuss future areas of aligned work.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT



A total of **52 CSQI MOUs** have been signed, and we are close to having used all of our TSQI funding. Ji is requesting additional funds from CDEC to allow for support of at least 2 more programs.

ECEQI

DHS announced a **CCCAP Freeze** for El Paso County on November 6, 2024. They will be accepting no new applications due to a lack of funding. They will make exceptions for emergency cases.

Ji staff has found that the turnaround time for new **CCCAP fiscal agreements** is averaging about **12 weeks**.

E+E GRANT FUNDING



\$197,000

Ji has supported **3 early childhood programs** with Emerging + Expanding grants, totaling **\$197,000** in grant funding to date.



- A total of **55 programs** are receiving QI support. A total of 55 MOUs have been signed. Of those programs, 52 are receiving CSQI grant support and the other three have signed ECEQI MOUs.



- **Four (4) programs** that applied for the **Expanding Quality and Family Child Care Home Start-Up Grant** were identified by the review committee to receive **\$5,000**.



UNIVERSAL PRE-K | YEAR 3

Now Colorado Universal Preschool Program (CUPP)



2,579 APPLICATIONS



215 PROVIDERS



90% MATCHED

4-year-olds



1,859 AVAILABLE

Registered Seats



1,254 CONTACTS

- UPK program registration for the 2024-25 school year continues to see an increase, as two additional providers have been successfully registered as UPK providers, increasing to **215 UPK providers** in El Paso County. A total of 47 are Family Child Care Home Educators and 91 are center-based programs.
- The UPK team continues to support families applying for both the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, **enrolling an additional 55 children** through these efforts.
- In January, the team had **1,254 contacts**, reflecting a **144% increase** from the previous month. This work is now being managed by just **two full-time staff** members.
- **Since August 2024, 25 new providers** have joined the program, with about half being Family Child Care Home educators.
- JI is participating in the newly formed **LCO Advisory Group** which interfaces with the CDEC Executive team. Current work is focusing on addressing implementation concerns as well as advocacy.

ADVANCING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS PROGRAM

Jl participated in the **Colorado Springs School District 11 and UCCS Helping Professions Fair**, where **150 students attended**. Among them, **12 students** expressed interest in securing a **summer job** in an early childhood program. The Foundations Partner Recruiter is actively reaching out to connect these students with opportunities.

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TRACK 1
PROFESSIONALS
APPLIED

12
JOB

12 STUDENTS
INTERESTED IN
SUMMER ECE
POSITION

18

TRACK 2
PROFESSIONALS
ENGAGED

125

CAREER NAVIGATION
HOURS PROVIDED TO
67 PROFESSIONALS





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ASCEND CENTER PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH

The **Partnership Launch** in January was a widely successful event with many in attendance, including four media outlets. The Gazette also published an article about the center, highlighting the services provided.



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Co-working Space



THE ASCEND CENTER ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The **Commissioner of Education Susana Cordova** visited the **Ascend Center** in January, giving positive feedback around the use of space and partnership to wraparound children and families.



Pathways staff hosted a **"Munch and Mingle"** breakfast, providing an opportunity to connect one-on-one **with Galileo staff** and build stronger relationships.

SERVICE PROVISION



TRUANCY/COMMUNITY ISSTS

Limited ISST service provision resumed this month and **19 youth** and their families were supported through the ISST process.



CARE COORDINATION

A total of **5 youth and families** are being supported with intensive care coordination through JI.



COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



- Jl's **CMP evaluation measures** and procedures are being updated to meet new requirements, with a **shift from TRO to Apricot** with a target revision completion date of February 15, 2025. JI is participating in the pilot program.



- One family** has agreed to engage in the **CMP Family Voice and Choice Initiative**. JI has a goal of engaging a minimum of 2 additional families.

COLORADO YOUTH DETENTION CONTINUUM

- The **budget and related plan is in development** and will be gathering feedback from REACH in February for FY2025-26, as well as a spend-out plan for the current fiscal year.
- Jl is monitoring **House Bill 25-1146** which would **increase the state bed cap** to 254 juvenile detention beds for 25-26 and **sets it at 125% of the daily average population thereafter**.



IN JANUARY, THE 4TH JD REACHED OR EXCEEDED BED CAPACITY FOR 8 DAYS.