



CAPACITY BUILDING

Proposed legislation **HB 22-1056 "Emergency Temporary Care for Children"** has been drafted to establish local shelter beds options for pre- and post-adjudicated youth. This bill currently includes a fiscal note and proposes the utilization of current CYDC funding for this purpose.

EXPANSION

Jl recently hired a **Partner Recruiter** who is tasked with expanding High-Fidelity Wraparound services across the Pikes Peak Region. This position will work to expand the number of available wraparound agencies, work collaboratively to certify wraparound facilitators, and expand the availability of wraparound slots across our community.

PARTNERSHIPS

Jl recently issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to subcontract for CYDC for juvenile detention screening, assessment, care coordination, and community supervision services. **Mission Possible** was awarded the contract and began service transition and implementation on January 1, 2022.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- To date, **MTR** has served a total of **60** youth, compared with only 48 in FY2020-21.
- Jl's **FY21-22 CYDC/MTR Data Report (Second Quarter)**



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AFK Council's **Family Support + Education Subcommittee** is working on an online **Community Family Calendar** where parent training calendars and resources can be easily accessed and shared.

EXPANSION

Jl is pursuing grant funding for a **Father Advocate** position to support fathers involved in the early childhood, dependency/neglect and juvenile justice systems. This advocate would participate in the creation and implementation of district-wide Father Circle Support Groups and community outreach events.

PARTNERSHIPS

Update: Jl continued its **collaboration with Concrete Couch** and their **"Concrete Coyote" Initiative** by partnering to host a **Jl MLK Day of Service Celebration**. Jl staff and community members joined in a day of restoring and enhancing the gardens, trails, and an extensive community-built playground at Concrete Coyote's South Royer Street location. Watch **Video Recap HERE** | **Learn more >>**

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Jl's **Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP)** began the process of addressing internal equity/conflict resolution with the completion **4** staff connection groups this year.
- Jl **Racial Equity Learning Series, Part 3: Intersectionality** on February 25 from 1-3 pm. **REGISTER here.**
- A total of **14** families have been supported through Family Assistance funding, year to date.



EXPANSION

Jl/AFK Council recently learned that El Paso County's Department of Human Services agreed to fully fund the cost of the **Bridgecare Project** through a current contract. The project offers an online platform for parents of young children to access "real-time" data about early child care slot availability and openings across the county.

PARTNERSHIPS

Jl entered into a "sole-source" subcontract with **Early Connections Learning Centers (ECLC)** to enroll and expand early childhood Family Child Care Homes (FCCHs) by offering navigation and support services across the Pikes Peak Region. Service implementation began on January 1, 2022.

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Colorado's **NEW** cabinet-level **Department of Early Childhood** and universal preschool has been, and will continue to be, a huge change in the systems that surround our children and families. The next collective step in this journey is translating the *unanimously approved* **Transition and Universal Preschool (UPK) Recommendations** into legislation. The Governor and Colorado's Office of State Planning and Budget are well on their way on the administrative and budgetary side, with several budget requests pending before the Joint Budget Committee that were built in response to these recommendations. UPK implementation will take effect July 1, 2023, with the Alliance for Kids (AFK) Council serving to lead the local UPK conversation, strategy, and planning. The **Legacy Institute** has agreed to serve as the neutral facilitator of this critical dialogue.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Emerging & Expanding (E&E) Grant Opportunity:** El Paso County has \$1.2M in applications under review, with **4** sites already funded for a total amount of **\$92,204**.
- **Coaching** has been provided to **49** licensed early childhood programs and **41** Family, Friend + Neighbor (FFN) providers.

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