



EXPANSION

- As the Local Coordinating Organization, JI has submitted the **Community Plan for the implementation of Universal Pre-K (UPK)** to the Colorado Department of Early Childhood. JI hosted a **UPK Town Hall** on December 14th, with more than 70 participants registered.
- JI will be posting a new position for an **Emerging and Expanding Grant Specialist** in the month of January. This expansion of 0.75 FTE will allow an increased focus on this complex state grant.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- JI is thrilled to announce that **Andrew Drescher**, the Foundations Program Assistant, has been hired as the **Universal Pre-K Program Assistant**. This transition has started and his flexibility and prior JI knowledge have been extremely helpful as JI works to create a UPK team.
- A total of **95 early childhood programs** have applied to be UPK providers in El Paso County. This is an estimated capacity of **3,949 slots for UPK** in our community. The UPK team will continue to engage in provider supports to ensure that we are seeing a well-rounded group of mixed-delivery participation in our community.
- The UPK team has been hard at work answering the questions of families seeking to understand more about UPK. The **family application launches on January 17, 2023**, and families will be able to view providers who have completed the process with the LCO.
- JI is serving **71 programs seeking to improve their quality rating** through the Quality Improvement Rating System and has provided **130 hours of coaching** to support these efforts.



HIGHLIGHTS

- The Voices program of JI actively became involved in **weekly Individualized Service and Support Team (ISST) meetings** and began to track gaps in services for families.
- The Voices Program Director visited and **met with outside community agencies** to continue to collaborate with them to provide resources for youth and families.
- The Voices Program Director and Restorative Justice Manager attended a two-day **workshop on the implementation of restorative justice practices** in schools.



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Fully staffed! The Pathways Team is proud to announce they are fully staffed in their planning and care teams to provide support to youth and families in the 4th Judicial District. This support includes planning and care for youth with district truancy, drug or alcohol charges, and children with behavioral needs support.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Joint Initiatives received the **Juvenile Crime Prevention Grant**, \$685,000, that assists in the coordination of local efforts to bring a **4th Judicial District Juvenile Assessment Center** to fruition over the next 18 months. The first steering committee was held at the Centennial FRP and excitement for a local design and positive impact for the County, the Courts, and families was evident.

PARTNERSHIPS

Nine community partners toured the **Family Resource Pavilion (FRP)** in Centennial Colorado on Friday, January 13th. The Family Resource Pavilion (FRP) houses a Juvenile Assessment Center for the 18th Judicial District and both Arapahoe and Douglas counties collaborate with Shilo House to provide youth and families a safe space, therapeutic intervention, respite, and other basic needs.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Pathways has a **Planning Team** and a **Care Team** that serve youth ages birth–21.
- Pathways Planning Team served the following for July 1–December 31, 2022:
 - **30 E-ISST (Expedited)**
 - **12 T-ISST (Truant)**
 - **3 Family Navigation**
 - **4 C-ISST (Children birth–10)**
- The Pathways Care Team served the following for July 1–December 31, 2022:
 - **63 youth (10-17)** with Care Coordination
- **CYDC FY2022-23 First Quarter Report**

