



EXPANSION

- JI has received **Universal Pre-K applications** from 141 programs and over 1,500 family applications.
- JI has hired both a **UPK Manager** and a **UPK Program Assistant**, which have been in contact with families and providers and helping them navigate the application systems locally.

PARTNERSHIPS

- JI in collaboration with **Adams and Denver counties**, is partnering with the **Early Childhood Council Leadership Association** in the application for the **Opportunity Now Grant**. The Early Childhood Career Navigation Project proposes to take a statewide approach, scaling career navigation models that have been tested in Adams, El Paso, and Denver Counties, to meet the early childhood workforce demands across the state. In an effort to fill the over 12,000 positions needed to meet the gap between available child care and needed early care and education slots in Colorado (Colorado Talent Pipeline Report, 2022).
- Career Navigation work has begun through a partnership with **UCCS**. The Career Navigator is working with UCCS students to support their growth and pathways in the field.
- Seven bi-monthly playgroups have taken place since mid-October, with an average of 23 adults and 32 children in attendance. This project is a partnership between Joint Initiatives and the **Community Cultural Collective**. The number of Family, Friend + Neighbor (FFN) providers attending the playgroups continues to grow, with over 100 FFN providers impacted to date.
- Joint Initiatives has been awarded funding to provide the new **Pyramid Colorado** training to 20-30 eligible participants at no cost.



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ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- JI's **Infant + Toddler Specialist** has completed the **Filming Interactions to Nurture Development (FIND) coaching program**, which is a strength-based program that uses video to reinforce and strengthen developmentally supportive interactions between children and the adults/caregivers in their lives.
- **Tri-Lakes Community Preschool** is the first El Paso County center to earn a **Level 5 rating**!



CAPACITY BUILDING

- The REACH Executive Committee traveled to Centennial Colorado on January 13th and toured The Family Resource Center which houses service providers and a Juvenile Assessment Center for the 18th JD. Both Douglas and Arapaho Counties send youth and families for services. Our next steps in line with the grant received through Joint Initiatives to start a **Juvenile Assessment Center** and provide shelter beds is to create a sub-committee of partners interested in planning, shared space, and funding contributions.
- The CYDC Advisory Board met in January and heard from judicial districts struggling with the lowered detention bed caps and as a result will be **asking for revised legislation to increase the cap and reallocate beds** throughout Colorado to ease the strain. This request lines up with a letter that three mayors signed, including Colorado Springs John Suthers, "There are now only 215 detention beds for juveniles in the entire state. The result is that juveniles who commit violent offenses or who are a danger to themselves are often discharged into an unsafe situation that seriously jeopardizes their safety and public safety."

PARTNERSHIPS + COLLABORATION

- Mission Possible has provided Supervision for youth in the 4th JD since April of 2022 through the CYDC grant funding source. We expect to have a new Supervision Policy and Risk and Response Bench Card signed by Judge Bain in the next few weeks. Our collaboration with the **Juvenile Court Judge, District Attorney, and Mission Possible** marks the first update to our Supervision Policy since 2014.
- February 14th isn't just for celebrating Valentines. The FY23-24 CYDC, MTR, and Shelter Plans are due to the state for review. There's some additional requests this year as a result of Senate Bill 21-07. The SB21 committee tasked the **Colorado Youth Detention Continuum (CYDC) Advisory Board** to "develop performance standards and outcome measures to evaluate the degree to which alleged and adjudicated offenders are in the least restrictive setting with appropriate services." There are Performance Standards and Outcome Measures created by the CYDC Advisory Board that are incorporated into this planning period.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Pathways has a **Planning Team** and a **Care Team** that serve youth ages birth-21.

- Planning Team served the following for July 1, 2022-January 31, 2023:
 - 56 ISST** (includes Expedited, Truant, Family Navigation, and Child)
- Care Team served the following for July 1, 2022-January 31, 2023:
 - 66 youth** (10-17) with Care Coordination

The Pathways Team has a new client survey. The survey is offered after all ISSTs and at the end of Care Coordination. In years past it has been difficult to collect survey data, we are working on strategies to have a higher survey completion rate and incorporate feedback into our programming.





HIGHLIGHTS

- Within the short working month of December, the Voices program director of JI attended the **Colorado Fatherhood Network** and joined the committee **Dads at the Table (DATT)**. The Dads at the Table (DATT) Committee can support the awareness, collaboration, and knowledge of resources to grow father and family involvement and mentorship at local, regional, state, and systems levels. This includes supporting fathers' involvement in families, and a whole-family approach to leadership and decision-making involvement. This committee will meet every 2 months.
- The Voices program began compiling the data from 2022 from the weekly ISST meetings and have recognized the **preliminary gaps in services** which include: (thus far) transportation barriers, time constraints, and youth's unwillingness to participate in services. The Voices program is looking to attend the initial meet and greet with the youth in order to get a better idea and understanding of what the youth desires and what can help the youth be successful.