



# JI PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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## FAMILY-FRIENDLY CITY SUMMIT

The **Family Friendly City Summit Final Report** has been finalized and is being distributed to partners. A group of high-level local leaders has coalesced and will meet to determine next steps for community implementation work in the identified areas of,

- 1) a public awareness campaign;
- 2) exploration of a public financing initiative;
- 3) legislative advocacy; and
- 4) community collaboration with affinity groups.



## QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

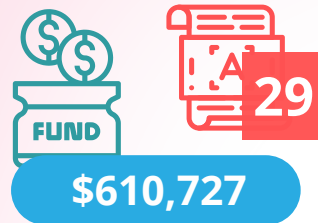


JI received a record **77 applications** for quality improvement MOUs this month. The state is allocating funding differently this year, and thus JI will not be able to accept all applications, but rather has been asked to prioritize and serve those most in need this fiscal year.



Funding for non-CCCAP programs to receive QI support has already been maxed out. JI is going through the process of requesting more funds at the state level.

## EMERGING + EXPANDING (E+E) CHILD CARE GRANT



**E+E GRANT FUNDS ALLOCATED**

A total of **29 applications** have been submitted for this funding stream, and **7 have been approved**, totaling **\$610,727 in funding allocated** to new or expanding early childhood education programs in our community.

## PARTNERSHIPS



JI and the **Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center** co-hosted the **Early Childhood Business Summit** in which new and current providers learned about topics impacting their business such as Universal Pre-K, CCCAP, Blending and Braiding funding, and more.

## ADVANCING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS PROGRAM



A total of **six participants** have been enrolled in this new **Advancing Early Childhood Educators** workforce development program for the fall, and they are working to enroll in classes at **Pikes Peak State College** to gain their teacher/teacher assistant credential.



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### The **Healthy Universal Preschool Collaborative**

is underway. Outreach was conducted to form a Co-Design Team which will direct how this Colorado Universal Preschool Program (CUPP) screening project will look in our community. Thirteen stakeholders have RSVP'd for the first meeting in mid-August.



**200 PROVIDERS**

- **73** school district-based (15 school districts total, all districts in El Paso County are participating)
- **39** Family child care teachers
- **88** Center-based programs
- **70** CCCAP programs

## UNIVERSAL PRE-K

### Now Colorado Universal Preschool Program (CUPP)

JI continues to participate in an active group of **LCOs to advocate for LCO funding**. LCOs are partnering with the Colorado Department of Early Childhood to provide information to Governor Polis regarding the need for this funding, with the ultimate goal of a select group meeting with Gov. Polis directly.



**6,055 UPK SEATS**

Registered Seats



**3,876 MATCHED**

4-year-olds



**2,179 AVAILABLE**

Registered Seats | Includes IEP



**4,444 FAMILY APPLICATIONS**

484 are "in progress" but have not been submitted

The final algorithm for UPK ran in July, and the system is now **moving to a direct enrollment process** in which providers with open slots can directly enroll families interested in their program.



**1,163**

## 1,624 CONTACTS DURING JULY

Sixty-five percent (**65%**) of contacts in **July were with families**, the majority of whom needed technical assistance with their applications for Year Two.

- Family calls/emails for July: **1,067**
- Provider calls/emails for July: **557**

### Areas of El Paso County with low availability to meet need:

**D20, D49, D2** (D38 has smaller waitlists, and is not currently a high need area as it was last year, smaller waitlists. D49 is now based on waitlist numbers)

## UPK RATES RELEASED

The UPK Rates were released on July 31st. The payment rates for El Paso County are as follows:



- **Part-day: \$4806.51** (10 hours per week, 340 hours total)
- **Half-day: \$6060.38** (15 hours per week, 540 hours total)
- **30 hours per week: \$10,762.40**



UPK DATA IS FOR JULY 2024.



## PROGRAM REORGANIZATION

Jl has hired two key staff for the department Brian Henry, Shelter Manager and Melissa Groff, CYDC Manager. Additionally, we have welcomed Mia Trujillo back from maternity leave. The addition of these staff will added much needed capacity for implementation of programming and management of scopes of work.



## COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Final reporting is in progress for FY23-24 and data + evaluation procedures are being updated to align with new CMP measures.



## JUVENILE ASSESSMENT CENTER



- **D-11 is moving out of the JI portion of Galileo, and key partners, including the JAC Committee and potential co-location partners, have toured the space to allow for further planning.**



COHMIS  
Colorado Homeless Management Information System

- **The COHMIS (Colorado's Homeless Management Information System) has been set up to collect data** for youth who utilize shelter and wraparound services through the JAC. The Strategic Initiatives Director is expanding this platform to collect further data helpful to assessing JAC services.



- **An after-school program has been created and is in review.** This multi-faceted programming will allow youth access to sports, music, theatre and possibly gardening. Additionally, partnerships are being explored to allow for tutoring to become accessible on-site both before and after school hours.



## SERVICE PROVISION



### TRUANCY/COMMUNITY ISSTS

Limited Individualized Service and Support Team (ISST) service provision resumed this month and **four youth and their families were supported** through the ISST process.



### CARE COORDINATION

A total of **35 youth and families are being supported** with intensive care coordination through JI.

## COLORADO YOUTH DETENTION CONTINUUM



The ebb and flow of bed use continues to challenge screeners and bed managers daily, both locally and across the state. **During the month of July, we were at or over cap for 28 days,** and utilized emergency beds 18 times.

An additional emergency bed was allocated to the 4th JD at Zebulon Pike.