



JI PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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FAMILY-FRIENDLY CITY SUMMIT



“Our desired destination is to come up with community priorities that we can all work towards meeting and solving the child care crisis that we have in our community.”

~SherryLynn Boyles, President + CEO of Joint Initiatives



In partnership with Pikes Peak United Way and the Early Childhood Business Council (ECBC), JI convened over 100 community partners to **discuss the local child care crisis**. The community engagement event was very well received and a draft community plan summarizing participants thoughts has been disseminated for community partner feedback.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT



Quality Improvement coaching hours provided to **72** early childhood programs



Providers supported in submitting their application **for quality ratings**

EMERGING + EXPANDING (E+E) CHILD CARE GRANT



A total of **15 applications** are currently in review for El Paso County, as the state has started to look at “On Hold” applications.

PARTNERSHIPS



The **Infant and Toddler Collaborative** facilitated a presentation to the Alliance for Kids Council around the Family Focus Groups that discussed Infant and Toddler Care challenges.

Jl’s Program Director and Workforce Development Manager met with **Pikes Peak State College**



representatives to discuss how we as a community can create a coordinated system so that through all levels of professional development and training, professionals are able to get **stackable credit for higher education**.

ADVANCING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS PROGRAM



A total of **11 participants** have been enrolled in this new workforce development program and are working to enroll in classes at Pikes Peak State College to gain their teacher/teacher assistant credential.



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UNIVERSAL PRE-K

An active group of LCOs continue to meet to organize and meets collectively with CDEC regarding funding. **CDEC has shared that there is an additional \$1 million that will be allocated to LCOs who are spending down their funding in the first part of FY 24-25.** Conversations are focusing on FY25-26 to work toward a funding structure that allows LCOs funding to meet the community needs and Scope of Work.



12,811 FAMILY APPLICATIONS

- **1,349 applications have been withdrawn**
- **3,627 are "in progress,"** but have not been submitted. It appears that many of the families that are "in progress" for the 2023-2024 school year thought that this was the application for 2024-2025 school year. The number of in progress applications for 2023-2024 continues to increase by around 100/month, many families are still mistakenly filling out this application. This has contributed to an already increased workload for our navigators.
- The provider review period has ended, and families were sent their matches on May 8th, and had until May 15th to accept or decline their matches.



1,163

1,163 CONTACTS DURING MAY

Seventy-seven percent (**77%**) of contacts in May were with families, the majority of whom needed technical assistance with their applications for Year Two.

- Family calls/emails for April: **905**
- Provider calls/emails for April: **258**



179 PROVIDERS

- **69** school district-based (15 school districts total, all districts in El Paso County are participating)
- **30** Family child care teachers
- **80** Center-based programs
- **66** CCCAP programs



5,129 UPK SEATS

Registered Seats



951 AVAILABLE

Registered Seats | Includes IEP



4,268 MATCHED

4-year-olds

- **4,234** enrolled (85%)
- **34** accepted
- **765** unmatched (15%)
- **375** on waitlist (7.4%)



1,169 ENROLLED

3-year-olds



EPC AREAS WITH LOW AVAILABILITY TO MEET NEED:

Harrison School **District 2**, Lewis-Palmer School **District 38**, and Academy School **District 20** remain the areas of El Paso County with the lowest availability to meet the community needs.



UPK DATA IS FOR APRIL 2024.



PROGRAM REORGANIZATION

Jl is implementing the reorganization with staff and is in the process of interviewing candidates for the VP of Youth Pathways position.

COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



The FY24-25 MOU was sent to partners for signature. **Completed MOUs, including all signatures, are due on June 30th of the fiscal year prior to the MOU agreement year.** Any MOU received after that date will not be accepted and will result in a loss of funding for the next fiscal year.

SERVICE PROVISION



TRUANCY/COMMUNITY ISSTS

A total of **14 T-ISST referrals** were made and completed July through May. Programming has mostly shifted to Care Coordination rather than ISST facilitation. Our target is 70 this fiscal year. ISSTs are on hold due to Joint Initiatives restructuring.



EXPEDITED ISSTS

A total of **45 E-ISST have been completed** since July 1st. Our target is 80 meetings this fiscal year. ISSTs are being taken on as Jl staff capacity allows.



CHILD ISSTS

A total of **22 C-ISSTs were referred** and completed since its rollout in October. Our target is 40 this fiscal year. No child ISSTs were provided in May.

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. **The month of April was some of the highest use and complicated management since the implementation of flex and emergency beds.** Additionally, 14 of our 27 beds are currently occupied by serious offenders. Eleven (11) of the 14 have murder/homicide/attempted murder charges.



The Southern Region is meeting next month to rethink our ability to **collaborate around the 6-hour rule when it's after hours, weekends, or there's no available transport on a weekday.** The ability to borrow beds in Pueblo and transport the youth back and forth has presented hardship for the other districts needing their beds relinquished and our district with lack of mobility or bed space.



· ISST=Individualized Service and Support Team



JUVENILE ASSESSMENT CENTER

- **Meetings with the owners of likely JAC locations continue to move in a positive direction.** One owner has hired an architect to create blueprints of the new space and is setting up meetings with the City regarding zoning. A space proposal has moved through closed Executive Board in the D-11 space and will be presented to the D-11 Board on June 12, 2024.
- **Policies and procedures have been drafted and reviewed** by Basic Center grant professionals, licensing, and the JAC Committee. Data sharing and multi-site logistics surfaced as areas to focus on as immediate next steps.
- JI staff, as well as two committee members, completed a **site visit with the Federal Project Officer (FPO) for the Basic Center grant**. The visit was very positive, with the FPO noting how much JI already had in place regarding best practices for finance, policy, and HR.

