

OUR VISION

All children in Larimer County are valued, healthy, and thriving.

OUR MISSION

We bring the community together to share knowledge and resources, build expertise and work collaboratively to ensure that all young children in Larimer County have the care, support and opportunities necessary to grow, learn and succeed.

Early Childhood Council of Larimer County (ECCLC) is an independent nonprofit organization that rallies support, resources, and awareness to ensure every young child in our community has quality early childhood experiences so they thrive from day one.

Whether in Estes Park or Wellington, Red Feather Lakes or Berthoud, every young child benefits from diverse, committed caregivers and engaged professionals in their lives. We know when this happens, children grow up healthier, happier, and ready for success in school and in life.

We only get one childhood. When every young child is cared for in an environment that invigorates their learning and supports their wellbeing, they are set up for a life of health and happiness, which elevates our entire community.



Early Childhood Council of Larimer County's work is heavily guided by the Early Childhood Colorado Framework. Look for these symbols from the framework throughout our strategic plan to identify where our plan will impact the overall system for children, families, and educators.

To learn more, visit:
www.ecclc.org

Goal 1: All Children in Larimer County Have Access to High Quality, Inclusive Early Childhood Environments and Relationships

- Children and families are able to access physical and behavioral healthcare that meets their needs, alongside high quality early education. Services are offered in one place as often as possible to ease access barriers for families and caregivers.
- Children experience a continuum of care between early childhood and the K-12 system through a well-connected and coordinated system of support between school districts, community, and private providers.
- Childcare is accessible for all families in Larimer County, including affordability, language of preference, and provider of choice.
- Children of all backgrounds are thriving in learning environments in which they experience a sense of belonging and feel safe to be their authentic selves.



Goal 2: The Early Childhood Workforce is Well-Supported to Provide High Quality Services in Our Community

- Early childhood professionals have access to free or low-cost mental health supports, coaching, and professional development opportunities that enable them to thrive.
- Early educators earn attractive salaries that enable them to achieve their personal and professional goals and obligations.
- Early childhood professions are effectively regulated to ensure clear pathways to employment, professional growth for the early childhood workforce, to support the creation of needed child care spots for the community.
- Early childhood education is an attractive, supported, and well-paid profession in which early educators of all backgrounds are retained to promote continuity of care for all children.



Goal 3: The Early Childhood System in Larimer County is Community-Driven, Well-Funded, and Sustainable

- The community understands the importance of early childhood access in order to create actionable, positive change.
- ECCLC pursues localized, diverse, and innovative solutions to early childhood issues that are informed and driven by educators, caregivers, and partners in our community.
- The early childhood system is sustainably funded through ongoing community investment.
- The early childhood system remains rooted in values and practices that honor and support the diverse needs of children, educators, caregivers, and families.

There's a local solution to our childcare crisis in Larimer County.

And it includes YOU.



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Goal 4: Early Childhood Council of Larimer County is a Center of Excellence in Early Childhood Locally and at the State Level

- ECCLC is a human-centered, inclusive agency that employs a diverse, values-driven team of professionals who prioritize their well-being to ensure the highest quality services are delivered to the community.
- ECCLC leads the way in equitable, responsive, and impactful programs and supports for children, caregivers, and early educators in Larimer County.
- ECCLC cultivates impactful partnerships across the community and the state to reduce duplication, spur innovation, and maximize the available resources for the early childhood system.
- ECCLC actively demonstrates a strong and explicit commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion through leadership, policies, values, and programming that prioritize accessible practices, honor differences, and promote lifelong learning

