

# Douglas County Early Childhood Council

Update for Board of Health Meeting

December 19, 2024

1. Held an in-person meeting for providers on October 23rd in Castle Rock
  - 14 Family Child Care Home providers attended - shared updated rules and regulations for Family Child Care Homes and shared ideas for how to implement, communicate and support the new regulations
  - 10 center providers attended - shared strategies for hiring and retaining staff
  - Will offer another in-person meeting in February in either Parker or Highlands Ranch
2. The Budget Committee met and identified funding priorities if we are able to secure any additional funds. Here are the ideas in priority order:
  - Expand Pyramid Classes
    - Annual cost to maintain trainer: \$2413
    - Cost per class of 15 students: \$6448
    - Cost for coaching: \$1792
  - Funds to offer Director's Toolbox Classes - can pay for 1 session per year with EQIT class fees
    - 6 session class (2 hr sessions) - low end \$1620 - high end \$2160 depending on amount of time needed for planning
    - 3 session class (3 hr sessions) - low end \$1080 - high end \$1350
  - Funds to offer coaching to programs who are not participating in Colorado Shines
    - \$100 per hour coaching rate
  - Expand LENA - \$4000 for 8 classrooms
  - Will explore possible fundraising avenues.
3. We will be going through the Renewal of Recognition process with CDEC to continue to be able to operate as an Early Childhood Council.