

Colorado's Early Learning Challenge Fund Proposal

Colorado Grant Goals - Drivers

- 100% Licensed programs in TQRIS
- 1 in 4 Program in top tiers of TQRIS
- 50,000 Children w/High Needs in High Quality
- 100% Post-secondary institutions aligned with new competencies
- 18 Highest risk counties with robust shared services
- Universal Kindergarten readiness assessment

Colorado Grant Goals - Outcomes

50% increase in children 0-5 meeting developmental milestones

Improved Kindergarten readiness

85% proficient or advanced on 3rd grade reading measures

50% decrease in 3rd grade achievement gap

— COLORADO'S GRANT VISION —

OUTCOME

Kindergarten Ready Kids

IMPACT

High Needs

PEOPLE

PLACES

PROGRAMS

METHODS

DATA DRIVEN DECISIONS

WORKFORCE

COMPREHENSIVE
ASSESSMENTS

GUIDELINES

TQRIS

GOVERNANCE

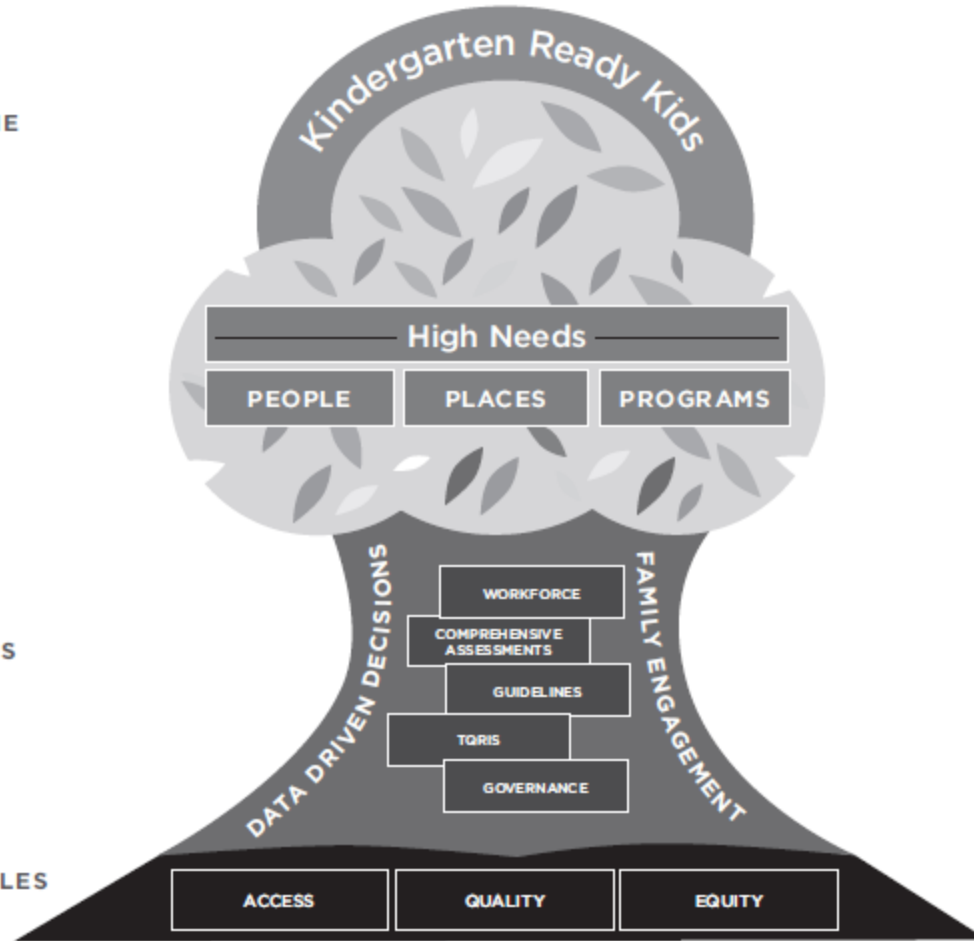
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

PRINCIPLES

ACCESS

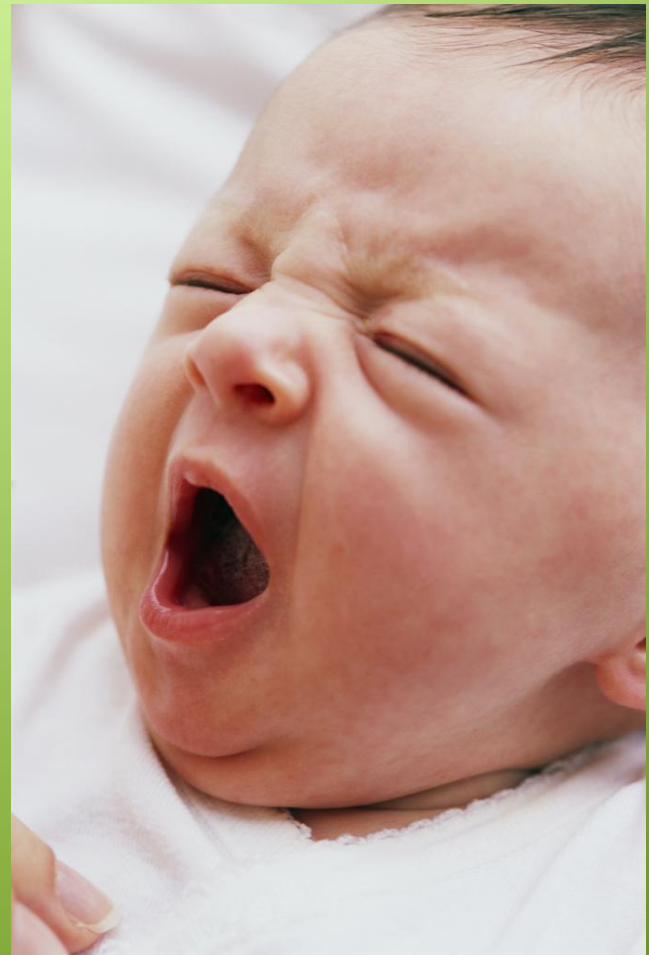
QUALITY

EQUITY



Grant Innovations

- New State Office of Early Childhood
 - SAC Advisory Role
 - Local Early Childhood Councils
- Shared Services Model in Highest Risk Communities
- Early Learning and Development Guidelines
 - 0-8 years
 - Common Core
 - Head Start Framework
- A Great Early Childhood Education Workforce
 - Competency based
 - Linked to K-12 Educator Effectiveness



High Quality Accountable Programs



- Increase Quality: Evolve Statewide Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System and implement in *all licensed settings*.
- Stabilize Businesses: Adopt a shared services model for programs in identified high needs communities for business.

Promoting Early Learning & Development Outcomes for Children

- Integrate new Guidelines across early learning system elements, including families.
- Leverage CO's Comprehensive Assessment systems to ensure early ID and intervention in High Needs Communities.
- Expand/Scale-up nationally known Results Matter system



A Great Early Childhood Education Workforce

- Implement a competency based system supporting both formal and informal education opportunities
- Evaluate educator effectiveness, linked to Colorado's K-12 system



Understanding the Status of Children's Learning and Development at Kindergarten Entry



- Pilot and Implement universal Kindergarten Readiness Assessment
- Engage families in assessment process

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