

Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan

Pikes Peak Area Council of
Governments

Child Development Partnership Group



Phase 1

- Convene key community partners to assist with Fort Carson Regional Growth Coordination Plan
- Develop Child Care Working Paper
 - Recommendations
 - Continue open discussion between military and off-post providers and increase capacity of off-post providers
 - Promote awareness of all qualified programs and services
 - Promote early intervention and support for children with special needs (Fort Carson is a Compassionate Post)
 - Promote professional excellence and education in the child care field



Phase 2

- Implementation Strategies
 - Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood
 - Center and Home Accreditation
 - Provider Training and Education
 - Behavioral Health Support
 - Economic Impact Study
 - Early Learning Venture Alliance



Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood - ACCYN

- National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA)
 - El Paso County – Child Care Connections
 - Pueblo and Fremont County – Children First
- Support to Providers
 - Accreditation support through coaching and funding
 - Enhanced referral for military families
 - Military subsidies
- Challenges
 - Recruitment
 - Efficiency of military subsidy payments to providers



Accreditation Facilitation Project

- Funding from El Paso County Department of Human Services – TANF Reserves
- Coordinated by Alliance for Kids
 - National Association of Family Child Care Homes (NAFCC) - Child Nursery Centers Early Learning Venture Alliance
 - National Association for the Education Young Children (NAEYC) – Child Care Connections



Provider Education/Training

- Funding from El Paso County Department of Human Services – TANF Reserves
 - CDA training by Child Care Connections
- Funding from Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation and El Paso County Department of Human Services – TANF Reserves
 - College Tuition Assistance Program through Alliance for Kids Office of Professional Development



Behavioral Health Support

- El Paso County is a Touchpoints Community
 - Funding provided by Alliance For Kids and Office of Economic Adjustment
 - Two 16 hour training sessions to targeted center and home providers serving military families



Economic Impact Study

- Funding from OEA
- Conducted by BBC Research and Consulting
- Objectives
 - Determine the importance of child care/development services for Fort Carson families
 - Document the adequacy of current services
 - Determine how availability of service influences the ability of soldiers and spouses to work
 - Quantify the financial effect



Child Nursery Centers Early Learning Venture Alliance

- Pilot funding provided by the David and Laura Merage Foundation in Denver
- Goal of building community capacity for child care through a Shared Services model for family child care homes
- Shared Services for family child care homes in areas surrounding Fort Carson



Work with Fort Carson

- Working to understand on-post capacity to inform off-post capacity building efforts
- Continuing efforts to better coordinate and share information regarding capacity and child development needs (i.e. early intervention/ special needs)
- Garrison Commander and Chief of Staff are supportive of community efforts
- Lack of participation by on-post child development personnel has been a problem

