



Early
Childhood
Council
of LARIMER COUNTY

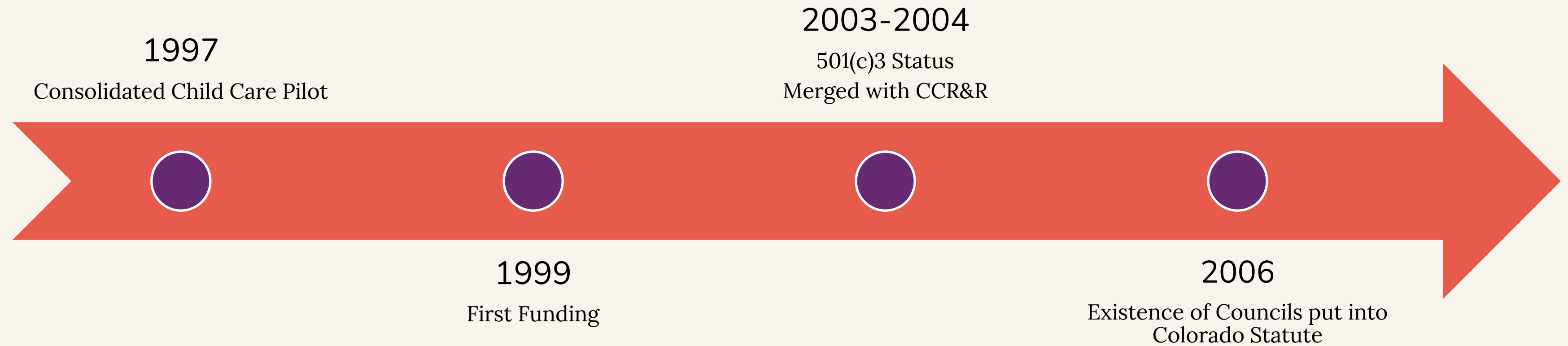
Community Foundation Briefing
April 2023

Working Together So Children Thrive

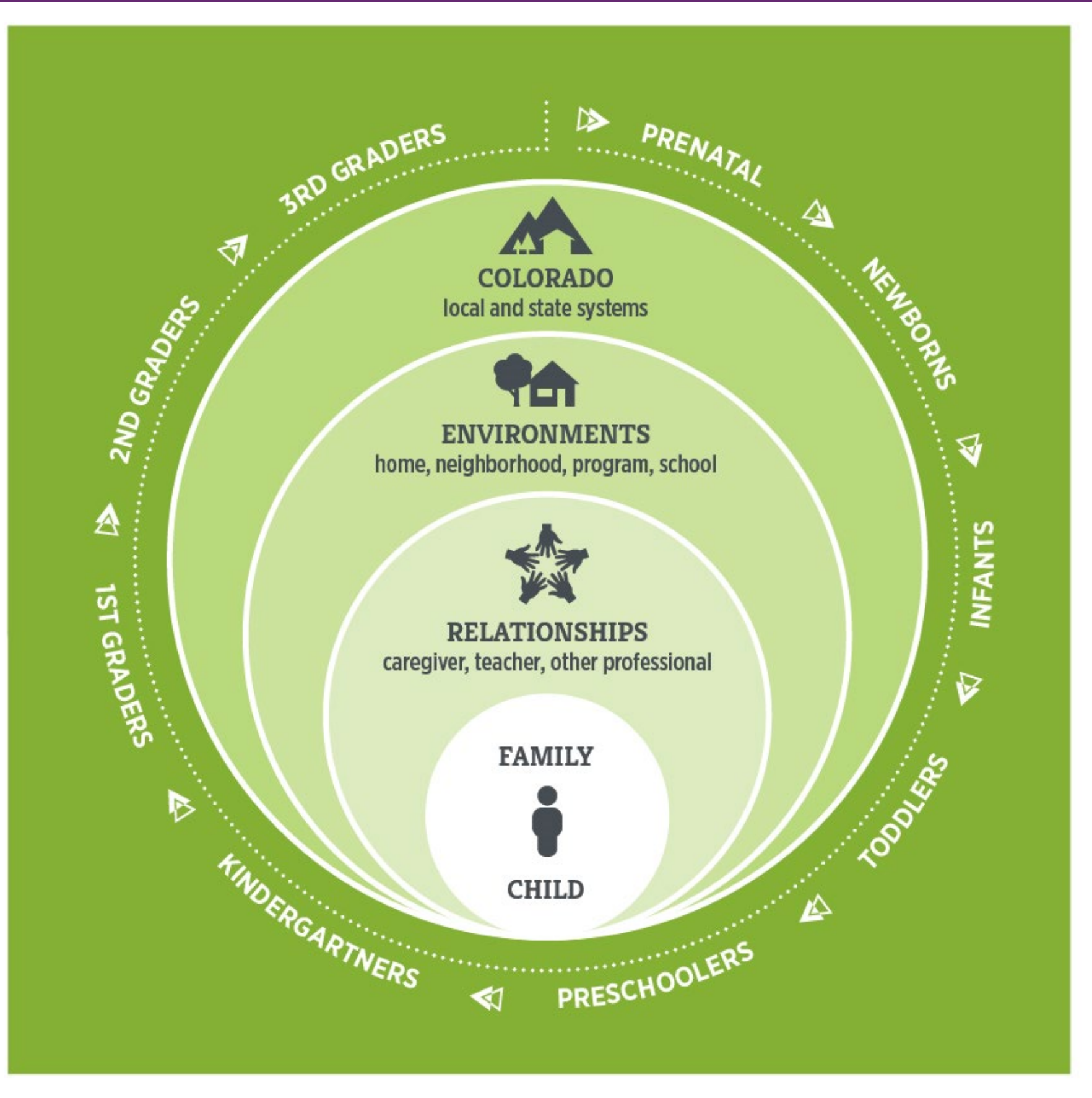
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ECCLC History

A Leading Council and Center of Excellence in the State



Early Childhood Colorado Framework



ECCLC Vision

Our vision is the shared vision of the Framework

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

ECCLC Mission

Our mission articulates how we aim to carry out our vision

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.

Local Relationships

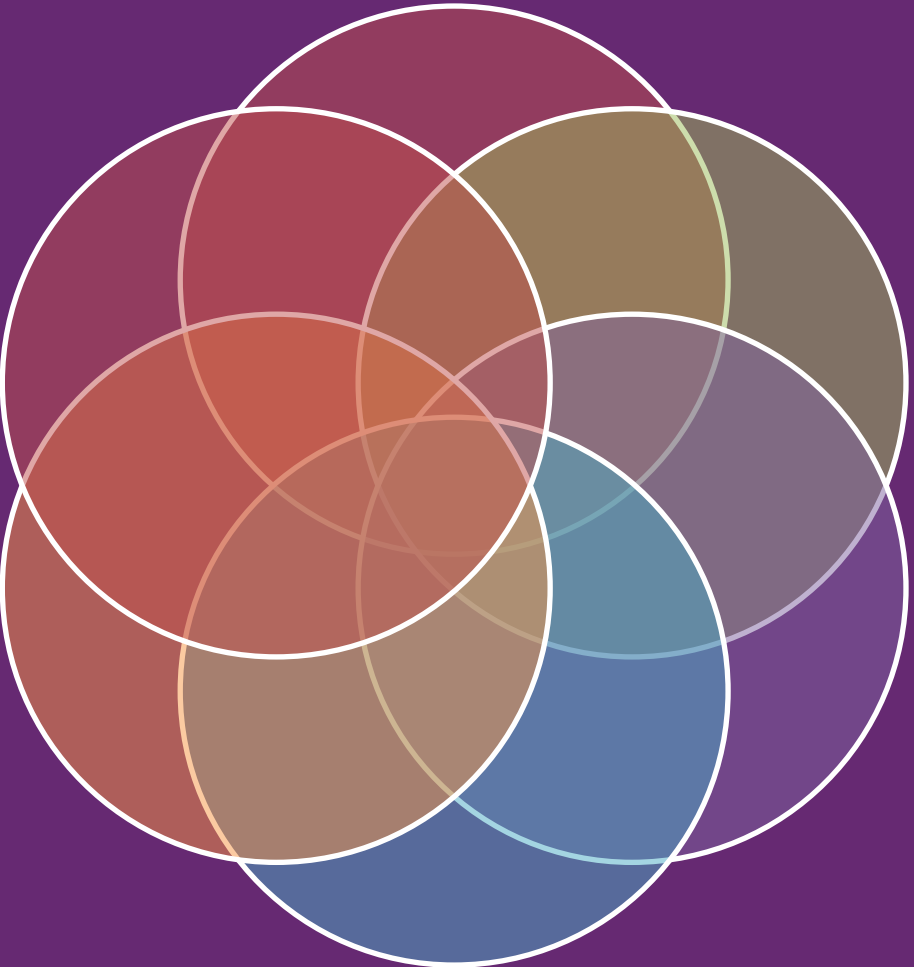
Department of
Human Services

Behavioral
Health

Public Health

Local
Nonprofits and
Foundations

Early
Intervention



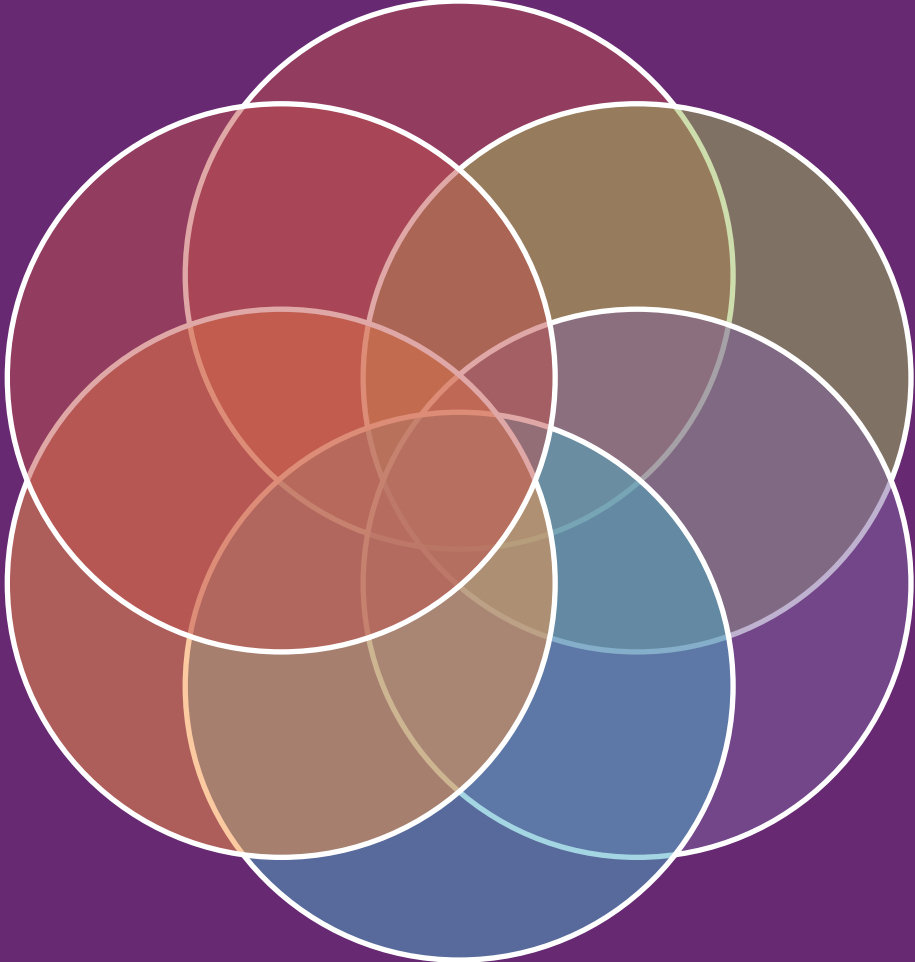
School Districts

Relationships Outside of Larimer County

CO Department
of Human
Services

Foundations

34 other Early
Childhood
Councils



CO Department
of Early
Childhood

Early Childhood
Council
Leadership
Alliance (ECCLA)

Early Childhood
Leadership
Commission

Early Childhood
Education (ECE)
Training and
Scholarships

ECE Workforce
Recruitment &
Retention

Community
Collaboration

Expert
Coaching and
Quality
Improvement

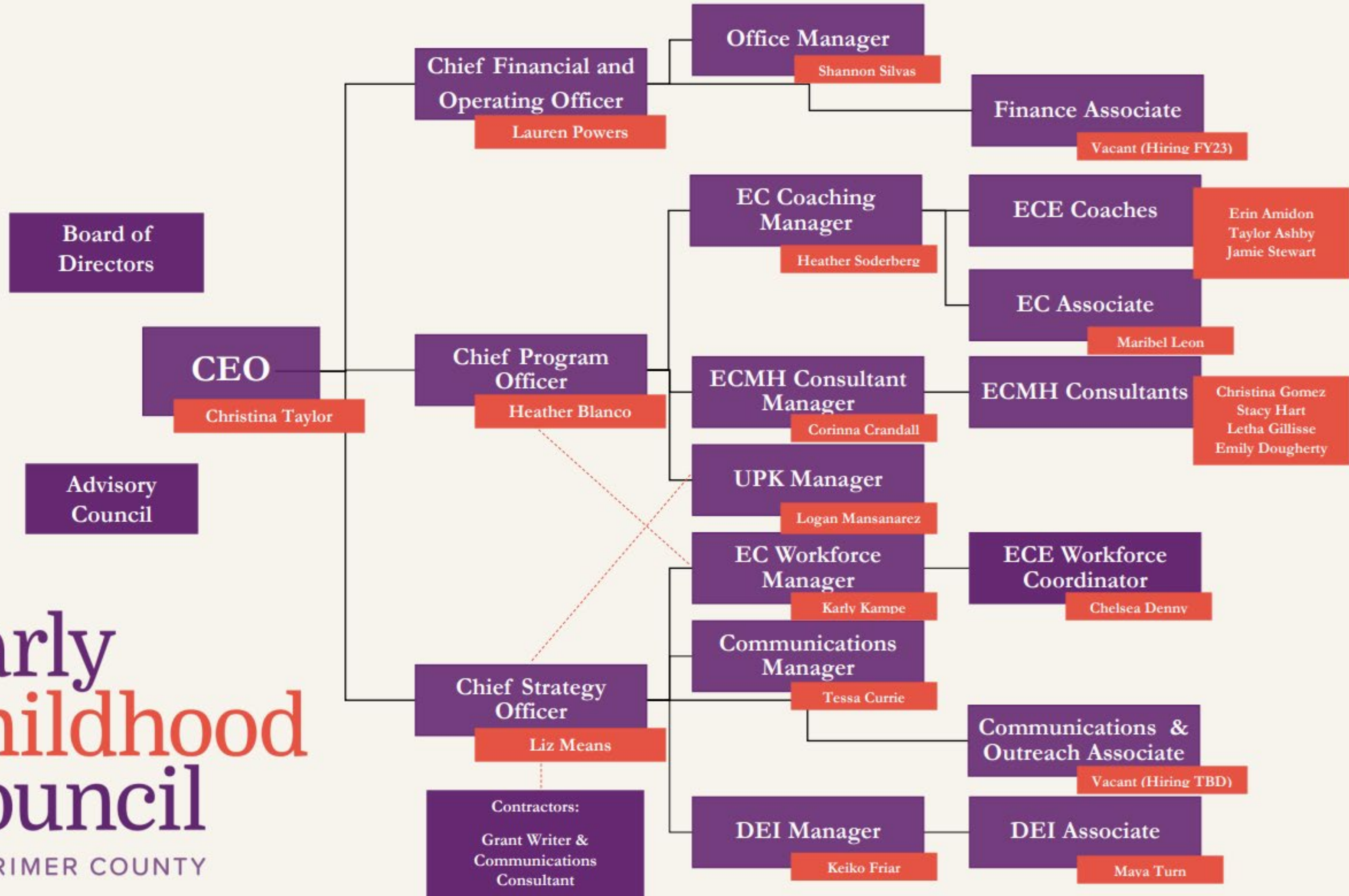
Early Childhood
Mental Health
Consultation

Diverse,
equitable and
inclusive
accessibility of
services

Advocacy and
Policies

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Our Funders



55% increase in CDHS OEC funding overall



\$25k in workforce innovation funding from Early Milestones (pending)

100% increase in Buell funding with addition of ECMHC team



Continued partnership with Larimer County on collective goals



General Operating Support from Nordson and Bohemian



Why Does Early Childhood Matter?

THE FOUNDATION FOR LIFELONG HEALTH AND SUCCESS

- A child that has an affordable and quality early education program will be better prepared for kindergarten, read earlier, be more likely to graduate high school and attend college, earn a higher wage, live a healthier life and have better developed life skills.

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THE FOUNDATION FOR LIFELONG HEALTH AND SUCCESS

↓ Decreased
Healthcare Costs

↓ Decreased Crime
Rates

↓ Decreased
Unemployment
Costs

↑ Increased lifetime
earnings

Childcare Access in Larimer County

THE STATE OF THE SECTOR:
Access and Affordability

\$12,000 per year

The average cost Larimer County families pay per year per child for childcare, often \$16-20k for an infant.

75% shortage

in childcare access for families with infants who cannot find care. 40% with preschoolers who cannot find care.

37% of income

(based on an average median HHI of \$64,919)
Spent on childcare for a family of four with two kids under the age of 5

What we're doing about it

A solutions-oriented approach

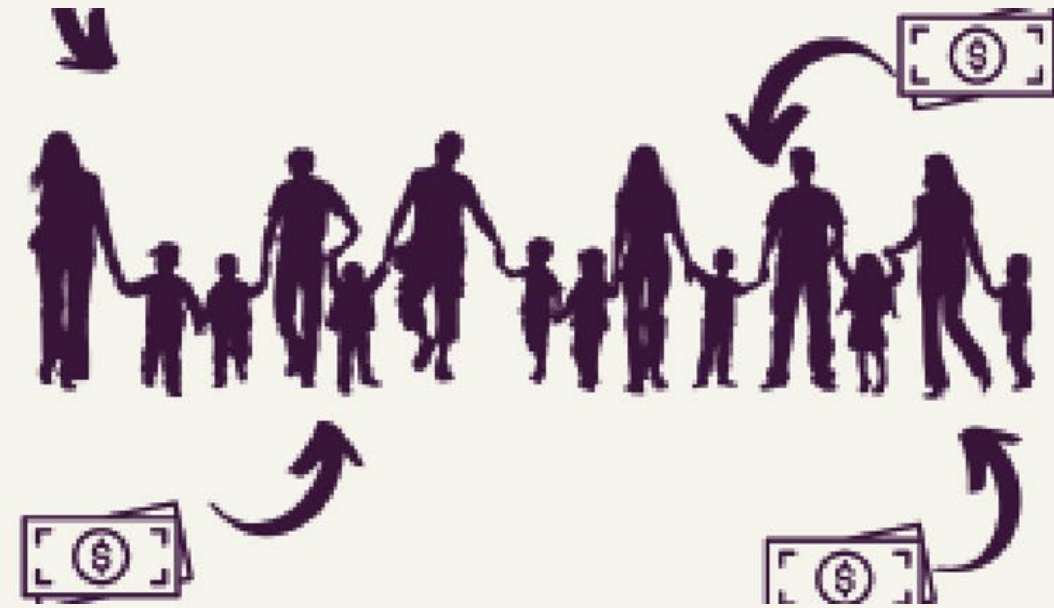
- Larimer Child Care Connect
- Larimer Child Care Fund (in partnership with United Way)
- Workforce Roadmap report
- Larimer Thrive by Five
- 2023 Ballot Initiative

How will this help?

HOW DO WE SOLVE THE ACCESS CRISIS?

Up to \$10M distributed directly to Larimer County families to offset the cost of child care tuition

*See Appendix A



Up to \$2M invested into capital projects to increase the number of programs in Larimer County through new builds and renovation of existing spaces.



Up to \$7M invested into the early childhood workforce through recruitment and retention strategies, and salary supplementation

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HOW DO WE SOLVE THE ACCESS CRISIS?



UP TO
7000

CHILDREN UNDER 5 WILL SEE
CHILDCARE TUITION OFFSETS
*MEETS APPROX 60% OF TOTAL NEED



Up to 85% of ECE programs in
Larimer County will receive quality
improvement and workforce support

Approx. 1000 early childhood
educators will see their annual
income increase



Larimer County can expect to see
positive economic gains as a result of
increased access to childcare



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How did we get here?

WHY IS THIS THE PROPOSED SOLUTION?

- Partnership with United Way to explore public funding options in 2021
- 17 member steering committee
- Public polling
- Research on other options
- Lessons learned



Questions?

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