

2016 COMMUNITY REPORT

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2016 EXECUTIVE TEAM



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DEAR FRIENDS

This past year has been another exciting time for early childhood care and education. There continues to be a rapid increase in national, state and local recognition of the importance of offering access to quality early childhood programming for all children and families. Our strong partnerships in Denver and across Colorado have once again resulted in reaching an increased number of children with direct services and through training of several thousand early childhood professionals. We continue to work with our higher education partners, and with state agencies to strengthen the preparation of new teachers, and the ongoing professional development of those already working in classrooms.

A renewed and strengthened focus on the social-emotional development and behavioral health of young children has emerged in Colorado over the past couple of years. We are pleased to be involved in several statewide initiatives designed to address the high rate of suspensions and expulsions of preschool students through both policy changes and additional resources for educators. We also recognize that teachers often need support in building the resiliency needed to fully engage with and appropriately guide their young students through behavioral difficulties. We are launching a new program, EMBRACE, to address this need and were thrilled to receive start-up funding from several foundations during 2016.

As we work with our colleagues within the Educare Learning Network, the National Head Start Association, the Alliance for Early Success, other leaders in early childhood care and education, and local and national funders we will continue to advocate for high quality programs and services for all children and families. We look forward to continuing our partnerships, building new ones and joining with all of you to achieve this shared goal.

Sincerely,



Charlotte M. Brantley
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President & CEO



Sarah Gustashaw Board Chair



RESEARCH

Research is the foundation for all of our work to improve outcomes for young children. Through rigorous research and evaluation of our own programs, as well as other early care and education providers across the country, we collect the data needed to inform high quality practices and approaches in early childhood education. By partnering with other professional organizations, our research efforts are used to improve programming and support individualized education for children statewide and beyond.

Clayton Early Learning conducted more than **3,000 direct child assessments** focused on all aspects of child development, including social and emotional skills, resiliency, positive attachments, initiative and self-regulation.

As a local outcome evaluator for the *Educare Learning Network*, we use assessment data to provide teachers across the country with the tools they need to individualize instruction for children of all abilities.

Clayton partners with *Mile High Early Learning, Denver Preschool Program, Child Trends* and other agencies to conduct classroom observations and evaluate quality programs throughout Colorado. The assessments used for classroom observation and evaluation include Infant, Toddler and PreK Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) and several of the Environment Rating Scales (ECERS-3, ITERS-R, FCCERS-R). The CLASS focuses on teacher-child interaction in the classroom, including teacher-child relationships, facilitation of children's learning, behavior management and all language spoken in the classroom. The Environment Rating Scales focus on the classroom environment, including space, furnishings, health, safety, materials, supervision, interaction and free play.

Both the CLASS and Environment Rating Scales are research-based assessment tools that are used nationally to evaluate early childhood programs.

Clayton conducted 14 observations for Mile High Early Learning, 119 observations for Child Trends and 128 observations for Denver Preschool Program.





hours of direct training

612+ 2,800+ hours of coaching for 2,000 early childhood professionals

TRAINING

Clayton provides training and professional development coaching for thousands of early care and education providers each year to enhance outcomes for children throughout Colorado. We utilize the assets of our own training center as well as collaborations with community agencies to prepare teacher candidates and established education professionals for success in the evolving field of early care and education.

We provided training on the **CLASS quality rating** tool for 160 sites.

We offered 138 training hours to 420 Early Childhood Professionals on the Environment Rating Scales (ECERS-R, ITERS-R, FCCERS-R, SACERS-U), Cultural Competency, S.A.F.E. Playground and more.

Clayton trainers certified 159 coaches across the state in the Environment Rating Scales. The certification process allows coaches to provide accurate information to early childhood programs to help them increase quality in their learning environments by providing a safe and rich environment for children.

Clayton trains reliable assessors for Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) as part of the statewide Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS), Colorado Shines. Clayton takes new assessors out in the field and trains them on the Environment Rating Scales so they can become reliable assessors. To ensure early childhood programs receive valid, reliable and fair assessments, reliable assessors are required to complete frequent checks in the field with Clayton staff throughout the year.

Early childhood teacher candidates at **University of Colorado Denver** complete classroom observation and hands-on practicum coursework in Clayton Early Learning classrooms.

Clayton partners with **Denver Preschool Program** to provide Professional Learning Community (PLC) forums for early childhood education leaders throughout Colorado.

Clayton collaborates with the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation and University of Colorado Denver to offer the **Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program** – a selective academic program offering 18 graduate credits in leadership development. To date, more than 150 leaders have completed the program.

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...to have an opportunity to meet with other directors and see how they are taking care of the administrative details of their schools is something that I find invaluable. It validates what we are doing, and often times presents new options that we had not considered...This greatly improves the quality of the school on many levels!

MJ Glassman, Director, Morningstar Preschool

TRAINING

In addition to serving professionals, Clayton partners with parents and caregivers to **empower** parents as their child's most important teacher.



Monthly classroom-based training opportunities effectively strengthen school-family partnerships through education and engagement.



Conscious Discipline training provides parents and caregivers with tools for effective communication with children and proven strategies for anticipating and redirecting challenging behaviors in early childhood.



The **Cooking Matters** training series teaches families how to create nutritious, budget-conscious meals that promote family health and wellness.



Parents who participate in the Clayton Policy Council and Parent Committee learn valuable skills in advocacy, community organizing, event planning and outreach.







In Denver, at least 31% of children are considered overweight or obese.*

* Denver Office of Children's Affairs, The Status of Denver's Children: A Community Resource 2016 At Clayton, more than 87% of our students maintain a healthy weight.

PRACTICE

At Clayton Early Learning, we recognize the need for a 'whole child' approach to learning and development. By incorporating family wellness, physical health and nutrition as well as social and emotional development into our education model, we are creating a foundation for student success in early education, kindergarten and the years beyond.

Through our two schools, home-based and community programs, Clayton Early Learning directly served more than 885 children this year.

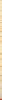
We offer enrollment options for every stage of a child's development, including a **Prenatal Program** that supports positive outcomes for pregnant women and their infants through services including early and continuing risk assessments, mental health interventions, nutrition education and breastfeeding support.

Highly qualified teachers participate in ongoing training to enhance their ability to effectively support children of all abilities in inclusive classrooms.

Specialized staff work in **interdisciplinary teams** to support all aspects of a child's development, health and well-being.

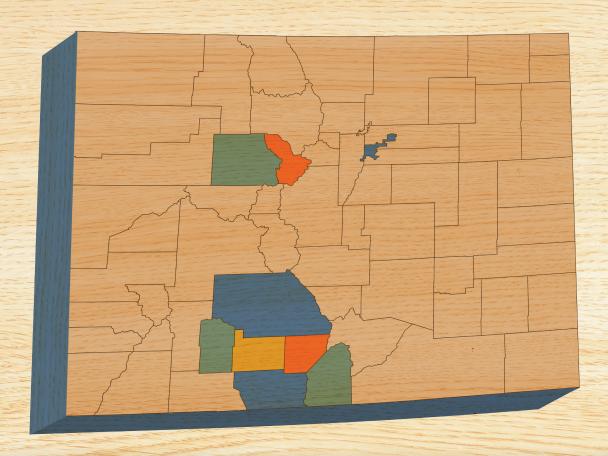
We develop unique partnerships with organizations including the **Denver Art Museum** and the **Denver Zoo** to expand children's access to cultural experiences and opportunities for hands-on learning beyond the classroom.

Our Health & Wellness Team is dedicated to **promoting student** success through nutrition, increased access to fresh food, vision and dental screening, expansive outdoor learning environments and opportunities for exercise through gross motor play.



PRACTICE

As an Early Head Start Child Care Partnership grantee, Clayton Early Learning is expanding high quality programming for children and families across greater Colorado – including San Luis Valley, Summit, Eagle and Denver counties.





We celebrate our students as active learners who are strong, capable and resilient. Children are encouraged to ask questions and explore their learning environment as we document the learning process and various milestones in meaningful ways.



ADVOCACY

We are proud to serve as subject-matter experts on issues that impact children and families. By informing the regulatory decisions that affect Colorado's early childhood system, we help ensure access to a quality early beginning for Colorado children.



2016-2017 Advocacy and Policy Victories

HB 16-1227: This law, which was signed in May 2016, makes teen parents and domestic violence survivors exempt from the requirement that they cooperate with child support enforcement as a condition of receiving Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP). By lowering barriers to access for children and families at a sensitive point in their lives, the bill streamlines access to quality early experiences that put children on a path to school readiness.

SB 16-022: This new law removes the 10-county limit in the CCCAP Cliff

Effect Pilot Program to allow additional counties to participate in the
program. The pilot program addresses the "cliff effect" that occurs when
working parents receive a minor increase in their income that makes them
ineligible for child care assistance, which is often not enough of an increase
to cover child care costs completely. The pilot allows for a more gradual
phase out of assistance to help families transition from the child care subsidy
program toward self-sufficiency.

HB 16-1242: This supplemental appropriation for the Colorado Department of Human Services directed funding to double the number of Early Childhood Mental Health Intervention Specialists employed by the state from 17 to 34 and to support a stronger infrastructure for mental health consultants throughout the state. This means more readily available help and resources to support the behavioral health needs of children, families and early childhood providers.

SB 16-212: The bill aligns state law with changes in federal law to ensure that a child receiving CCCAP continues to be receive services for an entire 12-month period before eligibility is redetermined, as long as the child's family income remains below 85% of the state median income for that family size, as required by federal law.

ADVOCACY

Advocacy and policy impacts

An increase of **\$2** million in state funds to support recent reforms to CCCAP, including tiered reimbursement for providers. This is the third consecutive year of state general fund increases in support of Colorado's child care subsidy program.

Moving to **annual child care licensing visits**. Just two years ago, Colorado was visiting child care providers on average every other year (and in some cases less frequently). This change will help support the basic health and safety of our youngest children.

Expansion of Early Intervention services for infants and toddlers who may have developmental delays.

A **\$6** million increase in nurse home visiting in Colorado, an evidence-based program that supports low-income first time mothers achieve healthy outcomes for themselves and their children.

Securing funding to implement Pay for Success in Colorado. Pay for Success was passed in 2015 as a strategy for the state to leverage private and philanthropic dollars to fund social programs that only get repaid by the government if certain agreed upon outcomes are achieved. Pay for Success will open the door to new investments in early childhood and prevention-oriented health services for yulnerable children and families.





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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2016

Assets	2016	2015
Cash & cash equivalents	\$365,358	\$523,087
Accounts & grants receivable	520,205	554,574
Contributions &	718,745	337,500
private grants receivable		
Investments	18,552,023	20,214,247
Property & equipment,	11,179,512	11,344,853
net of accumulated depreciation		
Prepaid expense & other assets	18,610	33,808
TOTAL ASSETS	\$31,354,453	\$33,008,069

Liabilities & net assets	2016	2015
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$441,523	\$409,475
Accrued payroll &	624,979	552,991
other liabilities		
Notes payable	65,517	123,650
Bonds payable		
Total liabilities	1,132,019	1,086,116
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	10,138,650	10,829,750
Temporarily restricted	7,999,797	9,008,216
Permanently restricted	12,083,987	12,083,987
Total net assets	30,222,434	31,921,953
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$31,354,453	\$33,008,069

The most recent Federal monitoring review of Clayton Early Learning in 2016 found the program in full compliance with all Head Start performance standards. The financial audit for FY 15-16 of Clayton Early Learning done in compliance with Circular A-133 Federal Audit requirements resulted in a clean audit (unqualified opinion) with no findings. Budget for FY 15-16 was \$14,460,205, 73% of budget are personnel expenses and 27% is non-personnel.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

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Revenue, Gains & Support	2016	2015
Program revenue:		
Early Head Start	\$3,637,815	\$2,551,168
Head Start	1,489,048	1,689,133
Other federal grant funding	516,425	454,358
Tuition & fee revenue	511,626	577,064
State & local government funding	2,494,015	2,161,692
Contract revenue	1,033,976	685,890
Private grants & contributions	1,760,437	1,392,989
Total program revenue	11,443,342	9,512,294
Investment income	(296,288)	551,882
Rental income	1,084,591	992,946
Gain on sale of land	-	138,505
Special events	116,294	106,488
Other income	-	53,975
TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS & SUPPORT	\$12,347,939	\$11,356,090

Expenditures	2016	2015
Program	\$11,597,752	\$9,548,835
Campus improvements & facilities	628,805	752,817
Management & general	1,743,574	1,861,592
Development expense	393,302	303,624
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$14,363,433	\$12,466,868
End of worm not assets	2015	2015
End of year net assets	2015	2015
Change in net assets before	(\$2,015,494)	(\$1,110,778)
Extraordinary income	315,975	263,285
Change in net assets	(1,699,519)	(847,493)
Net assets at beginning of year	31,921,953	32,769,446
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$30,222,434	\$31,921,953



EARLY HEAD START & HEAD START 2015–2016 SCHOOL YEAR

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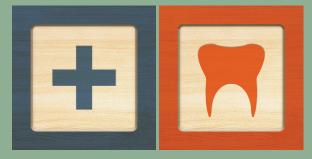
Eligible Children Served

93%

91%

Children Receiving Medical and Dental Exams

Medical	Dental	
96%	94%	
98%	93%	



100% of children had a medical and dental home in 2015-2016

Characteristic	Number	Doveomtago
	numoer	Percentage
Race		<10/
Asian		<1%
Black	177	32.0%
Multiracial	130	23.0%
Native American or Alaskan Native	70	12.5%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		<1%
Unspecified/Other	68	12.0%
White	112	20.0%
Child's Primary Language		
English	356	63.5%
Spanish	187	33.5%
Other	16	3.0%
Parent/Primary Caregiver Education Level		
Bachelor's degree	88	16.0%
Some college but no degree	203	36.0%
High school diploma or equivalent	151	27.0%
Some high school	19	3.5%
9th grade or less	57	10.0%
No high school	31	5.5%
Unknown	10	2.0%

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