



Mesa County

**PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES
FAMILY & ADOLESCENT PARTNERSHIP**

2015-2016 COMMUNITY REPORT

Dear friends,

The Partnership for Children & Families (PCF) and the Family & Adolescent Partnership (FAP) are pleased to present our Third Annual Joint Community Report.

Both PCF and FAP provide an efficient, community-based infrastructure to support a local child and family system. These long-standing collaborations work with community partners to ensure services for children, youth, and families are plentiful, of high quality and easily available to anyone who needs them. Major highlights from this past year included:

- PCF was instrumental in helping licensed childcare providers learn about Colorado Shines (Colorado's new quality rating and improvement system) and helping them raise the quality of the care they provide to our community's youngest children. Through the support of PCF, **58 licensed childcare facilities were recognized for their quality** that was achieved through PCF quality coaching and material purchases. PCF will continue to support these providers and new providers so that all children in Mesa County will have access to quality childcare.
- FAP introduced a new service for all Mesa County children and families: Kids Needing Extra (KNEX). This multi-agency, collaborative meeting will assist the family to find needed resources and have all the agencies working in concert. This supports the goal of finding the right service at the right time as well as finding funding for the services. After **servicing over 900 children this year**, Mesa County has become one of the "big 10" counties in Colorado, resulting in more funds being available to assist children and families through the partnership.

They say "it takes a village to raise a child." With our partners, staff, and your support, we have and we will continue to fill gaps in our community, resulting in strong, healthy, and happy families. Cheers to another year of great collaboration!

Michelle and Colleen



Michelle Hoy
Board Chair, FAP



Colleen Roahrig
Board Chair, PCF

Our story

In an effort to provide an efficient, community-based infrastructure to support a statewide early childhood system, the Colorado General Assembly began to form in 1997 what would become known as Early Childhood Councils. There are currently 31 participating councils in Colorado, including Mesa County, known locally as the Partnership for Children and Families (PCF). Councils statewide are working together as an innovative network that links practice to policy and community to child.

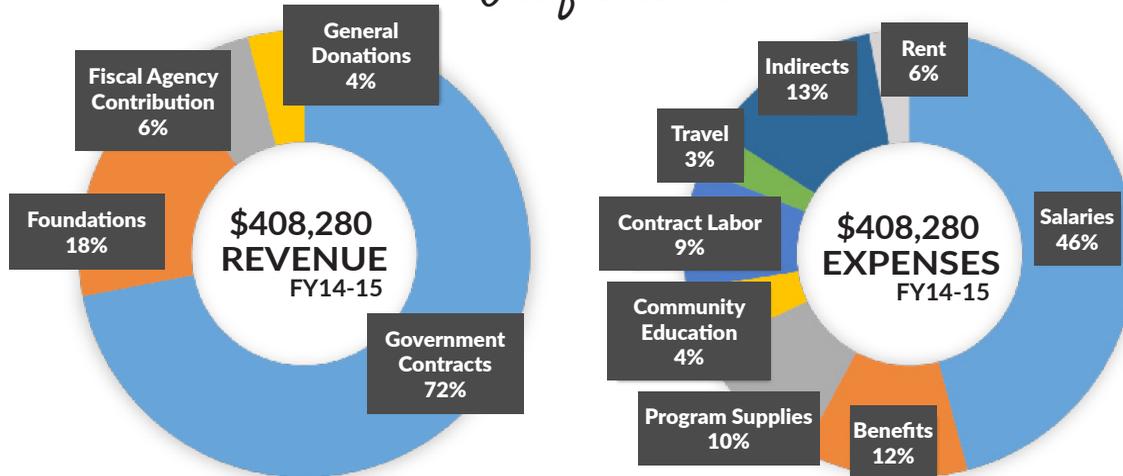


Vision: Helping families reach their full potential.

Mission: Create, coordinate and sustain a resource rich community for all families so that children reach their full potential in safe and optimally nurturing environments.

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Our financials



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Our story

In an effort to encourage collaboration on behalf of multi-system involved youth, state legislators established the Collaborative Management Program (CMP) through House Bill 1451 in 2004. Mesa County is one of over 35 Colorado counties participating in this effort to develop more uniform and connected local systems that best serve children and families. Locally known as the Family & Adolescent Partnership (FAP), the group serves any family with kids ages 0-21 through coordination and funding of appropriate services.

Vision: We enhance the vitality of youth and families regardless of challenge and circumstance.

Mission: Serving our youth and families needs first by coordinating innovative services next.

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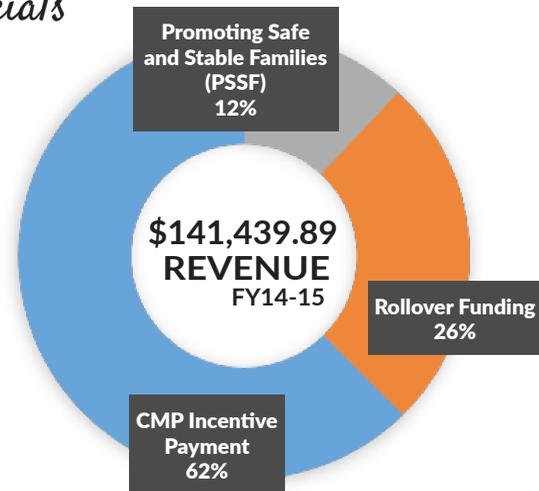
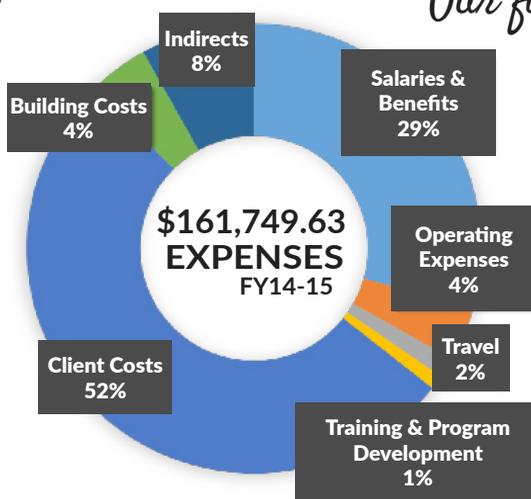
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PCF and FAP *By the numbers...*

19 entities comprise the
PCF governing board

43
professionals
who attended
a FAP-funded
professional
development
training

4582
infants, toddlers, young
children and adolescents
served by our programs

132
families received
community-based
case management

95%
of Colorado Shines*
participants ranked at
levels 2, 3, or 4
(during its first year of implementation)

*Colorado Shines is a new quality rating and improvement system administered by the state that monitors and supports early learning programs.
Learn more at www.coloradoshines.com.

22

agencies comprise
the FAP governing
board

12

agencies
participate in
multi-agency
staffings

140

youth staffed
at ISST and
KNEX**

83

professionals with Early
Childhood Professional
Credentials

1764

hours of coaching provided to
licensed child care providers

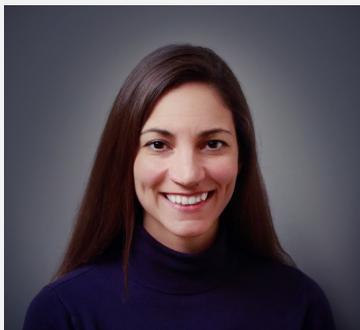
**The Individualized Service and Support Team (ISST)
and Kids Needing Extra (KNEX) are multi-agency
staffing teams designed to coordinate and connect
children and families to local services.

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website hits to
www.gotkidsroadmap.com

Psst... looking for local resources? Visit this website to get connected!





Meet Sarah

Sarah Robinson is the Manager of Program Integration at the Mesa County Health Department and has been serving on the Individualized Service and Support Team (ISST), sponsored by FAP, since 2015. Speaking to the value of this group and its positive impact on the community, she shared:

“Each service provider has a different experience with a family and everyone brings a different set of skills to the table. Having a team approach results in a richer discussion, some really creative problem solving, and more realistic options for the family. A side benefit is greater awareness of the day-to-day realities of other service providers. It quickly breaks down barriers, reduces judgment, and builds rapport. This is good for program staff as well as beneficial to the families we serve.”



Stacey Tonozzi and Shaye Zimmerman of Lil' Kurtain Klimbers have been participating in the PCF child care coaching program since January 2015. Speaking to this rewarding and exciting journey, they shared their experience of and results from their collaboration:

“We offer our thanks to PCF for helping our program become a hands-on learning environment, a literature-filled area, and a quality care childcare by providing coaching hours. Through the guidance provided, we have gained more skills that help us communicate with the children in a way that advances the children’s social desires and needs. Our coaching hours have provided us with general knowledge on how to arrange a successful classroom, promote health regulations, and demonstrate ways to interact during floor play and structured daily schedules. We are eternally grateful for the opportunities and beneficial supplies and equipment afforded to us.”



Meet Shaye and Stacey

To our board members, funders, and partners... Thank you!

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