

Children, Youth and Families Division Highlights

Decade	Areas of Focus
1960s	Youth Services Division created with federal grant from Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
1970s	Department involved in child care issues as a major human service need
	Youth Action Center outreach program created
	Late 70s, Grant created the Child Care Support Center within the Department
1980s	Grants acquired which led to the establishment of the Recruitment and Training Program and the Child Care Resource and Referral Program
	Partnership developed with Health Department, Mental Health, and Schools to provide intervention specialist in the high schools
	Council directed focus on children and families; Family Resource Schools program initiated
1990s	Passage of sale tax earmarked dollars for youth; Youth Opportunities Program initiated
	Grant funds acquired for creation of Early Child Care and Education Council of Boulder County
2000s	Children, Youth, and Families Mediation Program initiated and merged with Community Mediation Services
	Grant funds acquired for Child Care Certificate Program

Children, Youth and Families Programs: Key Objectives

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Child Care Resource and Referral Program	Provides referral to licensed and exempt child care homes and centers; publishes consumer education and information on community resources for children and families
Child Care Recruitment and Training	Strengthens child care services in the community through recruitment, training, and technical assistance for child care providers
Child Care Certificate Program	Provides financial assistance for child care for low-income families
Family Resource Schools	For elementary aged children and their families: Reduces non-academic barriers to educational success; assists with basic needs for at-risk children and their families; improves family functioning and self-sufficiency
Early Care and Education Council of Boulder County	Coordinates community planning and development of a comprehensive system of early child care and education
Prevention/Intervention	For middle and high school students: Reduces risk behaviors among youth; improves student social functioning; removes non-academic barriers to successful education
Community Mediation	Provides mediation and conflict resolution services (landlord/tenant, neighbors)
Children, Youth, and Families Mediation	Provides conflict resolution services for parents, teens, families, seniors and their caregivers, child care providers and parents; provides life skills classes for teens
Youth Opportunities	Provides cultural, recreational, and educational opportunities for youth through grants and activities and in exchange for community services; promotes opportunities for youth leadership and civic engagement

Goals for Promoting Self-Sufficient, Resilient Children, Youth and Families

Assist With Basic Needs; e.g., Housing, Food, Physical and Mental Health, Developmental Needs	Support Early Care and Education	Strengthen Families	Increase Positive and Healthy Youth Behaviors	Promote Educational, Social, and Civic Engagement
Reduce unmet housing, food, developmental, physical, mental and dental health needs of children	Increase the availability and affordability of early care and education	Increase education and involvement and skills for parents	Increase adaptive life and social skills for youth	Increase the number of cultural, recreational, and educational opportunities for children, youth, and families
Reduce non-academic barriers through services and resources leading to educational success	Increase the quality of early care and education	Increase awareness of and access to community services	Increase conflict resolution skills for youth and families	Increase civic engagement and community service participation of children, youth, and families
Increase parents' understanding of their children's developmental needs with access to services as needed	Promote the development of a comprehensive early child care and education system	Increase conflict resolution skills for youth and families	Increase healthy behaviors and reduce prevalence of high risk behaviors such as drug and alcohol abuse, tobacco use, teen pregnancy	Increase civility and understanding in dispute resolution in the community
Increase awareness and use of community resources for children and families	Increase awareness and use of community resources for children and families	Increase awareness and use of community resources for children and families	Increase awareness and use of community resources for children and families	Strengthen fuller participation of diverse members of the community in civic activities
Increase availability and access of special services for children, youth and families dealing with disabilities			Increase the availability of positive activities in the community that are desirable to youth	Increase opportunities for shared experiences and building a sense of inclusion among diverse member of the community

Children, Youth and Families Programs in the Service Continuum

Early Childhood	Elementary School	Middle and High School	Not Age-Specific and Community-Wide
Early Care and Education Council of Boulder County	Family Resource Schools	Prevention/Intervention Program	Community Mediation Services
Child Care Resource and Referral Program	Children, Youth and Families Mediation Program	Children, Youth and Families Mediation Program	Children, Youth and Families Mediation Program
Child Care Recruitment and Training	Child Care Certificate Program	Youth Opportunities Program	Family Resource Schools
Child Care Certificate Program			
Children, Youth and Families Mediation Program			