

# Early Childhood Summit

**Mission Statement:** The Colorado Early Childhood Summit is a coalition of statewide leaders in child development and early learning. The Summit collaborates to improve early childhood services and systems through identifying issues, providing information and advocating to shape public policy

The Colorado Early Childhood Summit is a membership coalition representing the leadership and decision makers of the early childhood organizations that influence statewide policy. The principle focus is child development and early learning issues for children birth to age eight. The Summit is not an incorporated organization. The Summit shall operate under their Guiding Principles, Code of Ethics and Procedural Guidelines.

## **Guiding Principles:**

### **Values:**

- The Summit will always represent what is in the best interest for children from birth to age eight
- All of Colorado's children should be valued, healthy and thriving.
- All children deserve high-quality, affordable child development and early learning programs and services.
- Broad-based dialogue on child development and early learning issues will lead to the best outcomes for children and their families

### **Goals:**

1. To provide a forum in which early childhood organizations come together to:
  - a. Identify issues
  - b. Share information
  - c. Achieve consensus for a public policy agenda
  - d. Advocate to shape state policy
2. To address regulations, standards, funding, and practice pertaining to child development and early learning programs, services and settings.

3. To take informed positions on issues affecting young children's education and development

**Voting Members:**

Colorado Alliance for Quality School Age Programs  
Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children  
Colorado Association of Family Child Care  
Colorado Children's Campaign  
Colorado Head Start Association  
Colorado Parent and Child Foundation  
Colorado Parent-Teacher Association  
Early Childhood Councils Leadership Alliance  
Early Childhood Education Association of Colorado  
Qualistar Early Learning

**Resource Participants (not voting members):**

Colorado Department of Education, Prevention Initiatives  
Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care  
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment,  
Colorado Head Start State Collaboration Office  
Lt Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives  
The Philanthropic Community of Colorado  
Federal Region VIII