

Larimer County Strategic Plan Goal 2 Objective 3 – Access to Child Care

Steering Committee

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- Responsible for Objective 3 workplan and oversight of subcommittees, reports to Goal Steward
- Steering committee members will chair/co-chair subcommittees.

Subcommittee 1 Data/Public Awareness

Potential strategies:

- Collect and analyze data about the needs of child care across the county, engage the community to understand families preference and response to shortages, the impact of child care on employers and other stakeholders.
- Conduct a public education campaign.
- Educate and engage employers around the impact of child care on the workforce.

Subcommittee 2 Funding/Affordability

Potential strategies:

- Utilize data collection information to understand and develop strategies regarding the affordability of care.
- Broaden and diversify funding for early care and education.
- Explore universal preschool program across Larimer County.
- Collaboration with Human Services regarding Child Care Assistance Program.
- Explore employer incentives to provide assistance to employees with child care needs.
- Explore scholarship opportunities for families.

Subcommittee 3 Facilities/Codes/Land Use

Potential strategies:

- Review regulations and existing building codes.
- Assessment of facilities that could be utilized for additional child care centers.
- Explore public/private/philanthropic partnerships to expand feasible centers and in-home providers.
- Explore continuation of exempt providers legislation.
- Collaboration with County and municipalities regarding building code

Subcommittee 4 Workforce Development

Potential strategies:

- Recruit and retain a highly trained and qualified early care and education workforce.
- Explore expansion of ECCLC grant and other grant opportunities.
- Utilize public awareness campaign to educate community about the importance of early care careers.
- Increased collaboration with educational institutions.
- Explore scholarship opportunities, subsidized education opportunities.

* Steering Committee and all 4 Subcommittees need increased representation from Chambers and businesses.

* Regular updates will be provided to the BOCC and the Talent 2.0 Steering Committee