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Dear Ms. Green,

The Colorado Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics, CO AAP, enthusiastically supports the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership's/Civic Canopy application for Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS): Building Health through Integration grant. We look forward to partnering in this important work on behalf of young children and their families across Colorado.

The CO AAP, looks forward to being an active partner in the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership's works focused on mitigating toxic stress and trauma in infancy and young children, birth to age 3. Collaborative hubs like the Partnership play a central, vital role in Colorado's comprehensive early childhood systems and we are pleased to engage and leverage our assets. Specifically, we look forward to participating in strategies that:

- Engage and mobilize our members through education, including newsletter articles or pediatricians and pediatric healthcare providers in Colorado.
- Providing an educational speaker at the Chapter's Annual Meeting who will address toxic stress.
- Invite a Chapter member to serve as a resource on the Grant Committee and report to the CO AAP Membership. In return, the Chapter representative will serve as the Pediatric voice to the grant committee.

The Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is dedicated to promoting the optimal health and welfare of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults in Colorado. As such, support for a project such as this one is well within our mission.

We fully support the work of Civic Canopy and the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership and its application to the Health Resources and Services Administration. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Wells".

Kathryn Wells, MD, FAAP
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Aloha Foundation: New York, Hawai'i,

April 12, 2013

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Dear Ms. Green:

I am writing to express the Aloha Foundation's enthusiastic support of the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership's/Civic Canopy application for Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS): Building Health through Integration grant. We look forward to engaging in this important work on behalf of young children and their families across Colorado.

The Aloha Foundation's has been a participant in the work of the Partnership and we are pleased to support this effort. The Partnership plays a central, vital role in Colorado's comprehensive early childhood systems building work. With Civic Canopy providing the "backbone" support to ECCP's Collective Impact work, the Partnership will build on prior ECCS funded work by engaging cross-sector partners to focus on mitigating toxic stress and trauma in young children, birth to age 3. Specifically, we look forward to participating in strategies that:

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As the representative of a very small family foundation that supports Colorado's early childhood community with time, talent, and treasure, I have contributed to various committees over the course of the state's continuing Early Childhood Comprehensive

Systems work, including data and evaluation concerning mental health issues for young children, their families, and their other caregivers.

The work of the various ECCS teams has been invaluable in the state's ability to move the dial for young children. We fully support the work of Civic Canopy and the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership and its application to the Health Resources and Services Administration. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Beverly R. Buck
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April 12, 2013

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Dear Ms. Green,

I am writing to express my support for the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership/Civic Canopy application for the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS): Building Health through Integration grant proposal. Chambers Family Fund has invested significantly in the development of a comprehensive early childhood system in Colorado, and we believe that the activities proposed in this grant will move our state's system forward in important ways.

The Early Childhood Colorado Partnership has provided the opportunity for public and private organizations interested in the well-being of young children to come together to develop a common vision for Colorado's early childhood system, set priorities for action, and work on overcoming barriers among sectors that impede the efficiency and effectiveness of services for young children and their families. Chambers Family Fund is particularly pleased to see that the work of the Partnership will now include a focus on mitigating the effects of toxic stress and trauma in children, birth to age 3. The impact of toxic stress on a young child's developing brain can profoundly alter that child's life outcomes—and these negative effects can reverberate into future generations. Providing integrated support services to families as early as possible can help prevent this damage. Linking families to these supports, however, will require concerted and integrated efforts across many sectors of the early childhood system.

The Early Childhood Colorado Partnership, facilitated by Civic Canopy, can provide the ideal vehicle for collective action to mitigate the impact of toxic stress and trauma on young children and their families. Chambers Family Fund fully supports the work of Civic Canopy and the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership and the application to the Health Resources and Services Administration, and we look forward to continuing to participate in this effort.

Sincerely,

Merle Chambers
President



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Dear Ms. Green,

I am writing to express support of the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership's/Civic Canopy application for the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS): Building Health through Integration grant. The Partnership plays a central, vital role in Colorado's comprehensive early childhood systems building work and will build upon prior ECCS funded work by engaging cross-sector partners to focus on mitigating toxic stress and trauma in young children, birth to age 3.

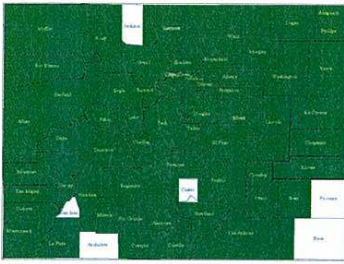
The Colorado Trust (The Trust) is a statewide grant making foundation dedicated to achieving access to health for all Coloradans. In 2009 The Trust launched a six-year, \$6.1 million Early Childhood Health Integration funding strategy. The goal of this current investment has been to support Colorado's network of Early Childhood Councils to better integrate child health services into their local systems-building efforts as a means to improve children's access to health coverage and health care throughout the state.

Last year, The Trust also supported the work of The Partnership by contracting with the Results Leadership Group to assist The Partnership in implementing Results Based Accountability™ in order to be better able to measure how they are collectively impacting the lives of children in Colorado.

We fully support the work of Civic Canopy and the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership and its application to the Health Resources and Services Administration. Thank you for your consideration of Colorado's application.

Sincerely,

Ned Calonge, MD
President and CEO



Early Childhood Councils Leadership Alliance

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Dear Ms. Green,

I am writing to express the Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance's (ECCLA) enthusiastic support of the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership's/Civic Canopy application for Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS): Building Health through Integration grant. We look forward to engaging in this important work on behalf of young children and their families across Colorado.

ECCLA has been a participant in the work of the Partnership and we are pleased to support this effort. The Partnership plays a central, vital role in supporting Colorado's comprehensive early childhood systems building work. With Civic Canopy providing the "backbone" support to ECCP's Collective Impact work, the Partnership will build on prior ECCS funded work by engaging cross-sector partners to focus on mitigating toxic stress and trauma in young children, birth to age 3. Specifically, we look forward to participating in strategies that:

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All Colorado's young children and families are valued, healthy and thriving.

ECCLA has adopted the Colorado vision that all children are valued, healthy and thriving with the mission to promote the statewide network of early childhood councils to positively impact services and supports for young children and families. ECCLA brings together the 31 established local early childhood councils that serve 58 of the 64 Colorado counties. Local early childhood councils were established to meet Colorado's House Bill 07-1062 to increase the capacity, quality, access, and availability of early childhood serves and supports in the areas of early learning, health, mental health, and family supports and education. ECCLA participates in the Partnership to align local efforts and state-wide council efforts with other state-level early childhood initiatives and looks forward to providing support for local implementation of efforts to mitigate toxic stress and trauma in infants and toddlers.

We fully support the work of Civic Canopy and the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership and its application to the Health Resources and Services Administration. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Gretchen Davidson
President, ECCLA

Early Childhood Colorado Partnership

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April 10, 2013

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Dear Ms. Green,

As the Steering Committee and leadership group of the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership, we provide enthusiastic support of the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership's/Civic Canopy application for the *Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS): Building Health through Integration* grant. We look forward to engaging in this important work on behalf of young children and their families across Colorado.

The Early Childhood Colorado Partnership (ECCP) is a network of partners from state and local agencies, statewide nonprofits, local early childhood councils, foundations and universities committed to ensuring the vision of the *Early Childhood Colorado Framework* is effectively implemented in Colorado. The Partnership provides the space and conditions for diverse partners across the comprehensive early childhood system to come together, identify common results, share best practices, implement strategies and track progress towards indicators of child and family wellbeing and systems performance improvement. The ECCP embraces a Collective Impact approach and uses Results Based Accountability to develop and guide its collective work.

As Steering Committee members, we have committed to the work of the ECCP and are pleased to provide the leadership required to ensure the objectives set forth in this grant application are achieved. With The Civic Canopy providing the "backbone" support to ECCP's collective work, the Partnership will continue to build on prior ECCS funded efforts by influencing the context, components, connections, infrastructure, and scale of Colorado's statewide early childhood system.

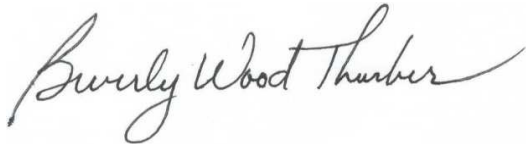
This new ECCS grant opportunity allows us to focus on the mitigation of toxic stress and trauma in infancy and early childhood. We look forward to engaging in strategies that:

- Engage and mobilize innovative partnerships that can better engage families, increase family protective factors and mitigate trauma and toxic stress in children and families.
- Align efforts of statewide partners in a common agenda and approach to working with families with infants and toddlers.
- Build stronger connections across the statewide early childhood system.

- Develop the framework for a comprehensive integrated system of surveillance and screening to intervene in high risk circumstances as early as possible.
- Inform policies that promote the coordination and expansion of quality infant and toddler supports and services across a prevention, intervention and treatment framework.

Collectively, we fully support the work of the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership and The Civic Canopy and its application to the Health Resources and Services Administration. Thank you for this opportunity to continue to build early childhood systems across Colorado.

Sincerely,



Bev Thurber, Early Childhood Councils Leadership Alliance



Eileen Auer Bennett, Assuring Better Child Health and Development State Coordinator



Eileen Forlenza, Family and Community Engagement Specialist,
CO Dept. of Public Health & Environment



Gina Robinson, Program Administrator, CO Department of Health Care Policy and Financing



Heather Dubiel Matthews, Family Health Division Manager, Boulder County Public Health



Heather Tritten, Vice President of Quality Initiatives, Qualistar Colorado



Janine Pryor, Early Childhood Councils Leadership Alliance



Jennifer Landrum, VP, Early Childhood Initiatives, Colorado Children's Campaign.



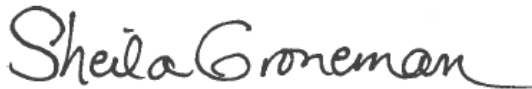
Mary Martin, Early Childhood Systems Director, CO Dept. of Public Health & Environment



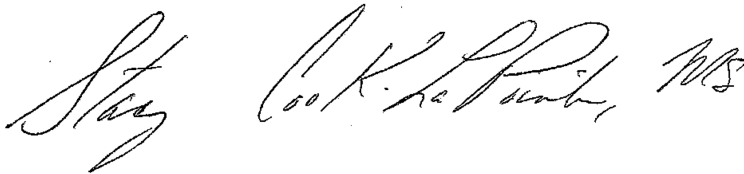
Sarah Hoover, Director of Community Education, JFK Partners,
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April 12, 2013

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Dear Ms. Green,

I am writing to express the Early Childhood Leadership Commission's whole-hearted and enthusiastic support of the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership's/Civic Canopy application for Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS): Building Health through Integration grant. The role of the ECCS grant in advancing the early childhood system in the state of Colorado can't be under-stated: we have made great strides due to the work accomplished and networks developed through that grant. We look forward to the next chapter of progress on behalf of young children and their families across Colorado, through this grant opportunity.

While this is just a minor aspect of the Partnership's myriad of accomplishments, The Early Childhood Leadership Commission, Colorado's State Advisory Council (SAC) would not be in existence were it not for the hard work accomplished under the last Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems grant. The ECCS grant spearheaded the Early Childhood Colorado Framework, which proved to be a coalescing vision for next steps. They then provided significant leadership into the development of an Executive Order, and then state legislation that authorized the Early Childhood Leadership Commission. The Partnership and the Commission have continued to work together on a myriad of efforts including a comprehensive state needs assessment, the development of Early Learning and Development Guidelines for children 0-8 years, and tracking and supportive cross-system goals as published in the Framework in Action State Plan: 2010-2012.

The Partnership plays a central, vital role in Colorado's comprehensive early childhood systems building work. With Civic Canopy providing the "backbone" support to ECCP's Collective Impact work, the Partnership will build on prior ECCS funded work by engaging cross-sector partners to focus on mitigating toxic stress and trauma in young children, birth to age 3. Specifically, we look forward to participating in strategies that:

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Colorado stakeholders agree that these strategies are clearly the right ones for our state. And the efforts under the partnership are complementary to those of the ECLC. Simply put: the state relies on the Partnership to move the real work.

The Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC) would like to particularly recommend the grant partnership proposed, especially the role of Civic Canopy. I have been fortunate to work closely with Civic Canopy's leadership, including Jodi Hardin and Bill Fulton. These folks are superstars who deeply understand the process and potential of collective impact strategies. The state is lucky to have their energies on this important proposed work.

In closing, the ECLC fully supports the work of Civic Canopy and the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership and its application to the Health Resources and Services Administration. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Jennifer M Stedron
Executive Director, Early Childhood Leadership Commission
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April 12, 2013

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Dear Ms. Green,

I am writing to express the Colorado Department of Education's Expanding Quality for Infant Toddler Care (EQ) Initiative's enthusiastic support of the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership's/Civic Canopy application for Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS): Building Health through Integration grant. We look forward to engaging in this important work on behalf of young children and their families across Colorado.

The EQ Initiative has been a participant in the work of the Partnership and we are pleased to support this effort. The Partnership plays a central, vital role in Colorado's comprehensive early childhood systems building work. With Civic Canopy providing the "backbone" support to ECCP's Collective Impact work, the Partnership will build on prior ECCS funded work by engaging cross-sector partners to focus on mitigating toxic stress and trauma in young children, birth to age 3. Specifically, we look forward to participating in strategies that:

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The EQ Initiative has been working to improve the quality and availability of care for infants and toddlers statewide since 1999. We have built a strong network of over 120 EQ Infant Toddler Specialists (EQ-ITS) in over 30 local communities across Colorado. The local EQ-ITS, as well as the state level EQ-ITS, all stand ready to support the work of the ECCS grant work plan. Each of the EQ-ITS have completed an intensive 70+ hour training, along with additional coursework in coaching and working with adult learners. These infant toddler professionals build local capacity by working in collaboration with local Early Childhood Councils to conduct classes and offer on-

site coaching to infant toddler caregivers. Over 8,000 caregivers have completed the EQ 48-hour course, which is specific to providing high quality care for infants, toddlers and their families, and we currently provide classes and coaching to approximately 1,000 infant toddler caregivers each year.

Ongoing professional development, specific to work with infants and toddlers, is required for all active EQ-ITS and training is available monthly. Cross-disciplinary offerings, including Brazelton Touchpoints Individual Level Trainings, are offered both statewide and locally. In the coming year, we pledge to expand the reach of the proposed ECCS work plan by utilizing our existing professional development structure to focus attention and increase understanding of toxic stress and trauma in infants and toddlers. We anticipate we will directly reach each of the professionals in our Infant Toddler Specialist Network and over 1500 additional individuals who have direct care responsibilities for infants, toddlers, and their families.

We fully support the work of Civic Canopy and the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership and its application to the Health Resources and Services Administration. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me via email at koehn_j@cde.state.co.us or by phone at 303.866.6706.

Sincerely,

Jo Koehn, MSW
EQ Initiative Program Director
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Dear Ms. Green,

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support of the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership's/Civic Canopy application for Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS): Building Health through Integration grant.

Our organizations provide state level leadership for four evidence based home visiting programs that form the core of Colorado's Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program: Healthy Steps for Young Children, HIPPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters), Nurse Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers. We have been deeply involved in Colorado's MIECHV program from its inception, serving on the stakeholder advisory group that developed Colorado's applications and currently serving on the MIECHV Implementation Team that provides guidance and support to the initiative.

Both prior to and concurrent with our involvement with MIECHV in Colorado, we have all participated in the work of the Partnership and appreciate the central, vital role it plays in Colorado's comprehensive early childhood systems building work. As leaders and advocates of home visiting, a strategy that strengthens and supports very young children and their parents, we look forward to engaging in this opportunity to bring focus and action to the issue of toxic stress and trauma through the lens of primary prevention.

With Civic Canopy providing the "backbone" support to Early Childhood Colorado Partnership's Collective Impact work, the Partnership will successfully build on prior ECCS funded work. Specifically, we look forward to participating in strategies that:

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We fully support the work of Civic Canopy and the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership and its application to the Health Resources and Services Administration. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Green,

I am writing to express The Piton Foundation's enthusiastic support of the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership's/Civic Canopy application for Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS): Building Health through Integration grant. We look forward to engaging in this important work on behalf of young children and their families across Colorado.

Piton has been a participant in the work of the Partnership and we are pleased to support this effort. The Partnership plays a central, vital role in Colorado's comprehensive early childhood systems building work. With Civic Canopy providing the "backbone" support to ECCP's Collective Impact work, the Partnership will build on prior ECCS funded work by engaging cross-sector partners to focus on mitigating toxic stress and trauma in young children, birth to age 3. Specifically, we look forward to participating in strategies that:

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As an operating foundation, Piton uses a significant portion of its private funding to develop and implement its own programs related to its areas of mission to provide opportunities for children and their families to move from poverty and dependence to self-reliance.

We fully support the work of Civic Canopy and the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership and its application to the Health Resources and Services Administration. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

David J. Younggren, President
The Piton Foundation

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Dear Ms. Green,

This letter is in support of the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership's/Civic Canopy application for Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS): Building Health through Integration grant. We look forward to engaging in this important work on behalf of young children and their families across Colorado.

Project LAUNCH: Weld Systems' Navigation Project has been a participant in the work of the Partnership contributing to the 1) recommendation of a focus area, Strategy #1: Mitigation of Toxic Stress and Trauma in Infancy and Early Childhood, and 2) lessons learned related to a) social marketing addressing children's mental health and toxic stress and b) professional development, specifically related to Colorado Infant Mental Health Endorsement, prenatal – 3.

The Partnership plays a central, vital role in Colorado's comprehensive early childhood systems building work. With Civic Canopy providing the "backbone" support to ECCP's Collective Impact work, the Partnership will build on prior ECCS funded work by engaging cross-sector partners to focus on mitigating toxic stress and trauma in young children, birth to age 3. Specifically, we look forward to participating in strategies that:

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Project LAUNCH: Weld Systems' Navigation Project, funded by SAMHSA, is a prevention initiative that was funded locally in 2010. A community strategic plan was developed using the already established ECCS funded Colorado Early Childhood Framework. Goals related to Access, Quality, Equity and Systems Change were developed across the Framework domains: Early Learning, Family Support, Social-Emotional/Mental Health and Primary Care. Currently Project LAUNCH provides early mental health consultation and access to evidence-based services, as well as technical assistance related to screening, Systems Navigation and professional development in support of increasing the capacity within partnering systems to increase capacity related to early mental health and social emotional development.

We fully support the work of Civic Canopy and the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership and its' application to the Health Resources and Services Administration. Further, we are interested in contributing resources and combining local Project LAUNCH Social Marketing efforts with state ECCS activities. Please contact us if you should have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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David Rastatter, LPC

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Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Ms. Green,

I am writing to express our support of Civic Canopy/Early Childhood Colorado Partnership's (the Partnership) application for the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems: Building Health through Integration grant. We are excited about the potential opportunity and will continue to encourage the ongoing effort of this group as they work to improve the early childhood landscape in Colorado.

The Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation has been a responsive grantmaker in Colorado for more than 50 years. In that time we have awarded more than \$100 million in grants. Today, the foundation is the only funder devoted specifically to improving the education, development, and well-being of Colorado's youngest citizens (children zero to five years of age). We award approximately \$10 million per year to support that work. In recent years, a greater focus has been placed on building a stronger early childhood system around the state. We accomplish this through our partnerships with grant funded organizations and other nonprofits.

To that end, the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation has partnered with the Partnership and its predecessors on various projects for more than a decade. The Partnership has played an important role in convening stakeholders across the state to complete work that impacts the entire early childhood sector. With this application, the Partnership proposes activities that will mitigate toxic stress and trauma in young children between the ages of birth and three. This move into the health domain will provide a strong addition to the work already underway throughout the state.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Steele
Executive Director