



Just like a plant is more likely to thrive in a garden with good soil and plenty of sunlight and water, families are more likely to thrive in nurturing communities.

Building Brighter Childhoods

Strong economies and communities where our children thrive are built when we harness the power of government, business and philanthropy and the nonprofit sectors to effectively strengthen families together.

Our children are our future employees, leaders and neighbors. No matter where they live, children need high-quality experiences and loving relationships to support healthy development.

Everyone in the community needs to get involved to prevent child maltreatment.

Who We Are

Illuminate Colorado's mission is to strengthen families, organizations and communities to prevent child maltreatment.

How We Work

With a research-based approach emphasizing building protective factors in families, Illuminate Colorado works to address systemic and multi-sector issues affecting the well-being of children.

Collaborating with partners on local, state and national levels, we develop powerful programs, policies and initiatives that keep kids safe in Colorado.

Strengthening



Families



Organizations



Communities

Help Us Build Brighter Childhoods Together.

Illuminating Child Care



Access to Child Care Is Critical For Thriving Communities

When families struggling to manage life's challenges and the demands of raising children are also faced with the **challenge of finding high quality child care, it can stand in the way of strengthening families.**

The early years of life – from belly to age eight – are very important for learning and development. That's because during the first few years, children's brains are developing fast, **and the experiences and relationships young children have can impact them for life.**



“Difficulty finding child care is a stronger predictor of maternal neglect than almost any other factor, including mental health, severity of drug use, history of abuse as a child & use of public assistance.”¹

Illuminating Child Care provides an innovative systemic-approach to increasing access to child care for **parents and caregivers navigating complex life situations, like mental health concerns, substance use disorders, or employment challenges,** as they seek to strengthen their families.

Three Levels of Support

Awareness & Outreach

We embrace our collective responsibility to outreach to parents, caregivers, community-based organizations and businesses to promote safe care-giving and high-quality child care.

Community Navigation

Our staff answer questions and talk directly with parents to help them find child care and connect with resources in the community.

Mobile Child Care Classrooms

Our child care teachers help infants and toddlers learn and grow, onsite where parents are getting the support that they need to strengthen their families.

Sponsor a Classroom!

Donations help with:

- Purchasing a tank of gas for the mobile classrooms
- Providing snacks
- Purchasing classroom materials



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1 Cash, S. J., & Wilke, D. J. (2003). An ecological model of maternal substance abuse and child neglect: Issues, analyses, and recommendations. American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, 73(4), 392-404; Yang, M. Y., & Maguire-Jack, K. (2016). Predictors of basic needs and supervisory neglect: Evidence from the Illinois Families Study. Children and Youth Services Review, 67, 20-26.

Illuminating Child Care San Luis Valley

Access to Child Care Is Critical For Thriving Communities

When families struggling to manage life's challenges and the demands of care, it can feel overwhelming and almost immobilizing.

we remember that more than one million new brain connections are forming every second during this time.

Illuminating Child Care increasing access to child care for parents and caregivers navigating complex

“For the people of the Valley, by the people of the Valley.”

Strengthening Families Through Partnership

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