



ALIGNING SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

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The goal of the City and County of Denver is to ensure that all children, youth, and families in Colorado have the opportunity to succeed by providing and aligning services and resources within their own communities that will benefit and serve families to create pathway for self-sufficiency.

We must remove silos, through partnership at both the state and local government and think more creatively about service delivery, looking at current practices across urban and rural communities to find similarities in policy and practice that connect to our big vision. We need to do a deeper dive into the flexibility of federal dollars and interpretation on guidance at the federal level to use dollars and services to serve whole families. How do we move away from providing disconnected services and connect health care, pre-natal care, pre-k-12, workforce development, and post-secondary opportunities?

As part of our commitment to support the well-being of children and families in Colorado we must also address disparities and inequities that often predict life outcomes for far too many. It is vital that we understand policies and practices that have left families behind and work to create strategies, policies and responsive systems that allow all families to have access to quality health care, educational opportunities for children and adults, and housing/home ownership that fosters financial empowerment as we support their path to sufficiency.

We have tools and resources that can help us identify opportunities for better alignment of resources that will expand opportunities for children and families through a two-generation approach to improve outcomes for our youngest learners and build a more sustainable workforce through ensuring supports are available in their own neighborhoods.



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Erin Brown currently serves as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Michael B. Hancock in the City and County of Denver. As an appointed official for two consecutive administrations under Mayor Hancock, Brown has provided bold and forward-thinking leadership, and has been instrumental in building a system of collaboration among

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