Early Childhood Colorado **Framework**

Working together so all children are valued, healthy and thriving



Colorado Early Education Network
Other: Head Start/Early Head Start

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CEEN Plaza

Description:

CEEN Head Start is a federally funded program serving eligible children in Weld County with preschool and family services at no cost to families. Colorado Early Education Network (CEEN) provides Head Start center-based services in Weld County, Colorado. Many of the communities served are small, rural, and separated by large distances; the largest community is the city of Greeley. CEEN Head Start is a comprehensive program that focuses on early childhood development, health, nutrition, mental health, family partnerships and works extensively with families and children with disabilities. CEEN Head Start has a total of 10 centers located in Weld County; centers are located in Greeley, Milliken and La Salle. CEEN Head Start serves eligible children, 3 -5 years of age, throughout Weld County from August through May. The total funded enrollment is 562 children.
Education and Early Childhood Development
CEEN Head Start recognizes that children have individual rates of development as well as different interests, cultural backgrounds, and learning styles. Our curriculum supports the need for individualized activities, helps to build social relationships, enhances the child's understanding of self, and provides for the development of kindergarten readiness skills.
Health
The Health Area works in collaboration with various agencies to provide a broad range of medical and dental services. Health and nutrition education is provided to parents to promote sound physical child development.
Mental Health
CEEN Head Start promotes the philosophy of mental wellness. A Mental Health Consultant schedules regular visits to each classroom. Individual services are available for Head Start children and their families via contracted Mental Health providers as needed.
Disabilities
CEEN Head Start encourages children with disabilities to enroll into Head Start. Throughout the program year, CEEN Head Start screens and observes all children to identify any special needs. CEEN Head Start arranges services to be provided for children with disabilities at no cost to the parents.
Family Partnerships/Parent Involvement
CEEN Head Start considers parents an integral part of the total staff; we support them in their role as parents, and jointly develop goals for their children Parent participation is also encouraged in the decision -making process of their children's education, as well as decisions concerning the overall planning of the program through the Policy Council. CEEN offers a literacy program at several locations or through referrals to other agencies. Community Partnerships are key to the success of CEEN Head Start. CEEN Head Start works directly

with various social agencies to obtain needed assistance for families, and provide them with social services and educational training, to enable them to improve the quality and condition of their lives. CEEN Head Start does not provide transportation. We will work with families who have transportation challenges and will help problem solve on a case by case basis.

Primary Role of Program in Early Childhood Systems:

Direct Service

Service Area(s):

Weld

Population(s) Served:

Preschoolers

Services This Program Provides that Advance the *Early Childhood Colorado Framework*:



Family Support & Education

Families advocate for high quality comprehensive services and supports that lead to future success



Health & Well-Being

Integrated and preventive maternal and child physical, behavioral and oral health services are available



Health & Well-Being

All environments are safe, free of toxins, have affordable foods and offer physical activity



Learning & Development

Formal and informal care environments and education practices reach the highest levels of quality



Learning & Development

All children are ready for school and achieving by 3rd grade regardless of ability, race, place, income, language and culture