

Working together so all children are valued, healthy and thriving



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Back-to-Back Early Literacy Program

Description:

The “Back-to-Back Early Literacy Program” is specifically geared toward children birth to 5 years old that are being cared for at licensed child care facilities in Mesa County.

A key component of this initiative is the relationship between the child care provider, the child and the parent/caregiver. With the support of the licensed child care provider through the Partnership, families discover how to maximize learning to enhance literacy development and in turn, school readiness.

Components of the Back-to-Back Early Literacy Program:

- * Each participating child care provider will receive one kit containing up to 21 take-home interactive and engaging early literacy and learning activities with examples including: counting and correspondence, five senses, incredible insects, life cycles, measuring, opposites, sorting, patterns, you are what you eat, and transition to kindergarten.
- * Young child and parent/caregiver will receive the kit to take home for up to one week. Kit will be returned to the child care provider (“school”) and another kit can be checked out for the new week.
- * Literacy kits include hands-on manipulatives, books, and a selection of related activities to optimize the learning experience. Kits will help toddlers and young children gain tangible skills - including opportunities for problem solving, creativity and play - in a variety of components with reading comprehension activities that will build readiness skills for kindergarten.
- * Each kit includes a backpack and bilingual activity cards to reach Spanish-speaking children and parents/caregivers.

Primary Role of Program in Early Childhood Systems:

Direct Service

Service Area(s):

Mesa

Population(s) Served:

Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, Families, Caregivers, Teachers

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



Family Support & Education

Family knowledge and capacity support children's healthy development and learning



Learning & Development

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



Learning & Development

Adults understand and support children's learning and development, including social and emotional



Learning & Development

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