



# Home Visiting for Home Child Care Providers

The Power of Early Childhood Partnerships



**P**artnerships between home visiting and home child care providers can enrich home-based care and learning environments and, in turn, advance school readiness and achieve educational equity for all Colorado children.

The Home Visiting for Home Child Care Providers pilot\* was a program of Colorado's Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG-B5). The pilot engaged five Colorado communities, bringing the benefits of home visiting directly to home child care providers. Results of a case study evaluation showed the pilot to be an innovative and promising strategy for improving the quality of home-based child care and enriching child learning and development.



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## COLORADO SHINES BRIGHTER SHARED VISION: ALL CHILDREN IN COLORADO ARE READY FOR SCHOOL

### Pilot Foundations



- Home child care providers play a vital role in the lives of children and families.
- By investing in home child care providers, early childhood foundations are strengthened.

The pilot delivered two evidence-based curriculums to home child care providers:

- Parents as Teachers (PAT)
- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)

The pilot had 3 goals:

- Improving school readiness
- Increasing provider knowledge
- Identifying ways to effectively serve formal and informal home child care providers



# 100%

of providers surveyed said they would recommend the pilot to other child care providers.

“This pilot has so much opportunity. We felt like this IS the avenue to serve family, friend, and neighbor providers. Not some other avenue. **THIS is the avenue.**” – Participating Home Visiting Agency

\* The pilot was a prioritized strategy under the Colorado Shines Brighter strategic plan to achieve Goal 2: Innovate Service Delivery, Objective 2.1: Promote Mental Health and Well-being Through Early Identification and Consultation. The pilot ran for calendar years 2019 through 2020.

## PILOT PROGRAM: HOME VISITING FOR HOME CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

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Evidence-based  
programs

5

Diverse pilot  
sites

18

Home visiting  
staff trained

88

Child care  
providers enrolled

274

Children  
enrolled

“We [the site] already have touchpoints with the providers and they know our name. We’ve been in their homes and so we already built the trust, that rapport with them, and it was a natural fit. It’s like, here’s another opportunity to support these amazing providers and give them some extra help.”

–Participating Home Visiting Agency



### ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

These elements drive change and made the pilot successful:

- **Relationships** – Creating rapport between providers, agencies, and families and grounding partnerships in culturally responsive delivery
- **Value-Based Messaging** – Engaging providers by communicating the value of the partnership to them and children in their care
- **Inclusion** – Including any home child care provider, whether informal or formal
- **Flexibility** – Catalyzing innovation in program delivery and remaining responsive to emergent needs
- **Precision Staffing** – Using experienced home visiting staff with established community and provider connections

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

Bringing home visiting directly to home child care providers can:

- **Expand** the reach of home visiting benefits
- **Enrich** learning environments of home-based child care
- **Connect** families to community resources and social supports
- **Create** peer networks to advance learning, support, and workforce retention



“This pilot created the ability to reach kids and families with home visiting benefits that might not otherwise participate.”

–Participating Home Visiting Agency



State and national research evidence provides an urgent call to policymakers and program leaders to integrate, promote, and invest in home-based child care in Colorado. Partnerships between home visiting and home child care providers are a strategic lever to meeting this need.



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Access the evaluation findings at  
<https://coloradolab.org/pdg-case-study-evaluation/>



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to learn more  
about the pilot.



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