Dear Friends:

I believe Nelson Mandela was right when he said: “There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.” I am proud to report that thanks to our “village” of funders, generous donors and supporters, EVICS is making a difference for children in Estes Park. 2019 was a year of growth, challenges, transitions, and success for the EVICS program. Three years into an enrollment “freeze” in the Larimer County Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP) caught up with us, putting unprecedented pressure on our Childcare Scholarship Program. Originally intended as temporary gap-support for families impacted by the cliff-effect of CCAP, our program now serves as the only option of support for families in Estes Park who can’t afford the full cost of childcare. To meet this need, our scholarship budget has increased from $25K to $70K in one-year. Thankfully, our community and funders have responded and upped their support so that more children can access safe, reliable care and parents can work. However, as a community we are still woefully short on licensed childcare slots, especially for infants and toddlers, leaving many families with no options whatsoever. And so, we continue to work toward that end, ensuring that ALL children in our community have access to quality care and families are supported in their all-important role of raising happy, healthy, thriving children. Dr. Suess is in fact correct! “A person’s a person, no matter how small.” As a society we hear a lot about investing in a child’s future, but sometimes we forget - that child is someone today!

I invite you to review our Annual Report and see the ways we are making a difference for children and families today. If you are a funder or donor, our success is a direct result of your support and YOU are making a difference. Thank you! If you are considering supporting our program, we are grateful to you as well. And we ask all who read our report to reach out with questions, comments, and suggestions. When we work together on behalf of young children, great things happen for all of us!

Gratefully yours,

Nancy Almond, Executive Director and the EVICS Team
April 25, 2019

EVICS received membership in the Colorado Family Resource Center Association.

Why does this matter?

As a Family Resource Center, EVICS provides wrap-around support to children and families. Membership also provides our staff with access to high quality training and state-wide networking, improving the services we offer to our community.

EVICS now has access to a robust family data management system. This allows us to track our work with families, including the scholarship program, home visitation, childcare referrals and more. This system gives EVICS a more comprehensive and meaningful way to measure our impact in the Estes Valley community.

Proud Member of the FRCA

The EVICS Family Resource Center, provides free resources to families

Diaper Bank
Children’s Books
Developmental Screenings
Childcare & Community Referrals

EVICS Family Resource Center Mission Statement

To provide services to strengthen and support families and children in the early years of life.
$61,647 awarded in scholarships to:

- **43** Children
- **38** Families
- **48** Parents

74% of Families Served are Single-Parent Households

**Economic Impact**

EVICS helps to minimize barriers to a robust workforce in the Estes Valley. Limited access to affordable childcare prevents many parents from returning to work. **Full-time childcare amounts to an average cost of $200 per week.** The Childcare Scholarship Program helps parents obtain sustainable employment, providing employers with a reliable workforce and contributing to stronger economic stability in the Estes Valley.

**Where Do Our Families Work?**

- **42%** Construction
- **27%** Healthcare
- **17%** Housekeeping
- **10%** Food Service
- **4%** Other

**Increase in Scholarship Awards from 2018-2019 is reflective of a long term enrollment freeze in the Larimer County Childcare Assistance Program.**
**EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS & PROVIDER SUPPORT**

**April 25, 2019**

**10th Annual Conference: Creating Connections**

Early Childhood professionals from across the region gathered at the YMCA of the Rockies for a day of professional development and networking hosted by EVICS. With generous support from the YMCA, our conference is affordable for all. The theme of the day was “Creating Connections,” and dynamic speakers made a case for the importance of building and nurturing strong connections with children, coworkers and families. The conference received exceptional evaluation ratings from attendees.

- **61** Participants
- **9** Speakers

Availability of licensed slots continues to be insufficient for a community with an estimated **500 children under the age of 6**. Only 10 slots are available for children under 2.5 and 88 slots for full day preschool age children. EVICS continues to work with community partners to address the critical shortage of high-quality care, available to all.

**Provider Recruitment**

We offer free consultation and support for any individual interested in becoming a licensed childcare provider. However, in 2019 Estes Park experienced no growth in the number of licensed family childcare homes.

**Networking Nights**

EVICS provided monthly Networking Nights where providers and teachers received training hours and improved their skills for working with children and families.

**Quality Improvement Mini-Grants**

Awarded **$1,000** to two programs to support quality improvement projects and provide richer experiences for children.

**Enrichment Program**

Provided 4 community preschools with access to music, yoga and outdoor education, giving children exposure to new experiences and critical early learning skills that promote school readiness.
Home Visitation Program

Parent educators successfully participated in monthly in-home visits to support parents around early childhood development and education. Parent Educators guide families through understanding child development, challenges, and resources.

15 Children 11 Families Supported

Developmental Screenings

New in Fall of 2019, EVICS began providing monthly developmental screenings to help parents gauge cognitive and emotional development for children ages 0–5. Screenings help parents understand children’s strengths and how they can best support their child’s development. Based on screening results, staff can refer families to additional resources and identify children in need of potential early intervention services.

Hora Hispana

EVICS introduced a free support group for Spanish-speaking families, in which parents give and receive support, while meeting others in the community.

Book a Parent Educator

New in 2019, parents can book an appointment with a parent educator at the EVICS Family Resource Center, or schedule an in-home visit to address a specific challenge. Parent educators offer support, tips and resources as needed.

Parent and Family Outreach Events

75 participants attended EVICS Family Nights and other group connections where parents receive education and information around early childhood development and parenting. Family outreach events include engaging parent-child activities that help build strong relationships and model positive parenting skills.
EVICS promoted community investment in young children by participating in:

- Poppy’s Give Back Day
- Communities That Care
- EP Rotary Duck Race
- Estes Valley Childcare Collaborative

EVICS strengthened our community by...

- Earning the United Way of Larimer County **Innovation Grant** to create stronger programs and new services
- Receiving **BBB Accreditation**
- Holding a successful annual fundraiser that generated **$35,000** for childcare scholarships and other services

### Funding Sources

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**April 13, 2019**

**Be Ready Fair**

141 Participants 15 Volunteers 70 Backpacks

Our 2nd Annual Be Ready Fair was a big success, connecting families to a wide range of community resources and activities that support children in the early years of life.
Thank You to Our Many Supporters!

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