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Hi team,

I just wanted to share Colorado's planned use of CRSSA Fund:

- \$16.8M (next fiscal year): Community Innovation & Resilience for Care and Learning Equity (CIRCLE) grants for increasing access to affordable child care, infant/toddler care, business practices, workforce preparation, transitions, and other innovations.
- \$12M (over two years): Workforce supports to build the early childhood workforce needs
- \$8M (over two years): Supporting Early Childhood Councils to enhance resource and referral, improve real-time supply data, increase licensed care (especially for infants and toddlers), family child care navigators, supporting care for children with developmental delays and special needs
- \$7M (over two years): Making child care more affordable for families with lower parent CCCAP copays
- \$35M (over the next year): Sustainability grants to providers aimed at worker retention, including hazard pay, benefits, and full employment hours with an emphasis on infant and toddler care and programs in child care deserts
- \$36.4M (over the next two years): Increased payment for absences and higher rates for CCCAP
- \$4M (over the next two years): Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants to support providers and children struggling with social and emotional challenges from the pandemic

We are still in the stakeholder stage on ARP funds so more to come!

Take care,
Bill