

Broomfield Early Childhood Council

Summary of Needs Assessment Themes, August 2020

Strengths & Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Well-being Community Infrastructure and Safety Opportunities in New Service Delivery Methods during COVID-19 				
Big Picture Themes	COVID-19 Impact Many themes represent a compounding or exacerbating of ongoing challenges.	Caregiver and Provider Well-being Caregivers and providers are dealing with unprecedented times of unknown and change, sometimes in isolation.	Child Development There are universal concerns about unknown, short/long term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on child development.	Equitable Outreach and Planning We have been unable to reach certain segments of our community and must be willing to rethink our approaches.	
Themes by Protective Factor	Parental Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caregivers are dealing with changes and uncertainty during COVID-19 with less opportunity for support and self care. 	Social & Community Connections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caregivers are experiencing isolation from typical networks during COVID-19 	Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caregivers are struggling with screen time and supporting child social and emotional needs 	Concrete Supports in Times of Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities and Challenges in New Service Delivery Methods during COVID-19 Availability and Affordability of Services 	Social & Emotional Competence of Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are concerns about the unknowns of the short/long term impact of COVID-19 on child development
Themes for Early Care and Education	Early Care and Education - Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is difficult to fully understand how COVID-19 will impact seeking of care and education given future uncertainties. Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) is likely underutilized. 		Early Care and Education - Providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 has exacerbated confusion around frequently-changing standards and regulations. Many providers are unsure of their ability to support child development in these unusual times. ECE providers have experience even greater isolation and burnout. 		