

**Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan
Child Development Partnership Group Meeting
May 24, 2011
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Leanne Cabral, Child Care Connections
- Amber Coté, Pikes Peak United Way
- Steve Hanchett, Fort Carson CYSS
- Kate Hatten, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
- Colleen Head, The Resource Exchange
- Tom Miller, PPACG
- Charlotte Nal, Community Partnership for Child Development
- Diane Price, Early Connections Learning Centers
- Cathy Wallace, Child Care Connections

Growth Plan Phase 3

Tom Miller provided an update on the child care facility mapping effort, providing sample maps in the new atlas format by zip code, as discussed at the previous partnership group meeting. Attendees provided feedback, including the need to clarify zip code and other information displayed on the maps. PPACG will finalize the draft maps and put them on PPACG's website to allow partnership group participants to see the full information and provide additional input. Kate Hatten will let the group know when the maps are available on-line.

Ms. Hatten noted that the draft Growth Plan implementation reports which update the status of the Growth Plan effort and of implementation of the Growth Plan recommendations, is being finalized. This is an interim report, as information-sharing and implementation efforts remain ongoing. The documents are available on PPACG's website (<http://www.ppacg.org/military-impact/fort-carson-regional-growth-plan-intro/project-materials/growth-plan-documents>).

Ms. Hatten also noted that the Network of Care site (<http://pikespeak.networkofcare.org/>) was launched in early May. The site has many resources for military families, and partnership group participants were encouraged to review the service directory to make sure their organizations' information is included and accurate.

Ms. Hatten discussed the ongoing Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan efforts, noting that, as appropriate, PPACG is working to transition ongoing implementation efforts to existing entities who can continue the work as OEA funding winds down. It was suggested that Alliance for Kids would be the appropriate entity to continue the work of the Child Development Partnership Group in order to ensure ongoing communication and coordination while minimizing duplication of effort. The Colorado Defense Mission Coalition would remain the Growth Plan steering committee in order to continue information-sharing and coordination across all issue areas. Diane Price stated that she would seek to include this transition issue at the next Alliance for Kids Executive Committee meeting.

Other Business

PPACG hosted the latest Fort Carson Community Partnership Town Hall on 5 May 2011. Brigadier General James H. Doty and El Paso County Commissioner Dennis Hisey gave presentations on Fort Carson and the Growth Plan. A panel of Fort Carson and PPACG representatives also answered audience questions. Copies of the Town Hall presentations are available on PPACG's website (<http://www.ppacg.org/military-impact/fort-carson-regional-growth-plan-intro/meetings/town-halls>).

Rules promulgation for HB 11-1027 to establish a pilot DoD child care program in Colorado is expected to begin soon and be completed by July 2012. Key issues to be addressed include inspections, incentives for providers to participate in the pilot program, and linkages to a quality rating and improvement system. The group reiterated the need for the Pikes Peak region to be involved in the rule-making, particularly the early childhood councils and resource and referral agencies.

HB 11-1014, which repeals the limiting trigger for the child care contribution tax credit, was also signed by the Governor. This bill reinstates the income tax credit for 50% of the individual's contribution to a childcare center, preschool, after school program or other program benefiting child care. This credit was terminated at the end of 2010 based on a trigger built into the law (state revenue not adequate to grow general fund appropriations by 6% over the previous fiscal year). Key bill provisions are as follows:

- 6% trigger is eliminated in 2013
- Taxpayers can still roll their tax credit forward when the state doesn't hit the trigger
- In tax year 2012 taxpayers can get 50% of the credit (but taxpayers can get the remainder in the following years)
- In tax year 2013 taxpayers can get 75% of the credit
- In tax year 2014 taxpayers can get 100% of the credit

The next partnership group meeting will include discussion of the proposed transition of the group's work to Alliance for Kids.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- The next Child Development Partnership Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12 at 11:00am.
- The next CDMC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, 20 July 2011 at 1:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.