

**Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan  
Child Development Partnership Group Meeting  
February 8, 2011  
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Amber Coté, Pikes Peak United Way
- Kate Hatten, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
- Tom Miller, PPACG
- Charlotte Nal, Community Partnership for Child Development
- Diane Price, Early Connections Learning Centers

**Growth Plan Phase 3**

Kate Hatten provided an update on the ongoing survey of Fort Carson Soldiers and families. The survey, similar in content to the last survey, is in progress and should be completed by the end of the month. The survey deadline may be extended, depending on the number of responses received. Once the survey responses have been compiled and analyzed, a report will be provided, updating information regarding housing preferences and tendencies to stay/leave the region during deployments, as well as needs for child care and other services.

The latest draft of the child care map was provided by Tom Miller. Additional details and clarifications were discussed, with the focus on locating centers and homes; accreditation and military subsidies accepted; nearby schools; information on preschools, Head Start, Colorado Preschool Program, and school age programs (i.e., Boys and Girls Clubs); and density of Fort Carson families living off-post. Mr. Miller will work on the details, based on the data provided by Child Care Connections and provide another draft of the map at the next meeting.

**Other Business**

Ms. Hatten indicated that PPACG is working with the Office of Economic Adjustment regarding the use of unspent funds from the Phase 2 grant. There may be additional dollars to conduct Touchpoints/behavioral health trainings. Ms. Hatten will follow-up with Alliance for Kids regarding training possibilities, including working with Fort Carson, home visitors, and others to conduct additional trainings, pending funding/approval from OEA.

Diane Price provided an update on HB 11-1027. This bill (attached with the latest amendments) would establish a pilot program in Colorado that would enable military families to utilize military subsidies and enroll children with off-post/base providers that meet military standards. The legislation calls for the Colorado Department of Human Services to develop rules for the program, including a quality rating and improvement system, but Ms. Price explained that the funding would be similar to the Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood (ACCYN) program, with the involvement of NACCRRRA. The difference between this pilot program and ACCYN is that participating providers

would be required to meet DoD standards. The bill will be heard in the House State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee tomorrow.

Ms. Price also noted that HB 11-1014 has been introduced and referred to committee. This bill would remove the six percent state budget growth trigger which disallows the child care income tax credit. This bill is also attached for your information.

The next meeting will include an update on legislation, a revised child care map, and additional updates on the Growth Plan and Fort Carson activities.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

- The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Alliance for Kids Early Childhood Conference is scheduled for Saturday, 2 April (flyer attached).
- The next Child Development Partnership Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 10:30am.
- The next CDMC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 20 April 2011 at 3:00pm.
- The next Fort Carson Community Town Hall is scheduled for 5 May, 2011 (details TBD).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.