COLORADO

THRIVING FAMILIES FRAMEWORK

The framework is designed to build a shared understanding of family strengthening, inspire collective action, and maximize positive impact for children, youth, and families across Colorado.

With intentional
COMMITMENT

Foundational Values

The core principles and knowledge that are essential to advancing family strengthening in Colorado.

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Child-, Youth-, and Family-Centered
- Research- and Evidence-Informed
- Data-Driven and Outcomes-Focused

Inputs

Knowledge and resources grounded in lived experience and best practice that are needed to turn planning into action.

Activities

Action to engage families and youth in decision-making, grow and develop the workforce, effectively use data, align resources, and improve the overall system of support for families.

Outcomes

Changes that occur as a result of prevention activities that will further impact and promote thriving children, youth, and families.

We take coordinated
ACTION

And achieve our
VISION

All children, youth, and families are valued, healthy, and thriving

Society • Policies, Laws, and Cultural Norms Promote Thriving Families

Community • Organizations, Groups, and Neighborhoods Provide Resources and Support

Relationship • Families, Caregivers, and Workforce Nurture Positive Child Development

Individual • Child, Youth, and Caregiver Well-being

Impact We Seek

To realize positive
IMPACT

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For additional information, please visit:
COPartnershipForThrivingFamilies.org/colorado-thriving-families-framework

We take coordinated **ACTION**

This logic model is a tool to guide and assist collective planning and action at the state and local levels. A collaborative approach is required to develop creative and responsive strategies that further equitable outcomes.

Inputs

Knowledge and resources grounded in lived experience and best practice that are needed to turn planning into action.

- Diverse family and youth perspective
- Child, youth, and family support workforce
- Community leaders, advocates, and officials
- Community organizations, agencies, and schools
- State-level organizations and professionals
- Family, community, and state-level data
- Human, social, and financial resources

Activities

Action to engage families and youth in decision-making, grow and develop the workforce, effectively use data, align resources, and improve the overall system of support for families.

- Create and expand opportunities for parent and youth leadership
- Use translation and interpretation services
- Hire a diverse workforce
- Invest in the well-being and development of family support staff
- Use data to identify areas for growth and improve practice
- Collaborate as a community to simplify access to services
- Build cross-organization funding strategies
- Advocate for change at local, state, and national levels
- Build public awareness of family strengthening

Outcomes

Changes that occur as a result of prevention activities that will further impact and promote thriving children, youth, and families.

- Policies and practices are more effective for and responsive to families
- Data is used to understand progress, identify action, and measure impact
- Workforce is competent, valued, and prepared
- Services are responsive to culture and language
- Financial resources are expanded
- Access to direct services and supports is increased
- Help-seeking is normalized
- Resources are equitably distributed
- Collective responsibility for children and youth

Grounding Concepts

Aligned frameworks and approaches that are central to understanding promising practices in family strengthening.

- ✓ Strengthening Families Protective Factors
- ✓ Healthy Outcomes for Positive Experiences
- ✓ Positive Youth Development
- ✓ Essentials for Childhood
- ✓ Early Childhood Colorado Framework
- ✓ Social Determinants of Health