Our Mission

Early Learning Ventures (ELV) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding access to quality, affordable child care. The organization focuses its efforts on improving the quality of child care programs offered at center and home-based facilities across Colorado—85 percent of which are small, independent businesses that lack the infrastructure and resources to invest in quality improvements.
Stronger Businesses, Stronger Families

Early Learning Ventures’ business model is comprised of two practices areas: **stronger child care businesses and stronger families**. Through our Resource Platform, child management system, and financial services, ELV helps child care providers across Colorado save time and money thus building their capacity so they can invest more into improving the quality of care and education they provide.

Through our **Quality Child Care Partnership Program**, ELV works hand-in-hand with both child care providers and families to bring enhanced services and resources directly to early learning programs to ensure all children reach their full potential.
2016
ELV BY THE NUMBERS

28,000
CHILDREN IMPACTED

1,408
RESOURCE PLATFORM USERS

464
LICENSED EARLY LEARNING
PROGRAMS SERVED
Quality Child Care Partnerships

In 2015, ELV launched its Quality Child Care Partnership Program, a unique model made possible by the Early Head Start–Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) grant. Through this grant-funded program, ELV supports high-risk children and families in under-served areas across Colorado. EHS-CCP benefits the child care sector by bringing ELV’s shared services technology platform combined with high-quality Early Head Start services to children, providers, and families in their current child care settings.

To date, ELV is working with 31 center-based and family child care partners in four high-need Colorado counties: Arapahoe, Garfield, Mesa, and Pueblo. These children receive health and developmental screenings and comprehensive services; benefit from smaller adult-to-child ratios and group sizes; and the program aims to provide environments that are safer, healthier, and more developmentally enhanced.

According to an evaluation conducted by Policy Equity Group, the impact of ELV’s EHS-CCP reaches beyond just EHS-eligible families and to all 1,700 children enrolled at these EHS-CCP sites. All families enrolled at an ELV EHS-CCP site benefit from:

- Program-wide continuous improvement planning
- More qualified teachers
- Curriculum implemented to fidelity
- An enhanced learning environment
- Increased parent engagement and education opportunities
265 EHS-ELIGIBLE CHILDREN SERVED

90% OF EHS ENROLLMENT IS INCOME ELIGIBLE

247 FAMILIES SERVED

1,700 CHILDREN IMPACTED ACROSS COLORADO

100% AVERAGE MONTHLY ENROLLMENT (% OF FUNDED ENROLLMENT)

100% OF CHILDREN RECEIVED MEDICAL* & DENTAL EXAMS

*Includes vision, hearing and developmental exams

2015-16 EHS BY THE NUMBERS