

# Welcome to Results Matter

A statewide early childhood outcomes system



## Results Matter promotes:

- assessment of child learning and developmental progress
- collection of family outcomes information
- the use of child and family outcomes data to inform decision making

**Developmentally Appropriate Assessment:** Providers in the Results Matter system use assessment tools such as the Creative Curriculum Developmental Continuum, the Work Sampling System, the High/Scope COR and the AEPS (*Part C only*) to assess learning and development in Social-Emotional, Language and Literacy, Math, Science, Creative Arts, Physical Development and Approaches to Learning. Through authentic assessment strategies such as ongoing observation, portfolio documentation and completion of developmental checklists, they identify and plan for the instructional needs of young children in their care.

**Online Data Systems:** Child assessment results are recorded using online systems which allow immediate access to a variety of progress reports, Colorado standards reports and data exports at the child, classroom, site, program and state level. Plans are in place to link Results Matter child outcomes data with the State's K-12 data system in order to study longitudinal results for children served through Colorado's early childhood system.

**Professional Development:** Results Matter offers workshops on observation, documentation, and assessment skills as well as specific assessment systems. The online video series further supports providers in the field. And, to encourage the use of ePortfolios, hands-on training is now offered for those wishing to improve their use of digital media.

**Family Outcomes:** Annual survey data provides information about how well Colorado's early childhood programs and communities are meeting the needs of families. This information is now linked to specific schools and programs in order to support continuous quality improvement efforts and community systems work.

## 44,000 children participate in Results Matter, from programs including:

Colorado Preschool Program\*  
Preschool Special Education\*  
Head Start

Early Intervention Colorado\*  
Early Head Start  
Child Care Centers

Family Child Care Homes  
Teen Parent Programs  
Campus Child Care

(\*participation required)



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