




## Children and Family Outcomes

-  **473** Total families served, including prenatal, throughout the year.
-  **6** # of expectant mothers (including 5 high risk pregnancies) who received prenatal education, support and resource referrals.
-  **512** Total children served.
-  **100** % of eligible children were served.
-  **98** % of Children had a continuous, accessible source of dental care provided by a dentist.
-  **98** % of children were fully up-to-date on immunizations.
-  **97** % of our enrollment goals were met, and all children were eligible.
-  **98** % of children had a continuous, accessible, ongoing source of medical care.
-  **397** Families developed Family Partnership Agreements and received resources, referrals and/or direct assistance to help meet goals they had set for themselves.
-  **210** Fathers/father figures and their families participated in male focused events.
-  **337** Families participated in family literacy events, demonstrating the importance of reading at school and at home.
-  **1,749** Hours spent by parents and children reading together.


**Our children made significant gains preparing for Kindergarten in all eight domains of child development as indicated in the table below.**

### From the Board of Directors and the President/CEO

As the Aurora Head Start and Early Head Start provider, Ability Connection Colorado is excited about sharing the outcomes of our 2017 school year. First and foremost, we are honored to be involved in helping to prepare Aurora's most vulnerable young children to succeed in school and in life. This includes fostering the opportunity for pregnant women, parents, children and staff to partner in creating inclusive, comprehensive child development, where children can thrive and experience school readiness in a healthy, nurturing environment. Through two critical strategies, prevention and intervention, we strive to provide children with the skills to develop into lifelong learners and to promote family well-being and parental engagement. The ongoing community support we receive to help create and sustain these outcomes is invaluable. It is with sincere gratitude that we say thank you on behalf of the children and families we are privileged to serve and to acknowledge our federal and community support.

Sincerely,

  
Kathy Higgins  
Board Chairman

  
Judith I. Ham  
President/CEO

## Preparing Children for Kindergarten

SUBJECT AREA	HS K-BOUND		HS/EHS	
	FALL '16	SPRING '17	FALL '16	SPRING '17
Social Emotional	35%	89%	47%	84%
Physical-Gross Motor	55%	87%	64%	87%
Physical- Fine Motor	66%	84%	74%	87%
Language	33%	60%	58%	96%
Spanish Language	25%	64%	31%	59%
Cognitive	42%	79%	50%	78%
Literacy	44%	70%	46%	70%
Mathematics	17%	38%	25%	42%



**Spotlight on Caring for Colorado Foundation**



The Caring for Colorado Foundation is an exemplary foundation that invests in Colorado's future by partnering with programs and organizations to improve and promote the health and healthcare

of some of Colorado's most underserved and vulnerable populations. They have continued to generously fund The Aurora Head Start and Early Head Start Programs of ACCO, so infants and young children can receive screenings and support for social and emotional deficits and have access to individualized intervention, behavior support plans, teacher/parent coaching and special education. Caring for Colorado has also been fundamental in helping to provide adult behavioral health education, screening and referrals, translation/interpretation services and evidence-based positive parenting courses and evaluations. Please join us in recognizing and thanking the Caring for Colorado Foundation for helping us prepare our children for school readiness and future success. Visit them at [caringforcolorado.org](http://caringforcolorado.org)

**AVERAGE MONTHLY ENROLLMENT FOR FY 2017\***

Month	Reported Enrollment	Funded Enrollment	Percentage of Funded Enrollment Achieved
Aug	362	414	87.40%
Sept	364	380	95.80%
Oct	354	380	93.20%
Nov	370	380	97.40%
Dec	374	380	98.40%
Jan	380	380	100.00%
Feb	377	380	99.20%
March	380	380	100.00%
April	380	380	100.00%
May	376	380	98.90%

\*Months when no service was provided are not shown.

Several federal reviews have taken place in the last few years, and the Aurora Head Start and Early Head Start programs have been generally compliant with all the federal requirements.

*Ability Connection Colorado would like to thank the members of the FY 2017 **Parent and Family Community Council**, whose contributions to our program are critical to the success of our children and families:*

- Chairperson:** Joni Cleckley
- Secretary:** Roxana Buenrostro
- Treasurer:** Wendy Hernandez
- Alternate:** Erika Contreras
- Other Alternates:**
- Elected parents from centers*
- Alejandra Morales
- Erika Sanchez,
- Magda Navarro
- Erika Contreras
- Emerita Sebastian
- Jessica Chavira

**FISCAL YEAR END 2017 AURORA HS/EHS FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

	Actual	Budget
<b>Expenses</b>		
Personnel	3,192,068	3,504,716
Operation	1,524,868	1,137,009
<b>Cost of Program</b>	<b>4,716,936</b>	<b>3,713,379</b>
<b>Federal Award</b>	<b>3,713,379</b>	<b>4,641,725</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>1,003,557</b>	<b>928,346</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>		
USDA	164,974	150,000
Contributions	532,441	478,346
Private Pay HS	63,965	50,000
In Kind	242,177	250,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,003,557</b>	<b>928,346</b>

**THANK YOU TO OUR KEY COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

