











## Children and Family Outcomes

-  **408** 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.
-  **416** Total children served.
-  **100** % of eligible children were served.
-  **89** % of children had a continuous, accessible source of dental care provided by a dentist.
-  **96** % of children were fully up-to-date on immunizations.
-  **99** % of our enrollment goals were met, and all children were eligible.
-  **98** % of children had a continuous, accessible, ongoing source of medical care.
-  **343** Families developed Family Partnership Agreements and received resources, referrals and/or direct assistance to help meet goals they had set for themselves.
-  **163** Fathers/father figures and their families participated in male focused events.
-  **481** Family participants at family literacy events, demonstrating the importance of reading at school and at home.

**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 & President/CEO

Twenty-two years of dedicated work, with Head Start and Early Head Start at Ability Connection Colorado (ACCO), has taught us a very important lesson about success. This lesson, is that all of our efforts and past milestones could not be possible without the support of our incredible community! On behalf of ACCO, we are forever grateful for our federal and community grants, as well as, for our individual donors committed to assuring that our high risk, underserved children reach school readiness. We would like to acknowledge and show our appreciation for the daily accomplishments of the families, parents and caregivers, who with the help of our highly-trained Family Coaches, become more knowledgeable about parenting, support their children's education pursuits and implement strategies to become economically sustainable members of our community. Finally, we are so proud of our increased pre-K children's mathematics proficiencies over the year, these children met goals and high expectations, with the help of our highly-dedicated and devoted Educators, who mastered an in-house Mathematics Initiative by introducing 100 mathematics problems to solve with both children and parents in classrooms and at home. We are truly grateful for all of the support in these endeavors as we continue to strive for family engagement and well-being, while strongly encouraging children's lifelong learning. We look forward to another healthy and successful year ahead!

Sincerely,



Kathy Higgins  
Board Chairman



Judith I. Ham  
President/CEO

## Preparing Children for Kindergarten

SUBJECT AREA	HS K-BOUND		HS/EHS	
	FALL '17	SPRING '18	FALL '17	SPRING '18
Social Emotional	42%	99%	51%	98%
Physical-Gross Motor	68%	96%	70%	98%
Physical- Fine Motor	68%	99%	75%	99%
Language	44%	95%	49%	96%
Cognitive	47%	99%	52%	99%
Literacy	32%	96%	40%	96%
Mathematics	19%	77%	33%	85%



### Spotlight on the South Denver Kiwanis Club and Creative Options 5 Supporters

Many thanks for the tremendous support that Ability Connection Colorado has received from our community partners, who have helped us complete our 5th Creative Options Center for Early Childhood Education! This extraordinary project would not have been possible without the hard work and generosity of numerous groups and individuals including; The Temple Buell Foundation, Daniels Fund, Gates Foundation, Boettcher Foundation, Qualistar, The Sprouts Foundation, Union Pacific Foundation, Hyder Construction, SM Energy, WPX Energy, All-Phase Concrete Construction, High Point Resources, MGL Partners and Enercom. This new center in Aurora is already providing young, underserved children a safe learning environment to prepare for kindergarten and to continue their life-long learning endeavors.

Ability Connection Colorado is also grateful for the longstanding support of the South Denver Kiwanis Club. Devoted primarily to services for children since 1953, this organization has been a vital partner with our early education program since 1947, when a generous gift of \$750.00 was given to Cerebral Palsy of Colorado (now Ability Connection Colorado) to establish a library loan. These outstanding club members have read regularly to our high-risk children, have donated thousands of books and have helped to rebuild one of our playgrounds.

**Thank you to all, for your support!**

*Ability Connection Colorado would like to thank the members of the FY 2018 Parent and Family Community Council, whose contributions to our program are critical to the success of our children and families:*

**Secretary: Roxana Buenrostro**

#### Members

<i>Bishnu Rai</i>	<i>Rosaline Addo</i>	<i>AnaLee Guerrero</i>
<i>Nadia Moreno</i>	<i>Crysta Williams</i>	<i>Addis Berhanu</i>
		<i>Marisol Rivera</i>

### AVERAGE MONTHLY ENROLLMENT FOR FY 2018\*

Month	Reported Enrollment	Funded Enrollment	Percentage of Funded Enrollment Achieved
Aug	361	380	95.0%
Sept	375	380	98.7%
Oct	374	380	98.4%
Nov	377	380	99.2%
Dec	377	380	99.2%
Jan	377	380	99.2%
Feb	375	380	98.7%
March	374	380	98.4%
April	379	380	99.7%
May	375	380	98.7%

\*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.

### FISCAL YEAR END 2018 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>

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