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-  **396** Total families served, including prenatal, throughout the year.
-  **8** # of expectant mothers (including 8 high risk pregnancies) who received prenatal education, support and resource referrals.
-  **431** Total children served.
-  **11** % of eligible children were served.
-  **50** % of children received a dental examination.
-  **96** % of children were fully up-to-date on immunizations.
-  **96** % of our enrollment goals were met, and all children were eligible.
-  **95** % of children received a medical examination.
-  **349** Families developed Family Partnership Agreements and received resources, referrals and/or direct assistance to help meet goals they had set for themselves.
-  **150** Fathers/father figures and their families participated in male focused events.
-  **290** Family participants at family literacy events, demonstrating the importance of reading at school and at home.

We continue to be excited about the growth our children demonstrate and their readiness for school as indicated in the table below.

From the Board of Directors & President/CEO

Confucius said, "If your plan is for 1 year, plant rice. If your plan is of 10 years, plant trees. If your plan is for 100 years, educate children." Ability Connection Colorado (ACCO) understands the critical importance of early childhood education and the enduring positive effects it has towards building healthy emotional, social and physical development as well as a lifetime of school readiness. In addition to comprehensive, inclusive education, ACCO also provides broad, wrap-around services that go well beyond typical classroom academics and activities. This full-service, holistic approach recognizes the interconnectedness between student success and numerous other factors including mental and physical health, nutrition, family stability, socio-economic factors and parent education. We do this through a dedicated team of professionals who provide careful evaluation and assessment of each child and their family's needs, then match those needs to available services both in-house and throughout their community. The data we collect, and a growing body of research, continues to show the life-changing benefits experienced by children and families who participate in this expansive approach to early childhood education. Not only are we helping build the capacity of children and families in our programs to succeed, by extension, we are also helping build the capacity of communities to solve problems in the neighborhoods where they live.

Warmly,



Kathy Higgins
Board Chairman



Judith I. Ham
President/CEO

Preparing Children for Kindergarten

SUBJECT AREA	HS K-BOUND		HS/EHS	
	FALL '18	SPRING '19	FALL '18	SPRING '19
Social Emotional	56%	99%	58%	99%
Physical-Gross Motor	67%	98%	71%	97%
Physical- Fine Motor	83%	95%	88%	94%
Language	47%	93%	58%	92%
Cognitive	58%	97%	69%	94%
Literacy	43%	95%	50%	88%
Mathematics	24%	84%	32%	82%



Foundation Spotlight
Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation



Ability Connection Colorado is grateful for the longstanding support of the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation. Established in 1962, this foundation has emphasized and supported programs and initiatives for children in the areas of early intervention, prevention, and improving the social and educational systems critical to the well-being of Colorado's youngest citizens. In 2012, the Trustees of the Foundation recommitted themselves to funding early childhood education and further strengthened their commitment to quality. Through the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation's continued funding, Aurora Head Start and Early Head Start was able to provide high quality early childhood education services such as classroom instruction to support children's overall school readiness, universal screenings and individualized support to promote social and emotional development, individualized special education supports, and parenting education courses for parents/guardians, to name but a few. Such services are known to be integral to supporting young children as they develop and would not be possible for us to provide without the generosity of funders such as the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation. Please join us in recognizing and thanking The Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation for helping us prepare our children for school readiness and future success.

Visit them at buellfoundation.org.

Ability Connection Colorado would like to thank the members of the FY 2019 Parent and Family Community Council, whose contributions to our program are critical to the success of our children and families:

- Members:** *Yendi Escobedo - Chairperson*
Elizabeth Marroquin – Secretary
Brenda Avendaño
Paola Baldera
- Julie Wood – Community Representative*
University of Colorado Dental Program

AVERAGE MONTHLY ENROLLMENT FOR FY 2019*

Month	Reported Enrollment	Funded Enrollment	Percentage of Funded Enrollment Achieved
Aug	263	380	69.2%
Sept	349	380	91.8%
Oct	382	380	100.5%
Nov	372	380	97.9%
Dec	379	380	99.7%
Jan	383	380	100.8%
Feb	381	380	100.3%
March	380	380	100%
April	380	380	100%
May	381	380	100.3%

*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.

At our recent Level 1 HS Federal review, we were complimented on our program's unique, innovative service delivery programs: Multi Tiered Service Support for children with special needs and our Family Coaching Model, including 3 levels of family interventions, the most intense dealing with families experiencing traumatic events.

FISCAL YEAR END 2019 AURORA HS/EHS FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Actual	Budget
Expenses		
Personnel	4,082,880	3,736,578
Operation	1,795,787	1,125,222
Cost of Program	5,878,667	4,861,800
Federal Award	3,889,440	3,889,440
Balance	1,989,227	927,360
Funding Sources		
USDA	223,168	22,500
Contributions	1,498,431	649,860
Private Pay HS	45,000	50,000
In Kind	222,628	250,000
TOTAL	1,989,227	972,360

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