



Early Childhood Developmental Health Systems



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Toolkit for Elevating Family Engagement, Leadership and Storytelling

Building meaningful partnerships with families takes intentional structures, practical tools and a shared commitment to strengthening family voices. Our [new toolkit](#) brings these elements together.

Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood: Elevating Family Engagement, Leadership, and Storytelling in Clinical Practice



Resources in the toolkit are designed to help teams:

- Assess readiness for meaningful family engagement.
- Build an infrastructure that supports family leadership.
- Recruit family leaders.
- Support family leaders' participation and growth.
- Prepare families to tell their stories.

Explore the Toolkit

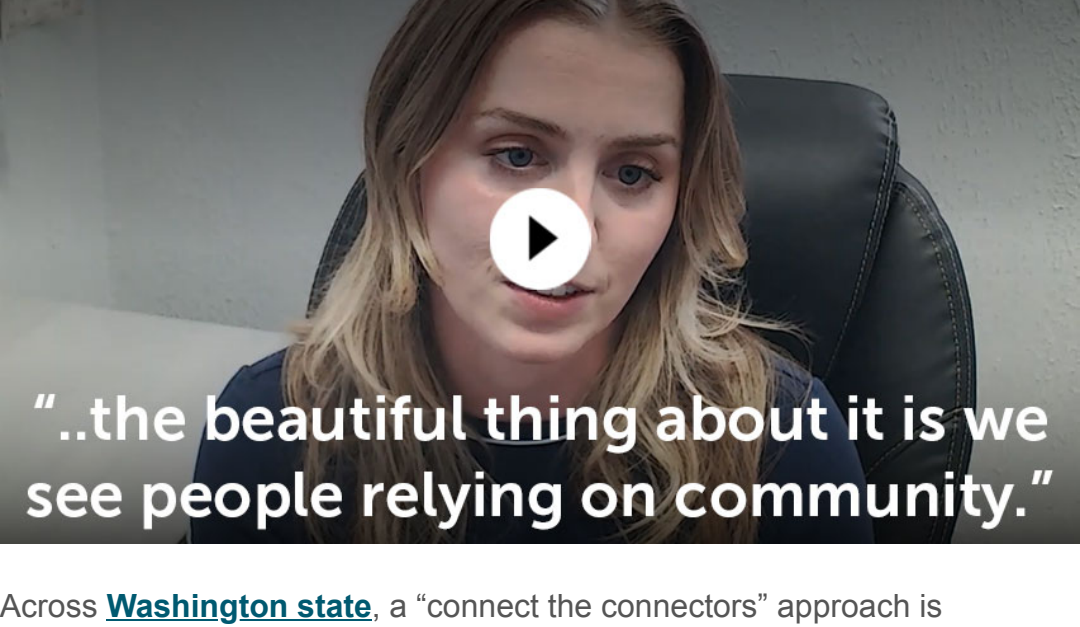
New Video Stories: Colorado and Washington

What does it take to build stronger, more connected early childhood systems?

Our latest video stories offer a firsthand look at how partners work together – and alongside families – to improve services for young children.

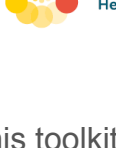


In [Colorado's San Luis Valley](#), state, community and family partners are improving care coordination, expanding HealthySteps, building the early childhood workforce and ensuring families have a voice in shaping services. Their experiences highlight how collaboration and family co-design can help create more responsive systems.

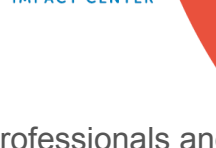


Across [Washington state](#), a “connect the connectors” approach is strengthening relationships among early childhood professionals and making supports more accessible to families. In Grant and Grays Harbor counties, community partners are building connections through trusted relationships, public awareness efforts and opportunities to meet families where they already are.

ICYMI: Tools for Sustainable Policy, Financing and Payment Strategies



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Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood: Developing Sustainable Policy, Financing, and Payment Strategies



This toolkit helps professionals and organizations explore policy, financing and payment strategies that support sustainable early childhood developmental services. It includes:

- **Foundational resources** that explain key financing concepts.
- **Practical planning tools** for teams.
- **State examples and additional resources** to support long-term action.

Access the Toolkit

Stay Tuned for What's Next →

ECDHS: Evidence to Impact Center resources will transition to a new platform while we wrap up activities over the next couple of months. We'll share more information soon about where you can find ECDHS resources and information. In the meantime, encourage your networks to [subscribe to our emails to receive the latest updates](#).

Recent and Upcoming Events

- ### Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood (TPEC) Convening

August 3-4 | Washington, DC

The ECDHS Center brought together eight TPEC Resource Hubs from across the country to celebrate progress in improving access to early childhood developmental care and explore strategies to sustain work. Federal partners and national experts joined the convening, which featured discussions on financing, measurement, communicating successes and more. Stay tuned for video stories from the Hubs and [learn more about TPEC and related resources](#).
- ### Safe Babies Cross Sites Meeting

August 4-6 | Boston, MA

In early August, the ECDHS Center joined the [Safe Babies program](#) for its 20th Annual Cross Sites Meeting. We connected with community and family leaders, practitioners and partners about the intersection of child welfare and developmental health systems and opportunities to improve outcomes for families.
- ### National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) Annual Conference

September 28-30 | New York, NY

ECDHS Center Director Hannah Johnson and Director of Early Childhood Systems, Policy and Planning Dawn Stehle will join the [NASHP Annual Conference](#). Stop by our table to learn more about advancing stronger systems of care for young children and families.
- ### ZERO TO THREE LEARN Conference

October 27-29 | Portland, OR

The ECDHS team is participating in [ZERO TO THREE's LEARN Conference](#) for a session featuring our forthcoming strategy resource, a poster presentation about our work with community health centers and an exhibit booth with resources. Register today to connect with our team throughout the conference and learn more about our work.

Featured Resources

Los Angeles Resources: Promoting Early Childhood Development

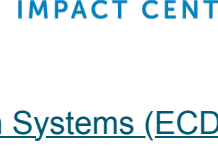
Early Needs Response for Infant and Child Health – Los Angeles County (ENRICH-LAC) helps families access services for early childhood development and early intervention. Explore their [new resources](#) for families, pediatric providers and community-based organizations, including a program overview video, family-facing “how to” videos, a social media toolkit, family resource binder and more.

How Safe Babies Works: Core Components for Lasting Early Childhood Systems Change

The newly updated [Safe Babies Approach: Core Components](#) spans five areas that strengthen cross-system collaboration, family partnership, timely and effective services, trauma-responsive support and continuous improvement. When implemented together, the Core Components help turn shared goals into coordinated action, resulting in stronger relationships, better-connected services and more responsive systems.



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The [Early Childhood Developmental Health Systems \(ECDHS\): Evidence to Impact Center](#) works to build and improve systems that support young children, helping strengthen the health and well-being of babies and toddlers during their most important early years.

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