Healthy Child Care Colorado is a collaborative initiative, guided by an active steering committee with representatives from key agencies, coalitions, and organizations working on behalf of young children’s health. The steering committee and staff engaged in a strategic planning process to create a two-year roadmap for our work. This roadmap is our “true north” and will allow us to establish new, mutually beneficial partnerships that are supportive of our work in professional development, child care health consultation, and advocacy.

We are grateful for our existing partners and funders and we are thrilled to begin implementing our new strategic roadmap. We will explore partnerships to create a statewide breastfeeding friendly child care recognition, make enhancements to the Health Hub Resource Center for Child Care Health Consultants, and contribute to coalitions and collaborative efforts aiming to improve health for young children in our state. We remain deeply committed to promoting and supporting health, safety, and wellness in early childhood settings and systems. We look forward to continued collaboration and new partnerships that will amplify our collective impact.
Healthy Child Care Colorado is part of a nationwide initiative coordinated by the American Academy of Pediatrics to ensure that early childhood programs and health professionals adhere to the highest health, safety, and wellness standards. As an initiative of Qualistar, we work together to improve everyday practice of professionals and build safe, supportive environments. We are supported through local, state, and national partnerships to promote health, safety, and wellness best practices in four priority areas:

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- Collaborated with CDHS, CDPHE, Culture of Wellness in Preschools, CCHCs of Colorado Children’s Hospital Colorado, and many others to develop 8 new trainings this year
- Delivered 162 trainings reaching over 3,000 early childhood professionals

STATEWIDE HUB FOR CHILD CARE HEALTH CONSULTANTS
- Launched the new online Health Hub Resource Center for Child Care Health Consultants with clinical resources, regulations, articles, and templates to support their practice
- In partnership with the University of Colorado and Children’s Hospital Colorado we conducted a comprehensive research study on child care health consultation in our state

ADVOCACY
- Empowered 18 early childhood programs to implement 24 organizational policy changes that support health
- Convened the HCCC Partnership, a cross-sector coalition of leaders who share about challenges, successes, and best practices in early childhood health, safety, and wellness
- Actively participated on committees to propose updates to the school-age and camp licensing rules

HEALTHY CHILD CARE COLORADO CHAMPIONS FOR WELLNESS
In recognition of your significant contributions and personal commitment to supporting early childhood programs to embed structured physical activity into their everyday practice.

Amanda Gersabeck, Tri County Public Health
Mike Schawn, Weld County Public Health
Dee Gilmore, Bal Swan
Daphne Wissel, Happy Trails Kids
Michelle Doiel, ABC 123 Child Care Center
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HEALTHY CHILD CARE COLORADO CHAMPIONS OF COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP
In recognition of your significant contributions and commitment to collaborative leadership to impact the health, safety, and wellness of young children.

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HEALTHY CHILD CARE COLORADO CHAMPIONS FOR ADVOCACY & RESEARCH
In recognition of your significant contributions to advocacy and research efforts to advance early childhood health, safety, and wellness.

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Child Care Aware of America
Public Will Building Campaign
Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation

HEALTHY CHILD CARE COLORADO CHAMPIONS FOR ORAL HEALTH
In recognition of your significant contributions that helped early childhood programs to embed oral health strategies into their everyday practice and policies.

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