



**NEWS ADVISORY
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**EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS
TO HOLD FIRST MEETING WEDNESDAY AT NOON**

On Thursday, March 20, from 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m., more than 20 legislators will meet at the State Capitol in the Old Supreme Court Chambers to kick off the Early Childhood Caucus, a bipartisan effort to ensure that legislators committed to furthering the well-being of Colorado's young children have the most compelling and accurate information about this population and partners to help support policy solutions to address this population's needs.

The Early Childhood Caucus is being convened by Senator Brandon Shaffer, Representative Amy Stephens, and Colorado Children's Campaign President Megan Ferland. The effort is sponsored by the Colorado Children's Campaign and the Marsico Foundation.

WHAT: Kick-off meeting of the Early Childhood Caucus, a bipartisan effort to support policy solutions to meeting the needs of Colorado's young children

**CONVENERS: Senator Brandon Shaffer
Representative Amy Stephens
Colorado Children's Campaign President Megan Ferland**

**WHERE: Colorado State Capitol
Old Supreme Court Chambers**

**WHEN: Thursday, March 20, 2008
12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m.**

The meeting is open to the public. For more information about the meeting or the Early Childhood Caucus, please contact the Children's Campaign at (303) 839-1580 or Lindsay@coloradokids.org.

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The Colorado Children's Campaign works to create hope and opportunity in Colorado – one million children at a time. The Campaign is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization focusing on expanding access to quality health care, K-12 education and early childhood experiences. For more information, please visit www.coloradokids.org.