



CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE COLORADO QUALITY IN CHILD CARE INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

HB 10-1026

Representatives Solano & Benefield, Senators Hodge & Hudak

Please Vote Yes on HB 10-1026

This bill is endorsed by the bipartisan legislative Early Childhood and School Readiness Commission. The Commission was responsible for studying early care and education programs and developing legislation to enhance program quality to promote school readiness for at-risk young children.

What 10-1026 will do:

- HB 10-1026 creates a child care quality incentive grant program to fund higher child care reimbursement rates for early education providers who improve and sustain program quality.
- The grant program will be administered by the Colorado Department of Human Services and is contingent on receipt of sufficient federal funding.
- The grant program will pay for increased child care reimbursement rates for counties that choose to participate.
- Participating counties will ensure that their local human services departments collaborate with local early childhood councils in developing the differential reimbursement rate plans.
- Criteria for quality improvement plans that will receive grant funds include, but are not limited to, employing teachers with an associate's or bachelor's degree in early childhood, participating in a quality rating or accreditation rating system, investing in teachers' professional development, or blending Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) slots with other high-quality programs such as Head Start or the Colorado Preschool Program (CPP).

Why vote Yes on HB 10-1026:

- Currently Colorado has no incentives for quality improvement of early education programs.
- High-quality early care and education ensures that children enter school ready to thrive and learn.
- This is an opt-in program that allows counties and local early childhood councils to determine a child care quality incentive plan based on local needs.

Your Yes vote on HB 10-1026 will create a quality in child care incentive program that will improve the school readiness and well being of Colorado's youngest citizens.

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