

To the Department of Early Childhood:

Please accept this letter of support for Routt County's Early Childhood Council, First Impressions, to apply to be the Local Coordinating Organization (LCO). This letter of support is endorsed by community agencies, the Routt County Department of Human Services, school districts, families and the required partners in accordance with HB 22-1295. First Impressions hosted a stakeholder meeting and held meetings with key partners to gain approval and support for this application.

First Impressions (FI), has been integral in building partnerships with Routt County's quality early learning programs. FI has served as the point agency for early childhood initiatives for several years, and is well positioned to take this task on. FI currently manages a centralized tuition assistance application for Routt County to allow for accessibility and family choice in funding child care. Previously FI also managed Colorado Preschool Program applications for local school districts. Each year, FI develops a strategic community plan to address current priorities related to early childhood.


Thank you for your consideration. We believe First Impressions is the appropriate agency to be a successful LCO for the First Impressions catchment area.

Sincerely,

Beth Melton

Chair, Routt County Board of County Commissioners

Chair, First Impressions of Routt County Early Childhood Council

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