

**MEMORADUM OF AGREEMENT
ECHO & FAMILY CENTER
EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
For
THE EARLY CHILDHOOD NETWORK**

It is the desire of the ECHO (Early Childhood Health/Education Outreach) and Family Center Early Childhood Council to enter into a memorandum of agreement with Fremont County, Colorado community agencies and individuals serving infant, toddler and preschool children to maintain a comprehensive early childhood system called the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Network. This collaborative Network addresses gaps in services for young children and identifies new programs and funding to fill them. Council member agencies take fiscal and programmatic responsibility for each of the Network programs assuring accountability and integration with the other ECHO Network and community-based early childhood services. Member agencies work together to assure that the Network offers integrated, coordinated, comprehensive, and culturally relevant services and supports, available for all children from the prenatal period to kindergarten entry and their families. The Council was formed in January 1977 and has grown and changed over the years with a broader and more comprehensive approach so that today the Council's Mission is:

To promote and sustain a comprehensive, high-quality early childhood system to support families and prepare children for success in school and in life.

Council membership includes the following agencies and individuals: BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES; CANON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1; CHILDREN FIRST CHILDCARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL; COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA); CHILDCARE AND PRESCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE from CONSOLIDATED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ACTION TEAM; FREMONT COUNTY FAMILY CENTER; FREMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; FREMONT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY; FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2; PARENTS; ROCKY MOUNTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH; STARPOINT; ST. THOMAS MORE HOSPITAL, CENTURA HEALTH; UPPER ARKANSAS AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS for EPSDT, FREMONT COUNTY HEAD START, JTPA, AND WIC; AND WEST CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC.

The ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council (hereafter referred to as the ECHO Council) specifically advises the Fremont County Family Center; serves as the Early Head Start Health Advisory Committee; is the Local Interagency Coordinating Council for Early Childhood Connections, IDEA, Part C; is the advisory Council for the Denver Child Health Passport; and is the District Council for the Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program for Canon City and Fremont RE-2 School Districts.

ECHO and Family Center Council Action Teams

To support the ECHO Mission, Early Childhood Network programs and services the ECHO Council authorizes two Action Teams, Consolidated Early Childhood Education (CECE) and Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH). The teams are an extension of the Council and report directly back to the Council. The Action Teams are bound to Council decisions, procedures and oversight. Their purpose is to include additional stakeholders in program development and sustainability and engage them in focused work for specific Council initiatives.

The Action Team concept allows agencies and individuals working on large multi-year projects to have the ability to make key decisions regarding program development and grant writing to support specific ECHO Council Network programs and services. Each Action Team must include ECHO Council member/s and other community stakeholders. They have some autonomy and ownership while operating under the auspices of the ECHO Council.

Consolidated Early Childhood Education Action Team

This Action team (formerly known as the Consolidated Child Care Pilot) initiated in 1997 with the charge to improve the quality, access and availability of childcare in Fremont County. The Action Team has the authority to develop budgets for Early Childhood Council and School Readiness Grants and makes programmatic decisions regarding ECE supports, activities and projects. Representation includes ECHO Council Members; Network program coordinators and managers; Children First, Child Care Resource and Referral; and childcare centers, homes and preschools.

The School Readiness Program with funding from the Colorado Department of Human Services began in 2003 to improve the quality of early education programs. Classrooms in licensed childcare centers and preschools are eligible to receive this funding if their school district has “an academically low performing elementary school or one that is not making *adequate yearly progress*”. These sites receive funding based on their Qualistar star rating and a quality improvement plan to meet needs identified in the rating.

Early Childhood Health And Mental Health Action Team

The Mental Health Action Team, which began in the spring of 2000, is charged by the ECHO Council with developing, supporting and sustaining community based, early childhood mental health services known as Crib to Kindergarten (C to K). These services are available for children birth to kindergarten and their families. Crib to Kindergarten has 2 components, Mental Health Specialists and a Childcare Support and Behavior Team. The Specialists provide direct services or mental health consultation to children and their families. They also provide consultation to staff members at local preschools, childcare centers, and childcare homes. The Behavior Team works directly with community childcare centers, homes and preschools to support children with challenging behaviors in their childcare setting.

The Action Team has the authority to develop budgets for mental health grants and make programmatic decisions regarding activities and grants. In this role the Team also serves as an advisory group to West Central Mental Health Center, Inc. which manages the SAMHSA Project BLOOM local grant for the community through 9/30/08. The Team is composed of ECHO Council Members, Early Childhood Mental Health Specialists, Behavior and Support Team Members, the Fremont County Department of Human Services, Home Visitors, parents and other interested individuals.

Each Council and Action Team member agrees to support and promote the Council's mission and belief statements and abide by all policies and procedures developed and approved by the Council. Each Council Member and/or Agency identifies their contribution to the Council and the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Network programs. These contributions are specified in the following pages of this agreement. Note: ECHO belief statements, organizational structure and system diagram are attached to this document.

All services offered by the Council through the ECHO and the Family Center Network for children under school age and their families will be offered with fairness and equity for all as a moral, ethical and legal necessity.

The ECHO Council Director is the Early Childhood Manager for the Canon City Schools. The District's Director of Special Services and Federal Programs supervises the ECHO Director's performance related to Child Find and all the community collaborative duties for which the District donates her time.

To assure fiscal and programmatic accountability every project or program developed and approved by the Council has an agency responsible for all aspects of the program including fiscal. The responsible agency coordinates with other community agencies, programs or services to assure integration and easy access to services for families. For any Network program the responsible agency may develop additional agreements or contracts to more clearly define relationships and responsibilities. The programs of the Early Childhood Network supported by the ECHO and Family Center Council are: ECHO Screening & Program Access; IDEA, Child Find including screening, evaluation and IEP development; Early Childhood Connections, IDEA, Part C; Preschool Special Education, IDEA, Part B; Children First Resource and Referral; Crib to Kindergarten Early Childhood Mental Health; First Steps Early Head Start; First Steps Parents as Teachers; Denver Child Health Passport; Fremont County Head Start; Pregnant and Parenting Teen Services; Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program; School Readiness Project; Touchpoints; the Early Childhood Council Grant; and Results Matter Child Outcome Project.

Listed below are brief descriptions of the programs and services provided by the agencies of the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council for the Network.

1. ECHO Screening and Program Access Including Child Find

**Responsible Agencies: Canon City Schools, Fremont Re-2 Schools, South Central BOCES
Contract Agency: Starpoint**

These entities collaboratively agree to accept the following responsibilities for Child Find for children prior to kindergarten entrance which include: public awareness, engagement and recruitment; information dissemination; coordination for referral, screening and assessment; eligibility determination; and support for enrollment. The ECHO Screening and Access system ECHO provides a single process of entry for IDEA, Part C for Early Childhood Connections and IDEA Part B for Preschool Special Education. This process assures coordination of referral, screening and assessment; development of the Individual Education Program or Individual Family Services Plan; data collection, tracking/monitoring of children who are at risk for developmental delays; and resource/service coordination for children and their families throughout the process.

Specifically, ECHO's child identification procedures satisfy all State and Federal requirements for Child Find for the infant and preschool population in Fremont County. Interdisciplinary planning meetings follow the guidelines outlined below. The ECHO Council will not address Child Find requirements for school-age children or the out-of-school population 16 to 21 years. The ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council's Child Find Memorandum of Agreement is attached to this document.

ECHO Screenings and Program Access (ECHO Screening) are universal access and encouraged for every child in the County. Per this MOA ECHO Screenings include all applicants for Head Start, Early Head Start, Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program; all children who come before the Fremont County Department of Human Services Child Protection Team; all children in Crib to Kindergarten Early Childhood Mental Health; all children in the Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program and all children in First Steps Parents as Teachers Program as well as any community child whose parents desire screening.

ECHO Screening and Program Access provide the following functions for all of the programs listed above including:

ECHO Screening is a component of Child Find to help identify the developmental status of children and determine which children need further evaluation for a more complete look at their development. At ECHO Screening the registration process includes collection of information to assist ECHO staff members as they work with families to identify the preschools programs that meet their child's and family's eligibility and preference. Staff members at ECHO Screenings also provide service coordination and assistance for parents to access the programs listed above and other Network and community services.

The majority of the ECHO Screeners are employed by Starpoint in the EHS or First Steps Parents as Teacher's Home Visitation programs. Head Start and WIC also periodically donate the time of a screener and one ECHO screener is employed by the Canon City Schools. ECHO staff, community preschools and child care centers, and a community volunteer complete the intake and exit process at the Screenings.

Based on intake information and the results of vision, hearing, development, and social and emotional screening children may be referred for a multidisciplinary evaluation to determination

of eligibility for special education services and an Individual Family Services Plan or Individual Education Program. Starpoint employs the therapists and early childhood special educators who provide the evaluations and develop the specialized plans. The ECHO Director coordinates the evaluations and planning meetings for all preschool children and transitioning babies. The IDEA Part C Coordinator collaborates with Child Find to oversee the evaluations for infants and toddlers and IFSP meetings. All are licensed by the Colorado Department of Education.

Close collaboration between Head Start, Early Head Start and the Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program and community childcare centers and preschools help assure that children actually receive preschool, special education, home visitation, and other services based on the child's need and their families desire.

ECHO has an extensive data collection system to record information for the entire ECHO Screening and Program Access process. Part of this system includes collecting and maintaining data for the entire Child Find process and for preschool special education. Starpoint maintains the Colorado Department of Human Services data base for children in IDEA, Part C. The ECHO office staff members complete the CDE End of Year Report for infants, toddlers and preschool children; the October 1st Count for the Per Pupil Operating Revenue (PPOR); and the December 1st Federal IDEA Count. This agreement provides authority for the collective data to be shared among agencies and the Council for data analysis, program planning, and outcome documentation.

2. Early Childhood Connections, IDEA Part C for Infant/Toddler Early Intervention

Responsible Agency: Starpoint

Starpoint provides early intervention services for children under 3 years of age who need an extra boost in development and qualify for Early Childhood Connections. Starpoint employs the ECC Manager who is also a Service Coordinator for some of the children. EHS with Starpoint as the Grantee employs a second Service Coordinator for children in EHS who have an Individual Family Services Plan.

Parents choose from a variety of services and supports provided in the natural environments of the child and family's every day routines, activities and places. These often include EHS and First Steps Parents as Teachers and may include the child's childcare center or home. The Individual Family Services Plan (IFSP) outlines the services chosen by the parents to meet their child and family's need, priorities, concerns. Each family has a single Service Coordinator.

ECC staff members collect data required by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division for Developmental Disabilities and submit this information periodically as required. This information is also shared with the ECHO Office for program planning and outcome documentation. Starpoint maintains the information in a data base specified by CDH. The ECHO office also collects data for Child Find and on children who are making the transition to IDEA Part B services for every child evaluated and for every child identified as eligible for IDEA Part C. The ECHO office collects and maintains information for all children evaluated

and submits it to the Canon City Schools and SCBOCES for the CDE End of Year report. This information provides documentation for CDE reimbursement for infants and toddlers who were evaluated. Both Canon City Schools reimburses Starpoint for the multidisciplinary evaluations per the Child Find MOA and contractual arrangements.

Starpoint assures a timely IFSP Transition Plan for all children so they can easily move into Part B services if eligible or receive assistance to enroll in other preschool services such as the Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program, Head Start, First Steps Parents as Teachers 3 to 5 Home Visitation services, etc. if no longer eligible for special education services.

The EHS Service Plan for Disabilities specifically outlines the transition procedures. By signing this agreement the Canon City Schools, Fremont School District Re-2, and the South Central BOCES agree that eligibility for IDEA, Part B services is determined by a multidisciplinary assessment conducted by Starpoint per contractual arrangements with the school districts and the BOCES. Further the Child Find Director and evaluators are appropriately licensed by the Colorado Department of Education. The districts, BOCES and Early Childhood Connections agree that the IFSP Transition Plans will be in place by the time the child is 2 years 6 months and that the IEP will be completed before the child turns three years of age. The IEP process determines eligibility for IDEA Part B services. Funding for early intervention services from IDEA, Part C ends when the child turns three years.

3. Inclusive Preschool Special Education, IDEA, Part B for Children 3 to School Age

Responsible Agencies: Canon City Schools, School District RE-2, South Central BOCES
Contract Agency: Starpoint

Special education services for preschool children are provided by Starpoint with funding from local school districts. Special education services are provided at designated community childcare or preschool sites with support from special educators and therapists. These sites are Fremont County Head Start, Kinder Haus, New Child Montessori, Park Avenue Child Center, Rocky Mountain Children's Discovery Center, SPIN Early Care and Education Center and SPIN at Penrose. Parents may select from these designated childcare or preschool sites for their child's preschool and special education services. Special education services are provided in the child's preschool or childcare classroom as part of the child's daily routine in conjunction with the general education preschool teacher. Preschool services are available to any child 3 years of age or older with an IEP.

Contractual documents and the *ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council Agreement for Child Find* between Starpoint and each school district, and the South Central BOCES outline specifics of this arrangement. The Child Find Director and Starpoint Early Childhood Special Services Manager as well as Part C Service Coordinators serve as representatives of the Directors of Special Education Services for the Canon City School and the RE-2 School Districts.

Crib to Kindergarten Early Childhood Mental Health program provides social and emotional

supports through direct services and mental health consultation. C to K also provides the Child Care Support and Behavior Team to help children with challenging behaviors and provide support to their parents and teachers to maintain them at their childcare center or home. All sites have ECE CARES Mentors for their classrooms and utilize DECA to measure child outcomes. All sites also participate in the Results Matter project to measure child outcomes.

4. FIRST STEPS, Parents As Teachers

Responsible Agency: Starpoint

This home visitation program is designed to prepare children for success in school and life. The services help build family competencies and promote supportive environments for young children during the most critical period of their lives, birth to kindergarten. The specific promotion and prevention services offered by FIRST STEPS are monthly personal home visits, the Parents as Teachers curriculum, a quarterly newsletter, periodic Fun Shops for parent learning, weekly infant and toddler play groups, services for pregnant and parenting teens and service coordination.

Early Childhood Connections, Infant/Toddler Part C Early Intervention services can be provided in collaboration with the FIRST STEPS program. Home Visitors also provide periodic developmental, vision, and hearing screening at monthly screening clinics and during home visits as part of the ECHO Screening and Access Program. The Home Visitors complete the “Welcome Baby” visits to every newborn at St. Thomas More Hospital and the *Bright Beginnings* initial home visit. Starpoint donates home visitor time when they perform the ECHO Screening, and “Welcome Baby” services.

Crib to Kindergarten Early Childhood Mental Health program collaborates with First Steps to provide social and emotional supports through direct services, mental health consultation and the Circle of Security program to promote positive parent and child attachment for enrolled families.

5. First Steps Early Head Start

Grantee Agency: Starpoint

The Early Head Start program serves 65 pregnant women and children under three and their families who meet Head Start income and eligibility guidelines. Fifty-five children are enrolled in the home visitation services and 10 children are center based childcare services. Families receive weekly home visits, periodic family clubs, family fun events, Fun Shops for parent learning, a toy van, literacy activities, transportation assistance and an Individual Family Plan. Special programming is available for teen parents.

Early Head Start provides inclusive programming for children with delays or disabilities who have an Individual Family Services Plan through Early Childhood Connections, IDEA Part C. These services are integrated into the EHS home visit or can be provided as part of the center based option. Family Clubs are available for children in the home-based option and parent meetings occur monthly for children in the childcare option.

Home Visitors also provide periodic developmental, vision, and hearing screening at monthly screening clinics and during home visits as part of the ECHO Screening and Access Program. Starpoint donates home visitor time when they perform the ECHO Screening services.

The EHS Home Visitors share the responsibility for visiting St. Thomas More Hospital every day for a "Welcome Baby" visit to each newborn with First Steps, Parents as Teachers Home Visitors. At the visit they also issue the Denver Child Health Passport, a parent-held child health record and offer a home visit. This is an essential strategy for EHS recruitment and enrollment. By providing the Passport, new babies in the EHS program have access to health suggestions and support to access preventive health care services. The EHS Health Coordinator is also the community Passport Coordinator. In both roles she maintains close contact with families regarding health education and concerns. She also visits all health care providers monthly to maintain program coordinator and collaboration. The Visitor makes a first home visit which also serves as the *Bright Beginnings* visit.

Crib to Kindergarten Early Childhood Mental Health program collaborates with EHS to provide social and emotional supports through direct services, mental health consultation and the Circle of Security program to promote positive parent and child attachment for enrolled families.

6. Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program

Responsible Agencies: Canon City and RE-2 School Districts

The ECHO and Family Council serves as the CPKP District Council for CPKP programs operated by the Canon City Schools and the Fremont Re-2 School District. By a special waiver from the Consolidated Child Care Pilot (now known as the Early Childhood Councils Initiative) the CPKP program is available to children 6 weeks to school age who meet the risking criteria for poor outcomes in school in both school districts. The criteria set by the State Legislature and the Council includes developmental delays, economic status and social risk factors. The program is funded by Colorado Legislature and is administered by the Colorado Department of Education.

A contract between the Fremont Re-2 School District and the Canon City Schools outlines the specifics of the arrangement for Canon City Schools to manage the CPKP for RE-2 Schools. The ECHO Council Director is the manager of the CPKP for both districts, completing the annual re-application and application for additional slots if they become available.

CPKP services are provided for both school districts at the following community based sites, Fremont County Head Start, Kinder Haus, New Child Montessori, Park Avenue Child Center, Rocky Mountain Children's Discovery Center, SPIN Early Care and Education Center, and SPIN at Penrose.

ECHO coordinates the CPKP enrollment process including recruitment; application; developmental, vision, hearing and social and emotional screening; and selection of children for the CPKP. This process involves all sites advertising the program and helping parents find the program that matches their need and desires when possible. Recruitment and enrollment is

closely coordinated with Head Start and Part B Preschool Special Education. CPKP is an important programmatic resource for children who transition from EHS and First Steps Parents as Teachers or who no longer qualify for IDEA, Part C services. Head Start assists parents who do not qualify for their program to access CPKP.

All CPKP sites participate in Qualistar rating for Quality. They share staff development opportunities provided by the ECHO Network or other preschool/child care programs including Touchpoints, Work Sampling, Ounce, DECA, ECE CARES, and Expanding Quality Training. All sites are eligible for Mini Grants for Quality provided by the Early Childhood Council Grant. All sites participate in Results Matter's child outcome data collection and reporting through CDE. They also use DECA to assess and report on children's social and emotional status. All sites assure that lead teachers have ECE CARES training and that teachers have ECE CARES mentors and access to the Crib to Kindergarten Early Childhood Mental Health Specialists and C to K Childcare Support and Behavior Team.

7. Denver Child Health Passport

Responsible Agencies: Canon City Schools and Starpoint

This parent-held, child health record is issued by the FIRST STEPS & Early Head Start Home Visitors through a "Welcome Baby" hospital visit to parents of all newborn children 365 days per year. The Home Visitor's time is donated by Starpoint. The purpose of the Passport is to promote access to and utilization of early preventive health care. A specific emphasis of the program is to help families find a "medical home" for their child. The book keeps a record of the child's health and development during the first six years of life. Developmental screening by the Parent and Health Care Provider occurs at each well child check-up, following American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and EPSDT guidelines.

This public & private partnership between parents, health care providers, St. Thomas More Hospital, Starpoint and the Canon City Schools benefits children, families and providers. Tracking by the Passport Coordinator helps assure that children receive the recommended preventive health care services in a timely manner per the AAP Guidelines. Use of the Passport has increase referrals to ECHO Network programs from Health Care Professionals.

St. Thomas More Hospital is a key partner in the Passport program, making arrangements for the Home Visitors to greet the parents of newborns to issue the Passports. They train new obstetric nurses and other staff members about the Passport program for new parents. Obstetric nurses communicate daily with the Passport Coordinator; to inform her of the number of new parents needing visits. The Hospital helps secure money for the Passport books through their charitable organization.

As part of the Passport program each year the Passport Coordinator completes an immunization study in conjunction with all the public and private health care providers in the County. The rate for fully immunized 2-year-old children has remained very high since the project began in 1998. The annual rate ranges from 86% to 90%. This study is documentation for one of the outcome measures for the Denver Child Health Passport program.

8. Welcome Baby

Responsible Agency: Starpoint

The visit to each newborn at St. Thomas More Hospital by the EHS and First Steps Home Visitors is called the "Welcome Baby" visit. In addition to issuing the Passport the visitors offer an initial home visit and inform parents about other ECHO Network programs and services. Materials from the *Colorado Bright Beginnings* program for newborns are taken to the first home visit and use of the Passport is reinforced. Families also receive assistance to access other early childhood services including enrolling in either the EHS or First Steps Parents as Teachers home visitation program. Many families take advantage of this opportunity for ongoing home visitation services.

9. Developmental and Evaluation Clinic

Responsible Agency; Fremont County Nursing Service

Children with delays or disabilities are referred to this clinic if they are not making progress in their special education program or if further diagnosis is necessary for medical or educational programming. Children under 8 years of age are a priority for the clinic, which meets three or four times per year. Fremont County Nursing Service coordinates the clinic activities including intake and follow up. A specially trained pediatrician is the physician for this clinic. Canon City Schools and Starpoint donate the time of therapists and early childhood special educators to complete evaluations and facilitate the clinic. The ECHO Council serves as the D & E Clinic Advisory Board.

10. Fremont County Head Start

Grantee Agency: Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments

Fremont County Head Start was one of the founding agencies of the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council. While this program was not developed under the auspices of the ECHO Council, Head Start is a significant partner in the ECHO Early Childhood Network. Head Start provides CPKP classrooms, serving children in both the Canon City and RE-2 School Districts. Head Start participates in the Qualistar Rating for Quality process and the State School Readiness project. All of the children enrolled are assessed using Work Sampling as part of the Results Matter program as well as DECA for social and emotional development.

Head Start has a Crib to Kindergarten Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist serving their site. Their Education Manager is a member of the C to K Childcare Support and Behavior Team. All classroom teachers are trained in ECE CARES and have CARES Mentors. Two classrooms are Pyramid State Demonstration sites. Head Start opens these Pyramid classrooms for observation and learning by other sites.

Head Start donates the time of their Parent Involvement Manager to serve as an ECHO Screener. They refer all applicants for ECHO Screening and Access and utilize the results to meet Performance Standards. Head Start hosts 4 ECHO Screenings per year at their site. They collaborate closely with the ECHO Director to find Head Start spaces for children with delays or disabilities. Well over 20% of their enrollees have IEPs. Therapists and special educators from Starpoint, under contract with the local school districts, provide special education services in the Head Start classrooms as part of the child's daily routine. Head Start lesson plans individualize for children with special education needs.

Staff members at Head Start provide programmatic technical assistance to other programs. They utilize ECHO Network training and staff development opportunities such as ECE CARES, Work Sampling, Pyramid Training and DECA.

Head Start participates in the community Transitions to Kindergarten activities including promoting Kindergarten Round Up for early registration and Buddy Day so preschoolers can experience an hour of kindergarten with a kindergarten buddy.

11. Crib to Kindergarten, Early Childhood Mental Health

Responsible Agencies: Canon City Schools, Starpoint, and West Central Mental Health

Crib to Kindergarten Early Childhood Mental Health program provides social and emotional supports through direct services, mental health consultation and the Circle of Security program to promote positive parent and child attachment and social and emotional development. Crib to Kindergarten (C to K) offers comprehensive early childhood mental health services and was developed under the auspices of the ECHO Council. C to K has two components, the Early Childhood Mental Health Specialists and the Child Care Support and Behavior Team.

The three early childhood mental health specialists received training as Fellows in the Harris Fellowship Program in Early Childhood Development and Infant Mental Health at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Program. The specialists provide direct, in home services for children under school age and their families as well as consultation to other early childhood providers including home visitors, teachers, therapists and the Behavior Team members. The Specialists are employed by the Canon City Schools, Starpoint, Inc. and West Central Mental Health.

The Childcare Support and Behavior Team members work with child care directors and teachers to help children with challenging behaviors remain in their childcare center or home. Team members are experienced early childhood teachers, directors or special educators who collaborate with the childcare providers to promote supportive environments for all children and write specific behavior programs for children who need extra support. Behavior Team members are employed by Head Start and Starpoint.

12. Professional Development

Responsible Agencies: Canon City Schools and other Council Member Agencies

The Council’s approach to professional development is to train locally qualified early childhood professionals as trainers for a variety of professional development assessments and educational approaches. This builds community capacity, making it possible to offer high quality training year after year for seasoned or new early childhood providers. Many training and professional development activities are necessary to assure well trained early childhood providers who work in the comprehensive ECHO Network. Each year the ECHO Council and Action Team members plan and coordinate a calendar of annual training events including: Devereux Early Childhood Assessment, Work Sampling, Ounce Scales, ECE CARES, ECE CARES for Families, Training for ECHO Developmental Screeners, Parents as Teachers Training, Touchpoints, Expanding Quality in Infant and Toddler Care, The CSEFEL Pyramid Model, and other offerings as they become available or are needed. The Family Center sponsors a training event every month for EHS and First Steps home visitors. Community agencies include early childhood providers in applicable training opportunities they sponsor.

13. Children First, Child Care Resource and Referral

Responsible Agency: Pueblo Community College

Children First requested that they become an ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council Network agency several years ago. While Children First is not a program developed by the Council they are essential collaborative partners. Fremont County Department of Human Services funds the position of a local Resource and Referral assistant to provide services to children in Fremont County. This individual represents Children First on the ECHO Council’s Consolidated Early Childhood Education Action Team. Children First recently wrote and received a Military Child Care Grant, selecting Fremont County as one of the childcare communities.

14. & 15. School Readiness Program & Child Care Quality Improvement

Responsible Agency: Canon City Schools

The Council’s School Readiness Program is designed to improve and maintain quality in the 7 childcare centers and preschools that contract with Canon City and RE-2 School Districts to provide services for children in the Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program and Preschool Special Education. One childcare home also participates and others are encouraged to join the program. Activities include: Qualistar Rating for quality environments; coaching for sites; professional development activities; and mini grants to fund quality improvements. Each site must maintain NAEYC Accreditation or other national accreditation; complete the annual Qualistar Ratings and any quality improvement plans; participate in Results Matter, child assessments using Ounce or Work Sampling; and attend the annual professional development activities offered by the Council. Funding for some of this work comes from the Colorado Department of Human Services School Readiness Project and the Early Childhood Council’s

Grant.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT CONDITIONS

The signatures of individuals below represent their respective agencies' commitment to meet the provisions outlined in this MOA to the fullest extent possible and their donations to the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Network. The signatures of individuals, who donate their personal time and expertise, represent their own commitment to meet the provisions outlined in this MOA to the fullest extent possible. Any party or parties may terminate this agreement with a 60-day written or verbal notice to the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council. With approval of the Council this MOA can be amended at any time to include new programs or services developed by the Council. This agreement does not require an annual update and shall be in effect for three years from November 1, 2007 to November 1, 2010.

During this period of time, Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments for Fremont County Head Start agrees to:

1. Participate in the Child Identification process by referring all Head Start applicants to ECHO for screening and if necessary follow up referral, evaluation and development of the IEP.
2. Provide staff members as ECHO screeners and at ECHO Screening to complete intake with families.
3. Provide appropriate Head Start staff to attend IEP Planning Meetings.
4. Implement confidentiality procedures to allow this to happen. Procure releases of information so that Head Start and ECHO staff can communicate about individual children during the screening and if applicable referral, assessment and IEP development.
5. Collaborate with ECHO staff to assure that all Head Start children are screened and if necessary assessed for special education services in a timely manner so they can be included on the October and December special education counts.
6. Collaborate with ECHO and Starpoint staff to involve families in the Child Identification Process and provide information to the appropriate school district for the October 1, and December 1, reporting for children enrolled in the Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program and Special Education Programs.
7. Collaborate with early childhood special education staff to ensure the provision of direct special education services at the Head Start site for children eligible under IDEA, Part B.
8. Provide a preschool experience for a specified number of children in the Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program (CPKP) at the Head Start Site. Collaborate with ECHO staff to identify children for the Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program from Head Start applicants. Note: An annual contract outlines the specifics of services for children in CPKP and establishes a fee for services.
9. Assure that Head Start participates in all the activities under the State School Readiness Project including Quality Ratings and completing the Quality Assurance Plan. A contract outlines the specifics of Head Start's responsibility to the Readiness Project.
10. Send a representative to the monthly ECHO and Family Center Council Meetings.
11. Serve on Consolidated Early Childhood Education and Mental Health Action Teams.
12. Participate in the Colorado Department of Education Results Matter Project, utilize Work Sampling and DECA for on-going assessment of children and report results 3 times per year to ECHO
13. Serve as a Pyramid demonstration site to promote pro social development.
14. Participate in ECE CARES project and provide staff members to serve as CARES Peer Mentor Project.
15. Participate in the transition planning process to assure smooth transitions of children in ECHO Network Programs or Early Childhood Connections early intervention services into Head Start and from Head Start into kindergarten.
16. Maintain data and report information to the ECHO Office for program planning, outcome assessment and to assist with community grant writing.

The undersigned agree to meet the provisions outlined in this agreement to the fullest possible extent. Any party or parties may terminate this agreement with a 60-day written or verbal notice to the Interagency Council.

DATE: 11/01/07

CO-DIRECTORS
FREMONT COUNTY HEAD START
UPPER ARKANSAS AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

DATE : 11/01/07

During this period of time, Starpoint, Inc. agrees to:

1. Maintain responsibility for FIRST STEPS Parents as Teachers; the Fremont County Family Center; and First Steps Early Head Start, as the Grantee.
2. Maintain responsibility for Early Childhood Connections, IDEA Part C Program for Infants and Toddlers with special needs.
3. Donate the time of home visitors to serve as ECHO Developmental Screeners and for Welcome Baby visits to the families of every newborn at St. Thomas More Hospital to issue the Denver Child Health Passport.
4. Donate time of therapists and early childhood special educators who are appropriately licensed by the Colorado Department of Education to complete assessments for the multi-disciplinary child identification process through ECHO.
5. Maintain a contract with Canon City and RE-2 School Districts to provide IDEA, Part B special education and related services for preschool children.
6. Assure that when an IEP or IFSP is developed, the planning conference will have appropriate representation including if applicable the child's regular education teacher from SPIN or SPIN at Penrose.
7. Provide time of staff members who are involved in the eligibility assessment of the children to participate in the multi-disciplinary IFSP and IEP planning meetings.
8. Assure that all federal and state regulations for the IFSP and IEP meetings are met.
9. Collaborate with the Child Find Director for two county school districts, Canon City Schools and Fremont Re-2 to assure that infant, toddler and preschool children with suspected disabilities are identified and if so are served in accordance with federal and state regulations for funding under IDEA.
10. Provide the time of the Starpoint, IDEA Part C Coordinator to collaborate in identification activities for Child Find for the infant and toddler population. Activities include accepting referrals from various agencies or ECHO Screenings, contacting families to complete intake and arrange multi-disciplinary assessments, convene meetings to develop the IFSP and providing service coordinator throughout the process.
11. Provide time of Starpoint Managers to collaborate with other ECHO Council participating agencies and individuals to respond to RFP's develop needed early childhood programs and services.
12. Provide time of Starpoint Managers to respond to RFP's to help fund early childhood programs and services.
13. Collaborate with the ECHO Council staff members to collect a variety of data for use with program planning and monitoring, to evaluate early childhood programs and services and provide information to procure specific grants.
14. Collaborate to market the data collected to demonstrate child and programmatic outcomes to various local, state and national stakeholders.
15. Provide the time of early childhood professional staff to evaluate children for the Developmental and Evaluation Clinic when infants, toddlers and preschool children are referred to the Clinic. Note: At the end of each year if profits are available from the D & E Clinic they are distributed to participating agencies that donate evaluations.
16. Participate in the Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program (CPKP) by providing preschool services at SPIN and SPIN at Penrose for a specified number of children. Provide transportation to a specified number of children whose parents select SPIN if space is available and funding is provided by CPKP. An annual contract establishes the specifics and fee for services for children in the CPKP Program.
17. Assure that staff members from SPIN Early Childhood Care and Education Center and SPIN

- at Penrose participate in all the activities under the State School Readiness Project including Qualistar Ratings and if needed a Quality Assurance Plan. A contract outlines the specifics of Starpoint's responsibility to the Readiness Project.
18. Participate in ECHO Council initiative to measure child outcomes through the Results Matter project by completing Work Sampling, Ounce and DECA for children enrolled in the following programs: Early Head Start, First Steps Parents as Teachers, SPIN and SPIN at Penrose, Early Childhood Connections, preschool special education and Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program.
 19. Donate the time of an Early Childhood Special Educator to serve as an Early Childhood Mental Health Specialists for Crib to Kindergarten.
 20. Collaborate with Canon City School's ECMH Specialist to implement Circle of Security and provide ECMH Direct and consultation services. If available provide funding in conjunction with the Canon City Schools to support the time of a PhD. Child Psychologist for Clinical Supervision for the Crib to Kindergarten ECMH Specialists.
 21. Provide release time for the EHS Health Coordinator to serve on the Touchpoints Community Training Team and through contractual arrangement for Starpoint Early Childhood Manager to serve as team leader for Touchpoints.
 22. Through contractual arrangements provide staff member to serve on the Expanding Quality for Infants and Toddlers training team.
 23. Donate time of Children's Services Manager to serve as Chair for the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council and assistant Child Find Coordinator.
 24. Send a representative/s to monthly ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council meetings.
 25. Send a representative to monthly Consolidated Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Mental Health Action Team meetings.

The undersigned agree to meet the provisions outlined in this agreement to the fullest possible extent. Any party or parties may terminate this agreement with a 60-day written or verbal notice to the Interagency Council.

PAULETTE BOLTON, MANAGING DIRECTOR
STARPOINT, INC.

DATE: 11/01/07

During this period of time, West Central Mental Health Center, Inc. agrees to:

1. Participate in the Early Childhood Mental Health Action Team to develop an integrated Early Childhood Mental Health system in Fremont County and assure that services are integrated with other ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Network programs, services and supports.
2. Provide some time of an Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist to serve children in Crib to Kindergarten Early Childhood Mental Health Program.
3. Coordinate ECMH services with the EC Mental Health Specialists at the Canon City Schools and Starpoint as well as the Behavior Team.
4. Collaborate with the ECHO Council staff members to collect a variety of data for use with program planning and monitoring, and to evaluate early childhood mental health programs and services.
5. Collaborate to market the data collected to demonstrate child and programmatic outcomes to various local, state and national stakeholders.
6. Send a representative/s to monthly ECHO and Family Center Council meetings.

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LOUISE DELGADO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER (PRESIDENT)
WEST CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

DATE 12/1/08

During this period of time, Pam Caprio, Director Rocky Mountain Children's Discovery Center agrees to:

1. Attend monthly Council meetings to represent the Consolidated Early Childhood Education Action Team.
2. Donate time to attend ECHO Screening and Access program to complete Parent Registration.
3. Support the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Network programs.

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PAM CAPRIO, REPRESENTATIVE
CONSOLIDATE EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION ACTION TEAM

DATE: 1/11/07

During this period of time, Fremont County Nursing Service agrees to:

1. Refer children to ECHO screenings from Child Health Conferences for developmental evaluation or developmental re-screens and accept referral by appointment to Child Health Conferences from ECHO Screenings.
2. Utilize the Denver Child Health Passport to record the results of the Child Health Conferences and assist parents with the recommended health suggestions.
3. Send a representative to the monthly ECHO and Family Center Council meetings and to serve on task forces.
4. Coordinate referrals from ECHO programs to the Health Care Program including registration and follow up.
5. Assume responsibility for the Upper Arkansas Developmental and Evaluation Clinic including: referrals; registration; medical exams; other necessary evaluations; professional and parent meetings; and follow up.
6. Serve as fiscal agent for the Developmental and Evaluation Clinics including billing 3rd party payees for services.
7. Oversee the ECHO Master Screeners for ECHO Screening and Program Access regarding, hearing, vision and developmental screening.
8. Collect, maintain, and analyze data as necessary to support program planning, evaluation and grant writing.
9. Collaborate with community childcare centers to provide nursing consultation through contractual arrangements with each participating site.
10. Participate as a Health Partner for the Expanding children's Access to Health, Early Childhood Health Integration.

The undersigned agree to meet the provisions outlined in this agreement to the fullest possible extent. Any party or parties may terminate this agreement with a 60-day written or verbal notice to the Interagency Council.

BECKY VETTESE, DIRECTOR
FREMONT COUNTY NURSING SERVICE

DATE: 11/1/08

During this period of time Fremont County Department of Human Services agrees to:

1. Promote awareness and outreach activities for child identification and other programs of the ECHO network.
2. Implement procedures so that all children involved in the child protections system receive screening for developmental delays and appropriate follow up including multi-disciplinary assessment, IFSP or IEP development and appropriate services if needed.
3. For children in the custody of DHS assure that the IEP or IFSP services continue during the foster care time period and provide appropriate transitions from IDEA, Part C services to Part B services and to Kindergarten.
4. When appropriate refer children to First Steps Parents as Teachers or EHS Home Visitation Programs.
5. Utilize services from the Fremont County Family Center to support families whose young children are in child protective services.
6. When appropriate refer families to Crib to Kindergarten Early Childhood Mental Health services.
7. If available provide funding for First Steps Parents as Teachers Home Visitation and partial funding for the Canon City Schools Crib to Kindergarten ECMH Specialist.
8. When funding is available provide "Mini Grants" to community childcare centers and homes to improve quality.
9. When funding is available provide salary of local individual for the Children First Childcare Resource and Referral office located at the Pueblo Community College campus.
10. Support the work of the Consolidated Early Childhood Education Action Team to improve the quality, availability and access to childcare.
11. Provide consultation and in-service training regarding issues of child abuse and neglect to the ECHO network of services and supports.
12. Provide time of Human Services staff member to attend ECHO and Family Center Council meetings.
13. Send a representative to monthly Early Childhood Mental Health Action Team.
14. Provide time of Human Services administrator to serve on the Touchpoints Community Training Team.

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STEVE CLIFTON, DIRECTOR
FREMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE 11/01/07

During this period of time, Canon City School District Fremont RE-1 agrees to:

1. Serve as the fiscal and responsible agency for the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council grants and contracts including the ECC Council Grant, School Readiness Grant, Contract for EHS services, CPKP, etc.
2. Donate the time of the Early Childhood Manager to serve as the Director for the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council and to collaborate with all of the programs and services in the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Network to promote integration of services and sustainability of programs. ECHO Director is also responsible for ECHO Screening and Access program including Child Find; to manage the CPKP program for Canon City and RE-2 Schools; to manage the IDEA Part B preschool special education program; to supervise one of the C to K ECMH Specialists and to respond to RFP's and other opportunities to fund ECHO programs.
3. Assure compliance with IDEA, Part B for preschool children and Part C for early intervention services.
4. Provide necessary supplies, postage, copying and travel to help support the ECHO Early Childhood Network programs and projects.
5. Provide Office Space for ECHO Council and program staff members. This Office serves as the central call-in number for persons wishing information about ECHO Early Childhood Network programs and services. It also serves as the single point of contact for ECHO Screening and Program Access including Child Find as well as the single point of contact for Crib to Kindergarten ECMH Specialists and the C to K Childcare Support and Behavior Team.
6. Provide telephone, copying, utilities, etc. for the ECHO Council and ECHO program staff members.
7. Send a representative including the Special Services and Federal Programs Director to monthly ECHO and Family Center Council meetings.
8. Identify staff members from Starpoint, such as the Part C Service Coordinators and Children's Services Director, etc. to serve as designee for the Director of Special Education Services at IEP or IFSP meetings when the Early Childhood Manager/Child Find Director, who generally serves as designee of the Director, is unable to be present.
9. Serve as fiscal agent and responsible agency for the Denver Child Health Passport program, which promotes access to and utilization of preventive health services for children birth to 6 years and provides health tracking for these children.
10. Assure, through ECHO, that all children who have Denver Child Health Passports or who apply for Head Start, Early Head Start, First Steps Parents as Teachers, and the Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program, etc. and those in the child protection system receive recommended periodic screenings. If disabilities or delays are identified and if their parents desire it, assure the children receive, multi-disciplinary assessment, development of the IEP or IFSP and services in accordance with federal and state regulations for funding under IDEA. *Note: The Canon City School District contracts with Starpoint to provide the special education services identified in the IEP for preschool children. Starpoint provides those services at a number of community childcare and preschool sites.*
11. Assure that when an IEP or IFSP is developed, the planning conference will have appropriate representation.
12. Assure that individual services established in the IFSP will be offered, whenever possible, in the context of the child's daily activities, routines and places.
13. Assure that IDEA, Part B services are provided in inclusive community-based preschool and child care settings through contractual arrangements with Starpoint. These sites are; Kinder Haus, Head Start, Park Avenue, Rocky Mountain Children's Discovery Center, SPIN Early Care and Education Center and SPIN at Penrose.
14. Assure that ECHO provides necessary and appropriate documentation to Head Start and Early Head Start when those programs serve a child with an IEP.
15. Assure smooth transitions from IDEA, Part C to Part B services and from preschool to kindergarten

for children enrolled in the early childhood network programs.

16. Operate the CPKP for children in the Canon City School District and provide services in community based childcare centers and preschools including; Kinder Haus, Head Start, Park Avenue, Rocky Mountain Children's Discovery Center, SPIN Early Care and Education Center and SPIN at Penrose.
17. Continue collaborative and contractual arrangements with Fremont RE-2 School District to management the CPKP program including public awareness; recruitment; application; developmental, vision, hearing, and social emotional screening; Results Matter Child Outcome Assessment; program evaluation and reporting; annual CPKP application; and other special CPKP applications. Provide CPKP services at the same sites as listed above.
18. Through the Early Childhood Council's and School Readiness Grants provide staff development opportunities, Mini Grants for Quality and technical assistance to increase the quality and availability of early childhood education childcare and preschool programs.
19. Provide community based staff development and training for Results Matter assessments of Work Sampling and Ounce as well as DECA Coordinate data input for these programs through WEB based sites and assure evaluation of child progress and report child outcome reports annually.
20. Provide other staff development opportunities to community childcare centers and preschools by sponsoring community Expanding Quality in Infant and Toddler Care, ECE CARES, The Pyramid Training, and other topical trainings to support increased quality in early education sites.
21. Employ the Crib to Kindergarten Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist and provide secretarial support for C to K as well as record keeping, data collection, analysis and reporting.
22. Maintain data bases to collect information from all of the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council Network Programs, analyze and report it annually to the ECHO Council who uses it for program planning, evaluation, and to support proposal writing to procure funding for Network programs.

The undersigned agree to meet the provisions outlined in this agreement to the fullest possible extent. Any party or parties may terminate this agreement with a 60-day written or verbal notice to the Interagency Council.

ROBIN GOOLDY, SUPERINTENDENT
CANON CITY SCHOOLS FREMONT RE-1

DATE 11/01/07

During this period of time, School District RE-2 agrees to:

1. Assure compliance with IDEA, Part B & Part C for infants, toddlers and preschool children in early childhood special education services.
2. Send a representative from the District to ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council meetings and assure coordination of early childhood services.
3. Continue collaborative and contractual arrangements with ECHO and the Family Center Council to management the CPP program including public awareness; recruitment; application; developmental, vision, hearing, and social emotional screening; Results Matter Child Outcome Assessment; program evaluation and reporting; annual CPP application; and other special CPP applications.
4. Promote all of the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Network Services for children who reside in the Re-2 School District including ECHO Screening and Program Access, which includes Child Find; School Readiness Project when applicable; First Steps Parents as Teachers and First Steps EHS Home Visitation; Teen Pregnant and Parenting teen services; Denver Child Health Passport; Results Matter for CPP and Special Education; Crib to Kindergarten Early Childhood Mental Health services, and Childcare Quality Improvement initiatives.
5. Assure IDEA Child Find services for children under school age through ECHO, including awareness, screening, multi-disciplinary evaluation and development of IFSP and IEP through this collaborative agreement with the ECHO Council and contractual arrangements with Starpoint.
6. Assure preschool special education services at community based preschools and childcare centers through contractual arrangements with Starpoint.
7. Provide space at the Penrose Elementary School for the early childhood care and education services of SPIN at Penrose and maintain contractual arrangements with Starpoint to do so.
8. Assure smooth transitions from IDEA, Part C to Part B services and from preschool to kindergarten for children enrolled in the ECHO Early Childhood Network programs.

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CYNDY SCRIVEN, SUPERINTENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT FREMONT RE-2

DATE 11/01/08

During this period of time, School District RE-3 agrees to:

1. Maintain representation on the ECHO and Family Early Childhood Council to represent School District RE-3.
2. As desired participate in special ECHO initiatives and quality improvement activities.

The undersigned agree to meet the provisions outlined in this agreement to the fullest possible extent. This agreement may be terminated by any party or parties with a 60 day written or verbal notice to the Interagency Council.

GEOFF GERK, SUPERINTENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT FREMONT RE-3

DATE 11/01/07

During this period of time, St. Thomas More Health Care System agrees to:

1. Assure coordination with Denver Child Health Passport program to issue Passport to the parent of every newborn child prior to its discharge from the hospital.
2. Support the Passport program through public awareness and by assisting the program to procure funding for Passport books from charitable organizations.
3. Collaborate with the ECHO Early Childhood Network Programs and the Fremont County Family Center to sponsor the annual, *Child Health & Safety Fair*.
4. Coordinate with the Network Programs to make presentations to expectant parents to inform them about all of the Early Childhood Programs and services available.
5. Collaborate with the ECHO Council for other health initiatives for infants, toddlers, preschool children as they become available.

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DIANE SWAGGER, CEO
ST. THOMAS MORE HOSPITAL

DATE 11/01/08

During this period of time, Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments agrees to:

1. Provide a staff member on ECHO Council to represent the Women, Infants and Children's Program; EPSDT; Head Start; and the Work Force Center.

Work Force Center

1. When possible send a representative to the ECHO Council meetings.
2. Provide Work Force Center information to ECHO Council EC Network Programs so they can inform families about Work Force services.

Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)

1. Collaborate with the Denver Child Health Passport Coordinator to inform families about the importance of well child checkups, immunizations, medical home, and other preventive health care services.
2. Work with other Council and community agencies to assist families to access Medicaid, CHP+ and private insurance.
3. Record pertinent preventive health care information or services in the child's Passport when applicable.
4. Keep Council members apprised regarding services and approaches for the Work Force Center.

Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) & Colorado Works.

1. Keep ECHO Council members apprised regarding services and approaches for the EPSDT Program.
2. Collaborate with the Denver Child Health Passport program to assure access to and utilization of a medical home and preventive health care services for infant, toddler and preschool children.
3. With family permission, the EPSDT coordinator will collaborate with the ECHO Director and the Fremont County Family Center staff members to identify and locate child or family specific services when needed.
4. Collaborate with the ECHO Director and the Fremont County Family Center staff members to identify and locate child or family specific services when needed.
5. Provide pamphlets and brochures describing above-mentioned programs.
6. Keep ECHO Council informed regarding new services, programs or approaches under the auspices of the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments.

Fremont County Head Start Specific Information

Head Start commitments appear on page 14.

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JUDY LOHNES, DIRECTOR

DATE

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During this time, agrees to: **Need 2 parents need cpp parents**

1. Attend monthly ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council meetings to represent parents.
2. Participate in training opportunities whenever possible.

During this time the Children First Resource and Referral agrees to:

1. Attend monthly ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council, Consolidated Early Childhood Education Action Team meetings.
2. Keep Action Team and ECHO Council members informed about Children First Resource and Referral services and activities and provide brochures, pamphlets and other public engagement items and activities for use by ECHO Network programs to help promote Children First services and quality childcare.
3. Provide ECHO Council with list of current licensed providers with contact information so ECHO can inform them of Professional Development activities sponsored by the Council.
4. Collaborate with local childcare providers identified as participants in the Military Child Care Grant.
5. Participate in data collection activities to describe the status of childcare resource and referral specific to Fremont County, numbers of centers and homes, demographics of providers, numbers of infants, toddlers and preschool children in licensed homes and centers, etc.

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CINDY BERNAL, DIRECTOR
CHILDREN FIRST, RESOURCE AND REFERRAL

DATE 11/01/07

During this time, The Fremont County Family Center, Starpoint agrees to:

1. Promote integration and when possible braided funding for all of the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Network programs to assure comprehensive, coordinated and integrated services for young children and their families.
2. Provide space for the following programs and services: First Steps EHS; First Steps Parents as Teachers; Denver Child Health Passport Program; ECHO Screening and Access Program,; Welcome Baby; Bright Beginnings; Pregnant and Parenting Teen Services; Community Play Groups; Parenting Classes; Parent Support Groups; Fun Shops; and Family Fun events, etc.
3. Provide secretarial support and use of office equipment as needed to support Early Childhood Network programs.
4. Develop and distribute quarterly newsletters for families using services at the Family Center.
5. Assist families to apply for Medicaid, the Colorado Child Health Plus or other insurance programs.
6. Provide staff member to serve as the Denver Child Health Passport Coordinator and through contractual arrangements braid funding to support the Passport Data Coordinator.
7. Maintain Passport Data Management System and other information management systems to gather and analyze information for program planning, measuring outcomes and to support specific grant proposals and share information with the ECHO Council and ECHO Office.
8. Serve as a training and access site for the Colorado Immunization Information System.
9. Provide other services and supports to families served by the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Network Programs through the Family Center.
10. Provide space for GED Classes and through contractual arrangements with Fremont County Department of Human Services provide childcare on site as long as parents remain at the Family Center.
11. Send a representative to monthly ECHO and Family Center Council meetings, Early Childhood Mental Health and Consolidated Early Childcare Education Action Team.

The undersigned agree to meet the provisions outlined in this agreement to the fullest possible extent. Any party or parties may terminate this agreement with a 60-day written or verbal notice to the Interagency Council.

PAULETTE BOLTON, MANAGING DIRECTOR
STARPOINT

11/01/07

During this time, Rocky Mountain Behavioral Health agrees to:

1. Send a representative to ECHO and Family Center Council Meetings and Early Childhood Mental Health Action Team.
2. Refer children birth to school age and their families in need of services provided by the ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Council's Early Childhood Network.
3. Provide training to early childhood providers on issues of substance abuse and domestic violence.
4. Assist with special projects as identified.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ROCKY MOUNTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

DATE 11/01/08

During this period of time, Dorothy Day agrees to:

1. Serve on the ECHO and Family Center Council to represent the business community.
2. Promote ECHO and Family Center Early Childhood Network Programs
3. Assist with special projects as identified.

The undersigned agree to meet the provisions outlined in this agreement to the fullest possible extent. Any party or parties may terminate this agreement with a 60-day written or verbal notice to the Interagency Council.

DOROTHY DAY,
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE

DATE