



COLORADO
Office of Early Childhood
Department of Human Services



Interested in creating and offering employer-based child care?

Gain knowledge, plan your project, and access up to \$800,000 in funding!

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) has partnered with Executives Partnering to Invest in Children (EPIC) to create a 5-month Design Lab which will help employers, or community partnerships that include employers, prepare and plan for the creation of an on-site or near-site child care program. Employers including for-profit, non-profit, and government entities are all welcome to participate. 2021 legislation ([Senate Bill 236](#)) created an \$8.8 Million Employer-Based Child Care Facility Grant Program to provide support for these projects in Colorado.

THE DETAILS:

- From October 2021 through February 2022, EPIC will host bi-weekly design sessions (via video call) for lab participants to build knowledge and access tools to launch a child care program at or near your business location
- Along with a small cohort of other employers, you will work to develop your business plan and fine-tune your partnership and financial model to support a competitive grant application for up to \$800,000 in funding

YOUR COMMITMENT:

- Bring a clear vision and hypothesis on your approach to launching the child care program
- Identify a point person with access to personnel data and employer decision-makers who can attend all sessions and commit at least 5 hrs per week to driving the process internally
- Engage in all Design Lab sessions and share constructively with other cohort members
- There is no financial contribution required to participate, however; the employer-based child care facility grant program will require a financial match (25% non-profit/government, 50% for-profit)

HOW TO APPLY:

- (Optional) [Register to attend](#) the informational webinar on **September 17 from 12pm to 1pm** to learn more about the Design Lab and ask questions
- Complete Google form application [here](#) by **September 22 at 5pm**
- Priority consideration will be offered to organizations that meet the criteria defined in **C.R.S. § 26-6-804** (Senate Bill 21-236, click [here](#) to read)

Participants will be confirmed after participating in an interview with EPIC in late September and the first Design Lab session will be on **October 8 from 3-4:30pm**.

If you have questions, please email employersdesignlab@coloradoepic.org and attend the webinar!