



Employer-Based Child Care Design Lab

All Data Sourced from 2021-2022 Design Lab Participants



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 Early Childhood (CDEC) has partnered with Executives Partnering to Invest in Children (EPIC) to bring back the Employer-Based Child Care Design Lab 2.0 to support employers, or community partnerships that include employers, to 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 Employer-Based Child Care Facility Grant Program which will provide additional funding for projects in 2023.

“ The Design Lab, hosted by EPIC, addressed all the major components of ‘starting your employer child care center.’ It raised great questions, offered solution-based resources, and, and created a network of innovative businesses to drive this work. ”

THE DETAILS:

From April through August 2023, EPIC will host a series of virtual design sessions 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 structure to 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 3 hrs per week to driving the process internally
- > Engage in all Design Lab sessions and share constructively with other cohort members

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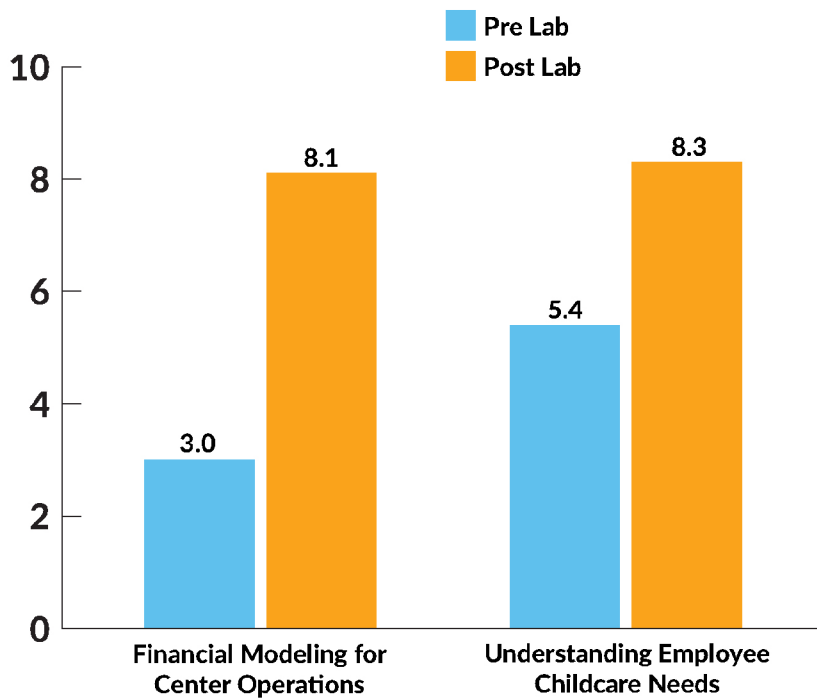


The amount of work the EPIC team put into creating the Design Lab is immeasurable. They covered every minute detail and answered every imaginable question, before we even knew what to ask. Their attention to details, incredible experience and unbelievable ability to share high-level information is the power behind the Design Lab.



Design Lab Impact on Participants

Participant rating of knowledge level



100% of participants who pursued projects cite the Design Lab as VITAL to their process.

100% of participants feel they have the TOOLS to support design, decision making, and launch of an on-site or near-site child care center.

HOW TO APPLY:

Register to attend an optional webinar on March 16th from 9:30-10:30 AM to learn more about the Design Lab and ask questions.

[REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR](#)

[APPLY FOR DESIGN LAB 2.0](#)

Complete Google form application above by March 24th at 5pm.

Priority consideration will be offered to organizations that meet the criteria defined in C.R.S. § 26-6-804.

[READ SENATE BILL 21-236](#)

Participants will be confirmed after participating in an interview with EPIC early April, and the first Design Lab session will be on April 12th from 11:00 AM -12:30 PM.

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

