

Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success

Vision
We envision a community where children thrive and families prosper.

Mission
Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success (EVICS) is dedicated to strengthening and supporting families and children in the Estes Valley.

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Established

Serving
the Estes Valley

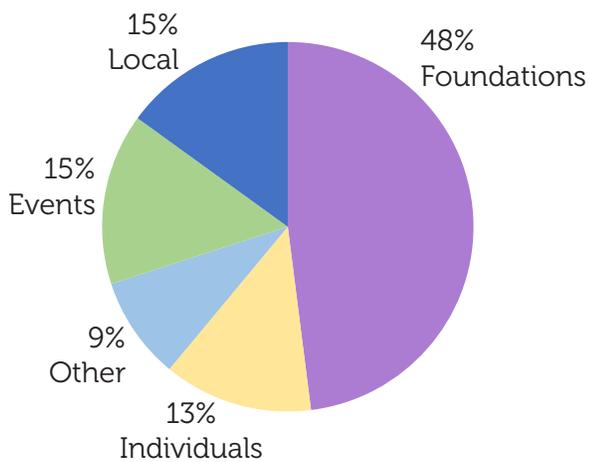
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Staff

\$233,400
2019 Budget

75
families served annually

501(c)(3)
Org Structure

Types of Funding



Key Programs

- Childcare referral and scholarships
- Parent Education and Home Visitation
- Early Childhood Support Services

Serving Our Community

High quality, accessible childcare is crucial for working families and provides a solid early learning foundation for young children. EVICS supports and promotes quality early childhood services and provides parent education so that all children in the Estes Valley have the care, support and opportunities necessary to grow, learn and succeed. EVICS provides resources, programming, networking and support to families and those providing early childhood services in the Estes Valley. Referral services to other community resources are provided to all families.

Highlights

EVICS was thrilled to become a member of FRCA in April 2019. Community businesses and individuals have provided financial support to cover increased rent costs, since the organization's move to a larger office space in November 2018. In 2019, EVICS experienced a record year in its Childcare Scholarship Program, providing \$44,600 in assistance to 34 young children for access to childcare or preschool services so parents could work. The cost of childcare is out of reach for 100% of the families EVICS serves. EVICS hired a new bilingual Parent Educator in May, strengthening and expanding the impact of its Parent Education Program. EVICS is proud of its dynamic, talented team of educators! Early in 2019, EVICS received a one-time \$20,000 Innovation Grant from United Way of Larimer County to help support its transition to Family Resource Center, and in May EVICS received a first-time grant from The Colorado Health Foundation, which will provide support to EVICS' Parent Education Program at \$30,000 per year for three years. EVICS' affiliation with FRCA is already making a difference in its community and has been instrumental in helping leverage support from funders.



How You Can Help

Due to the long-term enrollment freeze of Larimer County's Child Care Assistance Program, EVICS' Scholarship Program is under pressure to meet the childcare assistance needs of ALL families in its community. **Donations to EVICS' Scholarship Program are currently the biggest need** and make a tremendous impact on children and families at this time.

To donate, visit www.evics.org

Family Success Story

A new family dropped by the EVICS Family Resource Center to find out about local resources. EVICS staff was struck that when offering the young children a book to take home their dad said, "Oh thanks! We don't have any books at our house." After a few more visits, the family decided to enroll in EVICS' Parent Education Program. Mom was struggling with substance abuse challenges and staying home with the children. EVICS Parent Educator connected her with a local addictions counselor and helped her enroll in the community's non-profit tutoring center, where she received help preparing to take the GED. After a few months of tutoring, she took the test and passed! What a proud mom and great example to her two young children! The Parent Educator suspected some developmental delays with the 5-year-old son and supported the mom in accessing the local Child Find Program, where the boy was ultimately enrolled in subsidized preschool and received support through school-based special education services. Thanks to the connections that were supported for this family, we can celebrate some successes that will have lasting impact.

