

The Raising of Fort Worth

2017 LEARNING TOUR

PRESENTED BY:



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FOUNDATION
Investments in Education

JUNE 20th COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT: DENVER, COLORADO

ABOUT OUR PANELISTS

① DENVER PRESCHOOL PROGRAM (DPP)

- Enables **quality preschool for all 4-year-old children** in Denver
- Funded through **dedicated sales tax first** approved by voters in 2006 and renewed and extended in 2014
- Has provided \$80 million in tuition support to help more than **41,000 Denver children** attend the preschool of their family's choice

② DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Expanded pre-K and kindergarten opportunities and posted **record enrollment increases** after adopting Denver Plan 2020 *Every Child Succeeds* in 2006
- Drove the **highest rate of student progress** of any major district in the state
- Increased **graduation rate by 23%** and cut dropout rate by 50%

③ CLAYTON EARLY LEARNING

- Serves as a major **proving ground** for what works for children birth to age 5 and shares best practices
- Through collaborative advocacy efforts, garnered **115% increase in state funding for child care** in 2016
- Over 1,500 child assessments and training of over **2,500 child care professionals** each year

④ ROSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

- In 2017 hosted **1st annual luncheon for Colorado state legislators** on early childhood in Colorado
- Has driven community focus around **child social / emotional development** and child mental health
- Member of **Early Childhood Funders Network** supporting enhanced quality of life for children and families in CO

⑤ EXECUTIVES PARTNERING TO INVEST IN CHILDREN (EPIC)

- Launched **Employer Family-Friendly Toolkit** featuring tax deductions and credits for local businesses
- Strong advocates of **Child Care Contribution Tax Credit (CCTC)** for individuals/businesses supporting early childhood
- Other local early ed initiatives include **Lunch & Learn Series, CO Business Reads, and Community Funding Toolkit**

RAISING OF FORT WORTH PARTNERS INCLUDE:

