



Dear Community Partners,

We need your help!

Developmental Pathways and Early Childhood Connections, Colorado's early intervention system, is currently working to gather information on how well the system supports and helps families. This effort is through a project called Results Matter. Results Matter is a statewide interagency collaborative sponsored by the Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Department of Human Services. It is a project that is working to identify how well Colorado's early childhood system helps families in the following areas:

- Families understand their children's strengths, abilities and special needs
- Families know their rights and effectively communicate their children's needs
- Families help their children develop and learn
- Families have support systems
- Families are able to gain access to desired services, programs and activities in their communities

Colorado is using a survey to gather this information from families receiving early intervention services for six months or more, as well as families involved in other early childhood services. This survey is being made available to families in print and online versions on or around April 7, 2008. The survey is available in English and Spanish.

This survey will provide important information to Colorado and will help inform how we can improve the early intervention supports and services that families receive. In addition, it will help us to identify the types of support systems that families have/don't have available to them, the accessibility of services in different areas of the state, and how families feel their supports and services are helping them.

We are requesting that you help us support parent participation in this survey. You can help us in numerous ways, such as:

- ✓ Including information regarding the survey in any upcoming newsletters, e-newsletters, or information sharing;
- ✓ Discuss the purpose and importance of the survey with families in upcoming meetings, trainings, or other gatherings;
- ✓ Answering questions for families regarding this survey;

A copy of the survey packet that is being mailed to families receiving early intervention services for six months or more is attached for your review. If you have any questions regarding this process or how to help families understand its importance, please feel free to contact Colleen Head at Colleen.Head@state.co.us or 303.866.7262.

Thank you so much for your support of this effort!