



January 25, 2013

House Public Health Care & Human Services Committee
Colorado General Assembly
Colorado State Capitol
200 East Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Committee Members;

I am pleased to write to you today to voice the Early Childhood Summit's support for HB13-1117: Alignment of Child Development Programs. This bill has the potential to strengthen Colorado's early childhood system by moving programs serving young children from multiple state agencies into the Colorado Department of Human Services and bringing program staff together into a single team working on behalf of young children. The bill also extends the tenure of the Early Childhood Leadership Commission, which has been an important body for developing and strengthening systems that support families and children. HB13-1117 moves Colorado toward our goal of ensuring that all children are valued, healthy, and thriving – whether they are at home or in a child care setting. We urge you to support this bill as well.

The Early Childhood Summit is a coalition of statewide leaders in child development and early learning. We collaborate to improve early childhood services and systems by identifying issues, providing information and advocating state policy. The Early Childhood Summit always represents and advocates for policies that are in the best interest of Colorado's young children.

Thank you for your consideration and for the work you do to help Colorado's youngest children and their families be successful. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. I can be contacted at htritten@qualistar.org or by phone at 303-339-6806.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heather Tritten", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Heather Tritten
Chair