

Colorado Office of Early Childhood



The Division of Community and Family Support, located within Colorado's Office of Early Childhood, focuses on building resilience in children, creating safe and nurturing environments for families, and ensuring school readiness. The program uses a two-generation approach, combining caregiver and child interventions. Mary, Director of the Division of Community and Family Support, works in early intervention, child maltreatment prevention, home visiting programs, and early childhood mental health. At the Institute, Mary set a goal of determining the viability of offering contractors professional development on healthy relationship education and gauging if there was enough interest.

The first step of her integration efforts involved helping others (leadership and staff) in the office become aware of healthy marriage and relationship education resources, encouraging them to use the Resource Center's materials when the need arose. Mary was able

to connect with a colleague who shared the information with Providing Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program sites. PSSF is a federally funded program that provides family support and preservation, and services to reunite families immediately following a child's removal from a home. One program site was able to reach Level 3 integration.
