



**Government Data Advisory Board  
Early Childhood Universal Application  
Subcommittee Report  
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## **Executive Summary**

The Early Childhood Universal Application Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) was created through Colorado House Bill 10-1028 as a subcommittee of the Government Data Advisory Board (“GDAB”). Its primary mission is to recommend to State Chief Information Officer (“State CIO”) and the GDAB protocols and procedures for creating and implementing a universal application to be used by all state agencies and school districts for applications for programs related to early childhood care and education, including but not limited to:

- Medicaid
- Children’s Basic Health Plan
- Head Start Program
- Colorado Preschool Program
- Free or Reduced-cost Lunch program
- Colorado Child Care Assistance program
- Child and Adult Care Food program
- Colorado Works program
- Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children
- Food Stamp program
- Early childhood council programs
- Low-income energy assistance program
- Affordable housing programs

In addition, upon request by the State CIO, to advise the State CIO on other issues pertaining to applications for programs related to early childhood care and education.

### **Vision**

All families will easily and efficiently access and receive the benefits and services for which they are eligible.

### **Status**

The Subcommittee continued its research and evaluation throughout 2011. Several demonstrations of existing products used both in Colorado and in other states provided us with valuable information about available technology. The Subcommittee gathered information about the status of similar projects in other states, including challenges and benefits, and continues to utilize the research provided by a policy analyst.

Based on this research and evaluation, the Subcommittee is currently drafting recommendations for a universal application process and will be presenting these recommendations to GDAB and OIT early in 2012.