



MAY NEWS & NOTES

Greetings!

May is a time when we celebrate so many of the people critical to Invest in Kids' mission. Celebrating both National Nurses Day and Teacher Appreciation Week at the beginning of the month, along with Mother's Day, it has been a time for us to reflect and celebrate so many.

Over the last few months, we've had exciting milestones to celebrate, including a white paper published in the Active Implementation Research Network and the great success recruiting professionals to deliver Child First. We've also hired three new IIK team members and are very excited to introduce them to you over the next few months!



Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP)

Our amazing NFP staff members, including Program Director Michelle Neal and REACH Referral and Outreach Nurse Kimberly Hirst, volunteered at a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Littleton High School. Along with many other nurse volunteers, they administered 250 vaccines in 4 hours.

We are so grateful for Michelle, Kimberly, and all other NFP staff who continue to serve the Colorado community, in addition to the work they do to support mothers and babies every day.

The Incredible Years® (IY)

The Incredible Years team hosted a Trunk or Treat (also called a Cajuelazo) to celebrate the Day of the Children (Día del Niño) and the accomplishments of the parents from our Spanish-speaking parent group.

With the help of Boulder Housing Partners, we were able to give books and crafts to all parents. We also

brought in pastries and coffee for the parents and brought the moms a little goodie bag for Mother's Day.

After months of virtual communication and trainings, we enjoyed seeing everyone in person and spending time with the moms outside.



Implementation Frameworks

At Invest in Kids (IIK), we are dedicated to continuous learning and improving our implementation practice work.

Thanks in large part to the expertise of our Director of Implementation, Dr. Amanda Fixsen, IIK uses the Active Implementation Frameworks (AIF) as the basis for our work and as guideposts for how we support our programs in Colorado. Over this past year of shifts and changes, this framework has been critical to guiding our continued work.

Dr. Fixsen, alongside colleagues, recently completed a white paper that looks at the overlap of components of the AIF with 23 other implementation frameworks to try to understand how the field of implementation science may begin to find more commonality across different frameworks.

Click [here](#) to read the white paper published in the Active Implementation Research Network. We are so proud of our team, and for the contributions Invest in Kids' staff continues to make in the larger field.



Child First® (CF)

We're beyond excited to announce that replication of Child First in Colorado kicked off with the Clinical Supervisor's Training!

We have four implementing agencies, three in the metro Denver area and one in the San Luis Valley. IIK is working with our partners to hire and train 32 professionals - including Licensed Mental Health Clinicians and Family Support Partners - to provide services in 13 counties.

This will be a tremendous source of support for families in these communities, and we are eager to continue hiring, training, and preparing to serve families.

Jane-A-Thon Recap

Thank you again to everyone who made this year's Jane-A-Thon a huge success. We surpassed our fundraising goal of \$210K and were able to raise a total of \$263,000 for IIK's proven programs!!!

Thanks to YOUR support, we raised an additional \$53,000 to support parent programs, teacher training, and to support children's social emotional skills through Dinosaur School. AMAZING!!!!



Click [here](#) to watch the official recap video of the Jane-A-Thon!

Summer Series

Are you feeling ready to reconnect in-person? IIK is hosting several small gatherings this summer to update the community on our work, eat fabulous food, and spend time reconnecting with one another. Our "Summer Series" will offer events at different price points and locations across the city as Denver reopens. Join us as we reconnect to invest in our critical work.

Attimo Winery

June 17th - 5:30-7:30pm

\$50 per person.

Includes heavy appetizers and drinks

To register, click [here](#).

Barolo Grill

July 15th - 6pm

\$500 per person.

Includes 3-course menu and drink pairings.

*Limited Seating

To register, click [here](#).

Ash'Kara Denver

July 29th - 6pm

\$250 per person.

Includes 3-course menu and drink pairings.

*Limited Seating

To register, click [here](#).

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A SUMMER DINNER SERIES
HOSTED BY
INVEST IN KIDS

JOIN LISA HILL FOR AN UPDATE ON IIK AND DELICIOUS DENVER CUISINE!

JUNE 17TH
ATTIMO WINERY
HAPPY HOUR STYLE

JULY 15TH
BAROLO GRILL
FINE DINING

JULY 29TH
ASH'KARA
FUN & CASUAL

WILL YOU #RECONNECT WITH US?
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT IIK.ORG

3 DINNERS.
3 RESTAURANTS.
LIMITED SEATING.
UNLIMITED CHEER.

The graphic features a teal background with white and pink text. It lists three dinner events: Attimo Winery on June 17th, Barolo Grill on July 15th, and Ash'Kara on July 29th. A call to action asks if the viewer will reconnect and where tickets are available. A large orange box at the bottom right contains the text '3 DINNERS. 3 RESTAURANTS. LIMITED SEATING. UNLIMITED CHEER.'