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## The Teen Parent Collaborative's

vision is to ensure that teen parents and their children flourish. Our Mission is to build capacity and connection for our members and advocate for teen parents and their children.

### JOIN US: Upcoming December TPC Member Meeting

Please join us for the next member meeting on **December 5th from 2:00 – 4:30 at Hope House Colorado**. The meeting will include introductions to TPC partner organizations and their work, a new connection with the Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County and the great work they are doing for teen parents in their community, a preview discussion about advocacy for 2020, and a tour of the new Hope House Resource Center! If you can't join us in person, please join the discussion by Zoom (Zoom login: <https://zoom.us/j/3971394993>; Dial in by location: 1 669 900 6833; Meeting ID: 397 139 4993). Feel free to **email us** with questions!

***We want everyone to participate if you are able. Scholarship funds are available, and can be used for both travel expenses and to pay for a substitute if you need coverage from work. Please email us if you are interested. --Don't miss these exciting opportunities to***

***network with your colleagues and get valuable professional development!***

## **TPC Fall Meeting Recap**

The TPC conducted its Summer/Fall member meeting at the Mt. Carmel Veteran's Service Center on September 12th, in Colorado Springs. Providers and advocates from Northern and Southern Colorado came together to share best practices and talk about local priorities, program needs, and partnership opportunities. A presentation was provided on the CCAP pilot program that seeks to establish dedicated CCAP slots for teen parents. The pilot just completed this summer and focused on Denver, Arapahoe and Gunnison counties. Information on next steps and strategies for expansion into other counties was provided. A copy of the presentation slides can be accessed **here**. The TPC will continue to monitor this program as the results are disseminated and expansion is considered.

## **TPC LEADERSHIP TEAM HAPPENINGS**

The Leadership Team met on November 12th for their annual retreat to discuss TPC issues and set priorities for 2020.

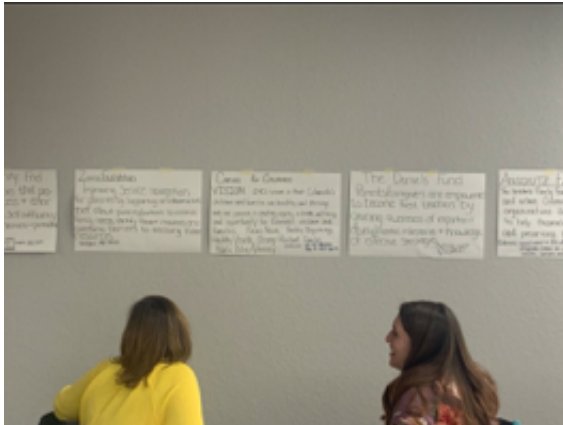
Top priorities that will be a key focus of our work in 2020 and guide our fundraising efforts include increasing access to support services by identifying the priority service designations and other legal rights of teen parents, and building capacity of the teen parent provider workforce through expanded professional development opportunities. In addition, the TPC remains committed to expanding our network and developing partnerships with teen parent service providers throughout Colorado. Ongoing outreach and relationship-building efforts will continue to be an important part of our work in 2020.

To that end, opportunities to engage in Leadership Team activities and to participate in scholarships are available and ongoing. Please reach out if you are interested in serving on the Leadership Team, or if you would like to access scholarship funds!

Finally, the Leadership Team also updated the TPC vision and mission statements as follows:

***Vision: Teen parents and their children flourish.***

*Mission: To build capacity and connection for our members and advocate for teen parents and their children.*



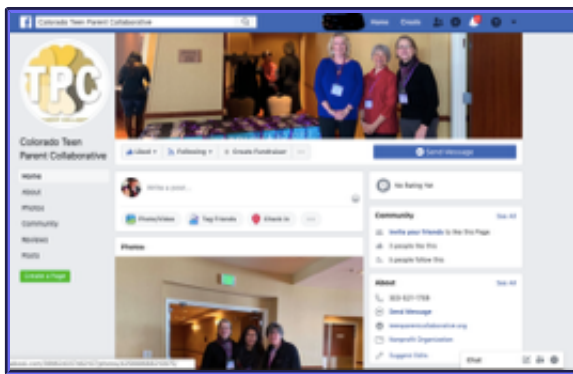
*Leadership Team members, Elly Conant (YounLives) and Katy Waskey (JCAPP), analyze funding targets as the Leadership Team brainstorms sustainability and 2020 priorities.*



*Leadership Team strategic planning and brainstorming in action.*



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## SAVE THE DATE! TPC 2nd Annual Conference & Call for Speakers

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual TPC Conference will be held on Saturday February 29, 2020 at the Courtyard Marriott at 1475 S. Colorado Boulevard in Denver! Stay tuned for more information.

The TCP is looking for topics of interest and people who might like to speak at this year's conference. Some topics we would like to explore at this year's conference include:

- - Inclusion (culturally competency, micro-aggression, implicit bias)
  - Teen Parent Myth Busting
  - Trauma-informed care (with equity focus)
  - Advocacy and legal rights
  - Mental health
  - Teen fathers
  - Co-parenting strategies

We would also like to provide participants a space to provide information about their programs, and any posters or research of interest. **Please contact us** if you are interested in speaking, you have a topic you would like to see us tackle, or if you want to reserve a information table for your organization or program.

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### **Member Highlight:**

In the fall of 2019, the TPC became aware of an ongoing effort by the Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County (ECPAC) to work collaboratively to determine how to best support teen parents in getting connected to available services and supports towards strong families and healthy child development.

ECPAC is one of 34 Early Childhood Councils across Colorado working to increase the quality, capacity, availability and accessibility of early childhood services and supports.

Using a 2-generation approach to accomplish their work, ECPAC saw a specific need for teen parents in Adams County and an opportunity to apply the 2-gen approach to support teen parents and their children.

### **Member Survey: We want to hear from you**

The TPC would like to begin compiling information about how the collaborative can support the work of its network throughout the year, through public awareness, resource sharing, public policy, and systems building efforts. Please take 5 minutes **to fill out this short survey** and help us help you!

### **2019 TPC Conference Resources:**

Looking to find out what you missed at the first annual Colorado Teen Parent Collaborative Conference?

The presentations and resources for the conference can be accessed by TPC members **at this link.**

ECPAC will be presenting at the TPC December 5th Member meeting, highlighting this important focus. Additionally, the TPC and ECPAC will continue to support each other's efforts and find ways to collaborate as our work intersects and aligns. For more information on their great accomplishments in Adams County, you can visit their website at [www.ecpac.org](http://www.ecpac.org).

## Scholarships Available:

The TPC has a scholarship fund to provide transportation reimbursement, and/or substitute reimbursement for any of more members to attend our meetings.

We understand fully that participation is best in person and we would like to support you in attending our meetings. If you would like to access the funds, please email us at [teenparentcollaborative.org](mailto:teenparentcollaborative.org) for help!



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