

Men in Early Childhood-Colorado (MEC)

Support

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Education

November 2012

On October 23rd, 2012, MEC held their first music event in collaboration with Clayton Early Learning. In attendance were Clayton Head Start students along with their fathers.

With a total of 13 participants, children and fathers experienced three different stations. In Station 1 event goers constructed instruments using a variety of materials, Station 2 participants explored a variety of musical instruments, and in Station 3 participants were able to dance to different musical selections. A concert performed by members of Men in Early Childhood-Colorado ended the event. Fathers and their Clayton students all enjoyed MEC's first music event. Check out a couple of the pictures from the event below! Additional pictures are available on our website.



Is this an event your Early Learning Center would enjoy putting on for your school community? Please contact Men in Early Childhood-Colorado at meccolorado@gmail.com. We would be happy to discuss potential opportunities for MEC to assist in important events with children and the male role models in their lives.

Special Thanks

MEC wants to give special thanks to our donors, who graciously helped by providing materials and necessary items for our music event, locations that allowed collection of materials, and volunteers that assisted the music event.

Donors: Denver Great Kids Head Start, Clayton Early Learning, Duane and Jean Gall, Florence and Alan Doksansky, Carole Duncan and Howard Roitman, Katherine and Ved Nanda, Cheryl Busch, and Charlotte Brantley

Locations that allowed collection of materials: University Park Methodist Church and Epiphany Lutheran Church.

Volunteers: Sarah Gall, Brita Gall, Shant'a Johnson, Jasmine Martin, Kelsey Peterson-Hardie, Teresa Beers, Maria Labra, Candice Leary

Conference Presentations

Look for representatives from MEC presenting at local, regional, and national conferences in the near future. Here are locations and presentation titles scheduled:

- 2012 NAEYC Conference, Atlanta, GA, 11/8/2012: Practical suggestions and strategies for attracting more male educators
- Region VIII Head Start Association Regional Conference, Denver, CO, 11/29/2012: Practical and Logical Strategies to support men in Early Childhood
- 29th Annual Head Start Parent Conference and Family Engagement Institute, Dallas, TX, 12/4/2012: How Male ECE professionals can Help the Fatherhood Initiative

Future Happenings/ Activities with MEC

Community Awareness:

MEC is currently working on an informational poster Early Learning Centers can post to provide employees, parents, and other community members to understand the benefits of having males work in the ECE field.

Social Events:

Denver Nuggets vs. Memphis Grizzlies - December 14, 2012, 8:30 pm

Check our website (www.mec-colorado.org) for more details!

Professional Development:

In MEC's next meeting, we will be discussing hosting a Spring 2013 seminar/workshop related to men in ECE.

Men in Early Childhood-Colorado

The mission of Men in Early Childhood-Colorado is to acknowledge the importance and achievements of male educators in the field of Early Childhood by providing support, advocacy, and educational opportunities. Our focus will be on creating a support network that strengthens the community of men serving young children in Colorado.

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