



# Board Agenda Background

**Date:** 2/17/2026  
**To:** Board of County Commissioners  
**Through:** County Manager's Office  
**From:** Colton Rohloff, County Manager  
**Subject:** Work Session: Gateway Partnership for Early Childhood Member Memorandum of Understanding

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## **BACKGROUND**

Clear Creek County and Gilpin County maintain a longstanding intergovernmental partnership across Gateway Partnership for Early Childhood (GPEC), a program of Jefferson County Public Health, serves as the designated Early Childhood Council (ECC) for Jefferson, Gilpin, and Clear Creek counties. The ECC is responsible for coordinating and aligning early childhood services across the region in accordance with Colorado state law.

Clear Creek County has been invited to participate as a Member Organization of GPEC through execution of a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The draft MOU outlines the County's participation on the GPEC Board of Directors, including the designation of a representative, expectations for meeting attendance and engagement, and shared accountability for improving outcomes for children and families.

The MOU establishes GPEC's role in managing ECC operations, administration, reporting, and compliance, with Jefferson County Public Health serving as the fiscal agent. The agreement is effective for one year upon signature and may be terminated by either party with thirty days' written notice.

Given the regional governance structure and the expectations associated with Board participation, staff is requesting a work session to review the proposed MOU, discuss representation and alignment with County priorities, and receive Board direction prior to bringing forward any formal action.

## **ATTACHMENT:**

1. MOU Gateway Partnership