



**Teton Valley  
Collaborative  
for Early Learning**



## **Established in 2022,**

the Teton Valley Collaborative for Early Learning believes that every family in Teton Valley should have equitable access to affordable, quality early care and learning opportunities.

Teton County is identified as a childcare desert, meaning more families need care than what is available. In April, 2022, the owner of the only licensed child care facility in Teton Valley learned the center would be losing its lease. Without other affordable rental options for this facility, she worried our community would lose the last existing facility to provide care for the youngest residents of our county. This crisis motivated local leaders, nonprofit organizations, government officials, and the school district to establish the Collaborative for Early Learning.

## **Our Mission**

**The Teton Valley Collaborative for Early Learning seeks to support the development and expansion of early care and learning opportunities for families and children of Teton Valley that prepares children for a successful start in school and life.**

## A few of the Teton Valley Collaborative for Early Learning Partners

- Above and Beyond the Classroom in Teton Valley
- Building Blocks Early Learning Center LLC
- City of Driggs
- Community Foundation of Teton Valley
- Education Foundation of Teton Valley
- IDAEYC, The Spark Foundation
- Teton County, Teton School District #401
- Teton Regional Economic Coalition
- University of Idaho Extension
- Teton County

### Guided by our Strategic Action Plan,

well-coordinated and supported system of high-quality early care and learning opportunities for the children and families of Teton Valley. The Collaborative is particularly focused on reducing the stressors placed on families and local businesses due to the lack of affordable high-quality care.

We believe that when our families and children thrive, our businesses and community thrive.



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