Colorado’s vibrant welcoming community embraces immigrants and refugees as they build their lives anew in this country and create brighter futures for their children in our beautiful state.

Launched in 2020 and based in Denver, Spring Institute’s innovative HIPPY home visiting program is an emerging model for other regions and states. Our home visitors engage newcomer families in English and the diverse native languages of staff and participants, including Amharic, Burmese, Dari, Oromo, Pashto, Somali, & Swahili.

Parents are reading with their children daily, averaging 6+ days/week.

All participant families reported gaining confidence that Spring Institute HIPPY is preparing their kids for school.

All participant families reported gaining confidence knowing where to find resources to support them as a parent.

UPLIFTING COLORADO’S DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNERS

More than one in every five children (21%) under 6 in Colorado has at least one immigrant parent.

Over a quarter of Colorado children (27%) 0-5 are part of dual language learner families where at least one parent speaks a non-English language at home.

Half (130,000) of the children in Colorado’s immigrant families have parents who have difficulty speaking English.

Sources: Migration Policy Institute & Nat’l KIDS COUNT