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Weekly film series screened at Rawlings Library

Pueblo, Colo.—Early childhood literacy is one of many important issues contributing to success of children, especially those of Pueblo. Pueblo City-County Library District in partnership with Rocky Mountain PBS and EPIC (Executives Partnering to Invest in Children) will host a month-long PBS series titled, *The Raising of America*. The series will play each Monday in May at noon (brown bag lunch) and again at 6:30 p.m. in the InfoZone on the 4th floor of Rawlings Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave.

The Raising of America is a five-part series about important issues in early childhood and the challenges facing young families in America today. The schedule is as follows:

May 2: *Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation*

May 9: *Once Upon a Time* and *Are We Crazy About Our Kids* (two films shown)

May 16: *Wounded Places* and *DNA is Not Destiny* (two films shown)

On Friday, May 20 at 9 a.m. in the InfoZone, the series will end with a community action discussion and updates on early childhood education efforts by EPIC.

The series explores questions such as: Why are so many children in America faring so poorly? What are the consequences for the nation's future? How might we, as a nation, do better? and investigates the questions through different lenses: What does science tell us about the enduring importance of early life experiences on the brain and body? What it is like to be a parent today? What policies and structures help or hinder the raising of healthy, happy and compassionate children?

In collaboration with the member organizations of Early Childhood Colorado Partnership, Rocky Mountain PBS has held screenings of the signature episode and other segments in the series around Colorado and online. During these conversations, organizers have raised questions about how these issues are playing out in our own communities. What assets and challenges exist in ensuring that outcomes for Colorado's youngest residents are as strong as we can make them?

For more information about this groundbreaking documentary series and work in Colorado to organize around the issues it addresses, please call Maria Tucker at 553-0205 or visit rmpbs.org/earlylearning as well as raisingofamerica.org.

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