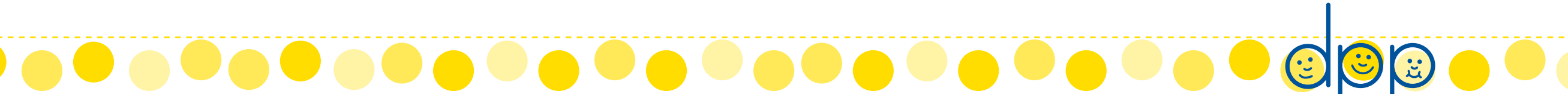


THE

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REPORT 2010



DENVER
PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

10x

IN JUST FOUR SHORT YEARS,
we've increased the number of DPP kids enrolled in preschools ten-fold.

That's a grand total of
5,935
children enrolled in 2010.

15,000

children enrolled since 2007 and counting!

The Denver Preschool Program (DPP) is the result of a voter-approved ballot initiative passed in November, 2006 that sets aside a percentage of city sales tax revenue to increase the availability of high-quality preschool for Denver families. DPP provides preschool tuition credits for families and quality improvement grants for preschool providers. DPP is open and voluntary for all Denver children in the year of preschool before kindergarten and includes all licensed preschool providers that agree to participate in DPP's quality improvement system.

Since January 2007, Denver has been collecting a .12 percent sales tax, which generates approximately \$10 million per year in revenue for DPP. As a publicly funded entity, DPP is responsible for reporting back to Denver's City Council each year on the number of children participating in the program, the quality of the preschool providers and the financial health of the program.

Additionally, to maintain its accountability to the community, DPP conducts a yearly program evaluation to monitor the development of children who enroll in DPP as well as examine the program's impact on providers and families. Annual evaluation data thus far have confirmed that DPP is positively impacting both students and the overall quality of early childhood education in Denver. Evaluation data consistently show that children enrolled in DPP generally make significant progress in socio-emotional development and are more prepared

for kindergarten – better positioning them for success throughout their lives.

The 2010 evaluation report highlighted the fact that nearly 90 percent of DPP providers improved their programs due to their involvement with DPP. Of that 90 percent, more than one-third considered their programs to be improved to “a great extent.”

In the short time since it was established, DPP has disbursed more than \$25 million in tuition credits to Denver families, helping more than 15,000 children attend high-quality preschool. Those children have been served by DPP's citywide network of public, private, community and home-based preschool providers, totaling more than 550 classrooms at more than 250 sites across Denver.



GREETINGS DPP PARENTS AND FRIENDS,
Last year was a landmark year for the Denver Preschool Program (DPP). **DPP enrolled its 15,000th child in 2010** – a major milestone that speaks volumes about the growth of, and need for, this program. In only four years, we have made incredible strides towards connecting all of Denver's youngest students with high-quality early childhood education.

As parents and other supporters see the value in quality preschool for all of Denver's children, DPP enrollment numbers continue to grow and providers continue to make lasting improvements to their programs thanks to DPP support. All of this advances quality education across the city. Education is essential not only to creating healthy and productive lives, but a healthy economy and vibrant community as well. Studies continue to show that adults who received a quality preschool experience as children:

- are more likely to continue their education beyond high school;
- tend to have higher incomes; and
- are less likely to be involved in the criminal justice system than those with similar backgrounds who did not attend quality preschool.

With that in mind, we are confident that DPP will positively impact Denver's economic landscape for years and even decades to come. Quality preschool is a wise investment – for children, families and communities as a whole. By supporting DPP, you are helping to shape the future of our city.

With the steadfast support of parents, providers, elected officials, board members, advisors, voters and community leaders, DPP is now the third-highest enrolled preschool program in the country. We are collaborating more than ever and are gearing up to co-host the first-ever Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference in April, 2011. With the support of three other early childhood professional organizations and the foundation community, we are creating an exceptional learning opportunity for DPP providers and early childhood professionals across the state. Not only are we establishing a national model for quality preschool programs; we are making history.

The exciting developments of 2010 and your continued support have made this program a solid and growing success story. We hope that you will continue to join us in 2011 as we endeavor to improve the quality of life for Denver's children and their families.

Yours in service,



John Plotkin
DPP BOARD CHAIR



Eileen Piper
DPP ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

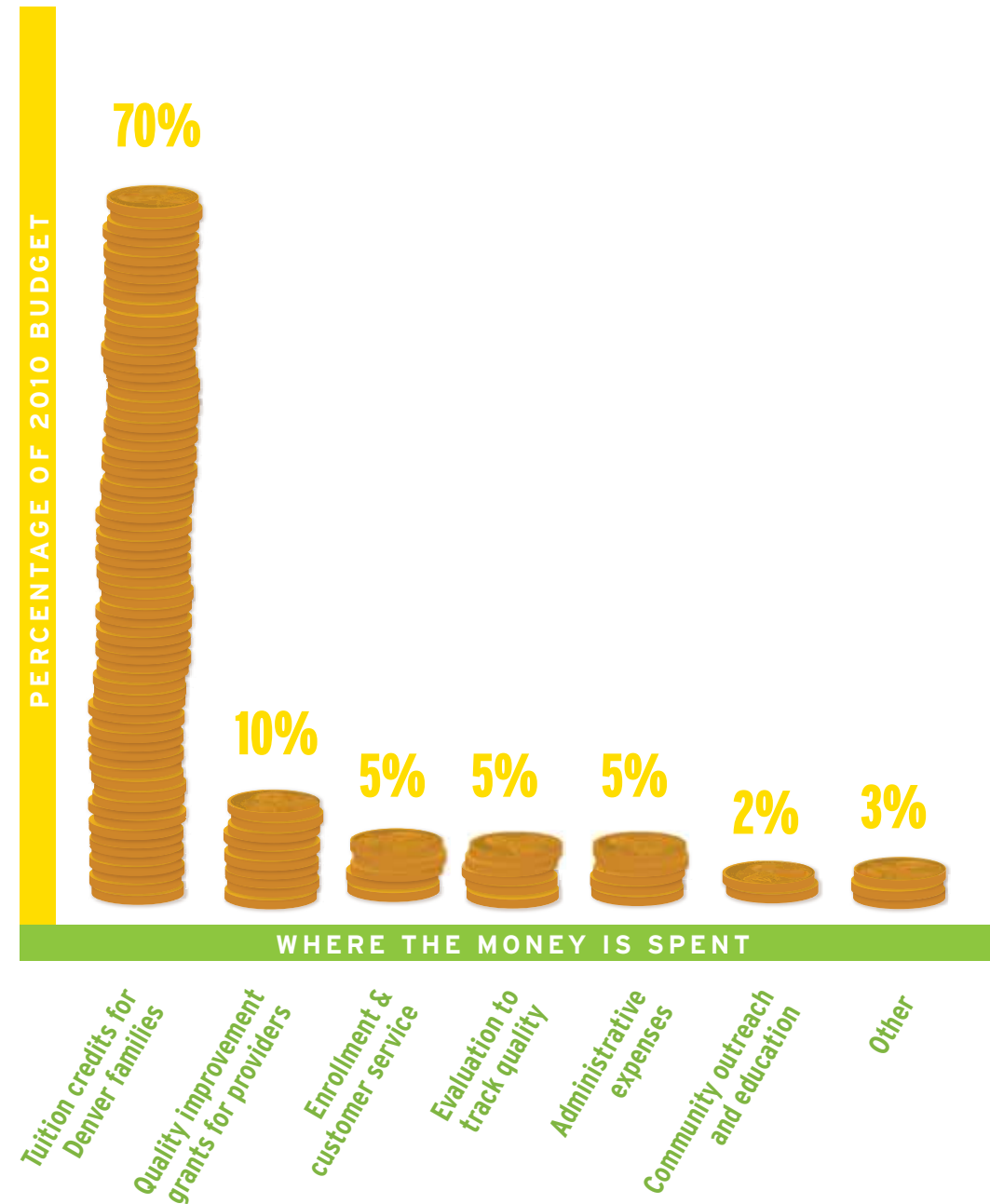
Your money at work.

The Denver Preschool Program faced many challenges in 2010. While economists say the recession is over, they also say the recovery will be slow - including here in Colorado. DPP is not immune from these larger economic realities; however, we have made the tough choices necessary to ensure the continued financial strength of the program.

DPP's board and staff focused their energy on continuing to implement a transparent, sustainable financial model in 2010. By collaborating with our partners, providers and Board of Advisors, DPP is moving toward a more predictable financial model. Although many of the financial decisions confronted by the DPP community involved difficult choices, our knowledge of Denver's preschool demographics and key program metrics ensure that DPP will be able to provide stable funding for tuition credits to families and quality improvement grants to DPP providers, despite any future fluctuations in the economy.

DPP will continue to build financial strength going forward, without sacrificing the quality that is so important to all DPP families, providers and partners.

DPP is dedicated to providing quality education to Denver's children. That is why 80% of DPP's budget is allocated to tuition credits for Denver families and quality improvements grants to preschool providers. DPP's number one investment is in the children.



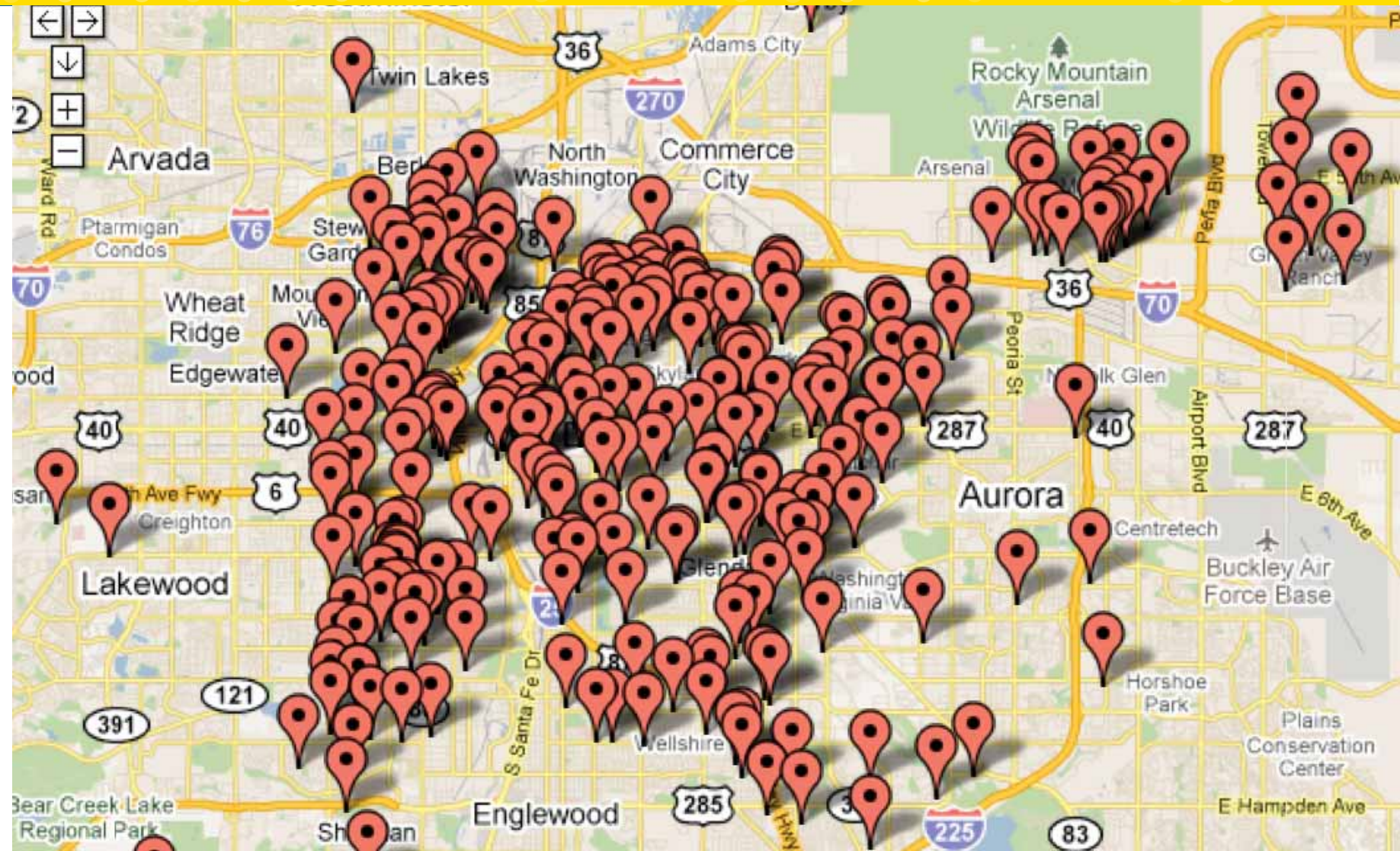
TRACKING OUR PROGRESS:

162
PROVIDERS

As DPP continues to build partnerships across the community, the program's biggest allies remain its providers.

DPP enrolled its 150th provider into the program during the 2009-2010 program year. Since then DPP has continued to grow. There are currently 162 providers, operating at 269 sites with 583 quality DPP classrooms. According to Qualistar Colorado, almost 79 percent of preschool providers that are eligible to enroll in the DPP have done so.

"Providers have always known the value of quality early childhood education," says Quality Improvement Resource Coordinator Nicole Riehl of Qualistar Colorado. "But they also see the value that DPP brings to their programs in terms of professional development, grants for infrastructure, capital improvements and other accreditation benefits. They're not only staying with the program, they're able to contribute directly to the long-term advancement of this city."

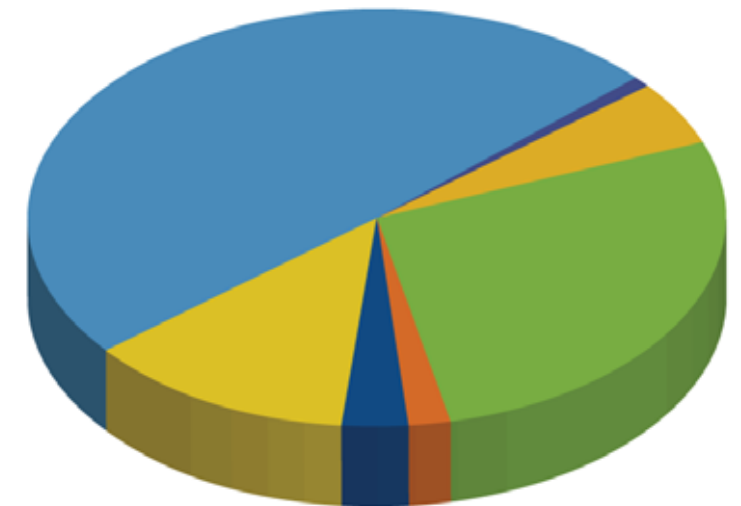


DPP is dedicated to serving all children in Denver.

These students come from every race, zip code, income level and family size represented in the broader Denver community.



REPORTED RACE/ETHNICITY OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN DPP 2009-2010



CHILD'S ETHNICITY

ASIAN	3.1	MULTI-RACIAL	5.1	OTHER/MISSING/ NOT PROVIDED	1.8
BLACK	12.5	NATIVE AMERICAN	0.8		
HISPANIC	49.3	WHITE	27.4		

Preschool One Book, One Denver

IN 2010, DPP COLLABORATED WITH THE DENVER OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS (DOCA), KAPLAN EARLY LEARNING COMPANY AND THE PITON FOUNDATION TO PRESENT THE SECOND ANNUAL PRESCHOOL ONE BOOK, ONE DENVER. THIS CITYWIDE BOOK CLUB, MODELED AFTER THE ADULT PROGRAM, REINFORCES THE IMPORTANCE OF LITERACY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION WHILE ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO READ WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

Preschool providers played an integral role in selecting the featured book, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. Each DPP site received a copy of the book, which was made possible in part by the generous support of Kaplan Early Learning Company and the Piton Foundation. The Denver Museum of Nature and Science hosted the first reading with then-Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, who read the book to several DPP classes. The project spanned two weeks, with readings throughout the city including stops at the Denver Botanic Gardens, the Tattered Cover bookstore, Hadley Library and the Children's Museum of Denver. The children's classic also was read at three preschool provider locations (Early Success Academy, Denver Child Care Center and Bright Horizons Montessori at the Marina), with bilingual readings offered at sites with large numbers of Spanish-speaking children.

For the closing event, DPP provided a theatrical twist, which included University of Denver students from the Rocky Mountain Conservatory Theater. The actors engaged young

preschoolers in the audience to help bring the book to life with a dramatic interpretation during readings.

In addition to the theatrical partners, celebrity readers from the local media, sports industry and Denver's multicultural community read the book at eight locations throughout the city. Some of the special guest readers included:

EDUARDO ARNAL, Mexican Consulate of Denver
LUIS CANELA, Univision
FERNANDO SERGIO FERRUFINO, KBNO Radio
BAZI KANANI, 9NEWS
JAYSON LUBER, Denver's 7
THERESA MARCHETTA, Denver's 7
GLORIA NEAL, CBS4
REGGIE RIVERS, Author and Former Denver Bronco
TARHONDA THOMAS, 9NEWS
ANNE TRUJILLO, Denver's 7
JENNIFER ZEPPELIN, CBS4





Provider Recognition Breakfast 2010



Left to Right: ABBY HUMPHREY, JAMES MEJIA, JOHN PLOTKIN, CHERYL CALDWELL
Abby Humphrey: former DPP Board of Advisors Chair
James Mejia: DPP CEO
John Plotkin: DPP Board of Directors Chair
Cheryl Caldwell: Denver Public Schools , DPP Provider

On April 14, 2010, DPP hosted the third annual Provider Recognition Breakfast at the Denver Athletic Club. DPP strives to support the tireless efforts of preschool providers and recognize the contributions they make to the program and the impact they have on the lives of children and families throughout Denver. It is through their commitment to high literacy standards, accountability, innovative teaching methods and qualified instructors that DPP continues to set the standard for quality preschool and early childhood education.

With more than 100 educators, stakeholders and other early childhood education advocates in attendance, DPP recognized the work of the more than 150 providers enrolled in the program as well as five preschools, in particular, for recently earning the highest quality rating from Qualistar.

Qualistar awards points to providers based on the learning environment witnessed in a visit, family participation in questionnaires about the program, level of professional development and work experience, adult-to-child ratios and accreditation by a nationally recognized early childhood organization. Four stars is the highest Qualistar rating.

DPP'S FOUR-STAR PROVIDERS INCLUDED:

GOLDRICK, which provides developmentally appropriate full-day and half-day preschool classes for four-year-old children in Denver.

MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S VILLAGE (MCV), a preschool for children, ages three to six year olds. MCV offers Spanish and sign language instruction during Montessori work time, employs field trips to local parks on a nearly daily basis, and places an emphasis on learning about and practicing environmentally green activities.

MOUNT SAINT VINCENT EARLY LEARNING CENTER, which houses a therapeutic and a traditional preschool as well as wrap-around services for children ages three to six.

PADDINGTON STATION, a preschool community where children, ages 16 months to five years old, experience the world through exploration and discovery.

STEELE COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL, which was founded in 1982 by a group of parents interested in developing a cooperative preschool program for children ages two through five.

On the Move

DPP KICKED OFF THE 2010 SCHOOL YEAR IN A NEW OFFICE SPACE LOCATED IN DENVER'S HISTORIC FIVE POINTS NEIGHBORHOOD. THE NEW OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 305 PARK AVENUE WEST IN DENVER HOUSING AUTHORITY'S (DHA) BENEDICT PARK PLACE BUILDING.

DPP and the Urban Land Conservancy (ULC) joined together as co-tenants in this office space as part of a new Denver Shared Space Project piloted by the Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships, ULC and Piton Foundation. This shared-space model is gaining momentum with non-profits because it helps create an efficient use of working space and shared resources.

According to Ismael Guerrero, DHA's Executive Director, "We are excited to have ULC and DPP as new neighbors at Benedict Park Place. Along with other new families moving in, they represent part of the transformation of this neighborhood into a healthy and vibrant community."



2010 Provider List

A

A Busy Child Preschool
 A Child's Treasure Inc.
 A Plus Kids
 ABC Childcare Center
 ABN Columbine Montessori School
 Academic Play Learning Center
 Active Learning Center
 Advantage Learning Center
 Agape Creative Day Care Center
 Anchor Center for Blind Children
 Archdiocese of Denver (AOD) Blessed Sacrament
 Archdiocese of Denver (AOD) Good Shepherd Catholic School
 Archdiocese of Denver (AOD) Guardian Angels
 Archdiocese of Denver (AOD) Most Precious Blood Early Learning Center
 Archdiocese of Denver (AOD) Notre Dame Early Learning Center
 Archdiocese of Denver (AOD) Our Lady of Lourdes Preschool

Archdiocese of Denver (AOD) Presentation of Our Lady
 Archdiocese of Denver (AOD) St Catherine of Siena Preschool
 Archdiocese of Denver (AOD) St Francis de Sales
 Archdiocese of Denver (AOD) St James Catholic School
 Archdiocese of Denver (AOD) St Pius X Pre-Kindergarten
 Archdiocese of Denver (AOD) St Rose of Lima
 Augustana Early Learning Center
 Auntie Ruth's Day Care
 Auraria Early Learning Center
 Bergamo Academy
 BMH-BJ Congregation Preschool
 Bright Horizons Montessori at Denver Place
 Bright Horizons Montessori at the Marina
 Bright Horizons Montessori on the Mall
 Bright Star Early Learning
 Bright Star Learning Palace I

Bright Stars Child Care and Preschool
 Cachitos Day Care Home
 Calvary Temple Child Enrichment Center
 Caterpillars to Butterflies Child Care
 Catholic Charities CDC
 Catholic Charities Garfield Head Start
 Catholic Charities Kentucky Head Start
 Catholic Charities Lenore' B Quick
 Catholic Charities Little Munchkins Head Start
 Catholic Charities Margery Reed
 Catholic Charities Mi Segunda Casa Head Start
 Catholic Charities South West Head Start
 CEC Early Learning Academy
 Cherry Grove Preschool
 Children Are The Future
 Children's Learning Center, Inc.

C

Children's Chalet Daycare
 Children's Corner Learning Center
 Children's Haven
 Children's Outreach Project
 Christ Lutheran Early Childhood Center
 Clayton Educare
 Colonnade Children's Center
 Colorado International School
 Congregation Rodef Shalom
 CP of Colorado/Creative Options
 Crayon Academy
 Creative Beginnings Preschool and School-Age
 Crestmoor Learning Center
 Custom House Children's Center
 Daddy Mom Daycare
 Day One Daycare Learning Center
 Debra Williams
 Denver Academy of Torah
 Denver Child Care Center

Denver Cooperative Preschool
 Denver Montclair International School
 Dos Pasitos
 Dottie's Daycare & Preschool Christian Center
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Amesse
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Archuleta
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Ashley
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Barnum
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Barrett
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Barrett at Clayton
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Beach Court
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Bradley
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Brown
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Bryant-Webster
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Carson
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Denver Public Schools (DPS) Centennial
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Cheltenham
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Cole
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 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Cowell
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Denison
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Denver Green School
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Doull
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Eagleton
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Edison
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Ellis
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Fairmont
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Fairview

Denver Public Schools (DPS) Force
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Ford
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Garden Place
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Gilpin
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Godsman
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Goldrick
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Grant Ranch
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Green Valley
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Greenlee
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Greenlee Extended Day
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Greenwood
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Gust
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Harrington
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Holm
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Howell
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Johnson

Denver Public Schools (DPS) Kaiser
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Knapp
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Knight Fundamental Academy - CEE
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Knight Fundamental Academy at Hallett
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Lincoln
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Lowry
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Marrama
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Maxwell
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) McGlone
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) McKinley-Thatcher
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) McMeen
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Montclair School of Academics & Enrichment
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Moore
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Munroe
 Denver Public Schools (DPS) Newlon

2010 Provider List

D CONTINUED

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Oakland

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Palmer

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Park Hill

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Place

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Roberts

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Sabin

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Samuels

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Sandoval

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Schenck

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Schmitt

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Smith

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Southmoor

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Steck

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Stedman

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Steele

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Swansea

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Teller

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Traylor

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Trevista at Horace Mann

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
University

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Valdez

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Valverde

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Waller

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Westerly Creek

Denver Public Schools (DPS)
Whittier

Dreamers Day Camp

E

E & R Cannon Child Care Center

Early Excellence at Wyatt

Early Success Academy

El Mundo Feliz

Emmanuel Methodist Preschool

Escuela Tlatelolco Circulo
Montessori

F

Family Flex Early Education
Center

Family Star Montessori and
Early Head Start Northeast

Family Star Montessori and
Early Head Start Northwest

Fisher Early Learning Center

Future Leaders Childcare
Center

G

Gladys Campbell

Great Heights Child Care

Growing Butterflies & Beyond
Childcare

H

Happy Ladybug, LLC

Hebrew Educational Alliance
(HEA) Preschool

Home Away From Home

Hope Center, Inc.

I

Inner City School

Inspire Preschool

K

Kiddie Kollege, Inc.

Kidz Ink II

KinderCare Learning Center

King Baptist Child Development
Center

Kingdom Learning Academy

Knowledge Beginnings

L

La Petite Academy Inc

Larks Preschool

Lil' People Learning Center

Little Angel's Child Care

Little Angels Daycare

Little Friends Learning Center

Little Giants Learning Center

Little Saints Daycare and
Learning Center

Los Angelitos de Ana

M

Martin School of Early
Education

Mile High Montessori Edna
Oliver Early Learning Center

Mile High Montessori Lowry
Montessori

Mile High Montessori North
East Child Care Center

Mile High Montessori Rude Park
Early Learning Center

Mile High Montessori Sun Valley
Early Learning Center

Mile High Montessori Westwood
Early Learning Center

Mi Escuelita

Monarch Montessori

Montessori Academy of
Colorado

Montessori Children's House

Montessori Children's Village

Montessori School of
Washington Park

Montview Preschool

Morning Star

Mount Saint Vincent

Mountain View Child Care
Center

MSCD Early Family Literacy @
Munroe

N

Nana's Playland

Nellie's Daycare Home

Nyece's Childcare

P

Paddington Station

Park Hill Adventure

Park Hill United Methodist
Church Children's Center

Parzival Shield Waldorf
Preschool/Kindergarten

Pioneer Charter School

Play and Learn

Primrose School of Stapleton

R

Rainbow Child Day Care

Raquel's Rascals

Real Kids, Inc.

Renaissance Children's Center

Robert E Loup Jewish
Community Center

Rocky Mountain SER Centro de
Ninos

Rocky Mountain SER Elaine
Jackson Head Start

Rocky Mountain SER Quigg
Newton Center

S

Schlessman YMCA Child Care
Center

Sewall at CEE

Sewall at Doull

Sewall CDC

Small World Child Care and
Preschool

Southwest YMCA Preschool

St Andrew Lutheran School/
Child Care

St James Preschool

St Johns Lutheran Church

Steele Cooperative Preschool

Stepping Stone Learning
Center

Sunshine Academy, LLC

T

Temple Emanuel Preschool and
Kindergarten

The Children's House of
Stapleton, LLC

The Children's College CCD

The Cottage / Cherry Creek
Early Childhood

The Dalton Gang

The Denver Athletic Club
Children's Center

The Golden Triangle Learning
Center

The Little Rascals

The Rise School

The Sunshine House @ CSU

Thomas/Lakewood Learning

Threats Childcare Center

Three Bears Learning Center

Tiny Town Academy

2010 Provider List



T CONTINUED

Treasureland Preschool
Trinity Lutheran Early
Childhood Learning Center

U

University Children's Center

V

Venture for Success
Volunteers of America Bright
Stars Head Start
Volunteers of America Rainbow
Head Start
Volunteers of America Rainbow
House Childcare

W

Warren Village
Washington Park UMC
Preschool
Washington Street Community
Center

Wee Villagers Child
Development Home Center
Westminster Learning Center
World of Children

Y

Young Enthusiastic Scholars
Yours & Our Little Love

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