



**Denver Public Schools - Early Education Department**  
**2018 Request For Proposal/Application for**  
**Colorado Preschool Program/ Early Childhood At-Risk Enhancement**  
**and Mill Levy Preschool Community Partner Funding**  
**Applications will be available on March 14, 2018**

The Denver Public Schools Early Education Department announces the availability of a Request for Proposal (RFP)/Application process for preschool slots located within community partner sites for the 2018-2019 school year. The tax-payer supported dollars attached to these slots will be utilized by licensed child care center providers in the city and county of Denver to deliver quality comprehensive early care and education services to children.

Funds will be approved on a per student basis for the 9-month school year with \$375 per month for a half day slot and \$750 for a full day slot.

Application schedule is as follows:

- Completed applications must be submitted online to the Early Education office by May 6, 2018 at 4:00 PM (unless a time extension has been requested and approved by the Director of the Early Education Department).
- Read and scored by a panel on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Programs may receive a visit from a DPS representative between May 17-20, 2018.
- The decisions/awards will be made at the end of May for the 2018-2019 recipients pending final approval by the Denver Early Childhood Council.

Available funding sources:

<b><u>Colorado Preschool Program (CPP)</u></b>	<b><u>Early Childhood At-Risk Enhancement (ECARE)</u></b>	<b><u>Mill Levy (ML)</u></b>
An early care and education program for at-risk preschool children funded by tax-payers through state legislated dollars. Children will qualify based on a list of risk factors available in the application. For additional information, go to: <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cpp/facts">http://www.cde.state.co.us/cpp/facts</a>	A portion of the CPP allocation that was added in the 2013-2014 through the Public School Finance Act and carries the same requirements as CPP. For additional information, go to: <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cpp/early-care">http://www.cde.state.co.us/cpp/early-care</a>	A Denver voter approved \$13 million mill levy. This program is intended for children in their final year of preschool (4-year-olds by October 1) and priority for these funds is for providers serving areas of the city showing the greatest need. For additional information, please go to: <a href="http://bond.dpsk12.org/bond-quick-facts/">http://bond.dpsk12.org/bond-quick-facts/</a>

Interested providers should contact Rosie Nicholls starting March 14<sup>th</sup> at 720-423-2679 with a request for an application or Jane Walsh at 720-423-2672 with any questions.