



Our Mission

In line with CSI's mission to foster high-quality public school choices with a focus on schools closing the opportunity gap, we continue to develop our early childhood initiatives to improve outcomes for our youngest students.

Establishing a Preschool

1. **Confirm authorization of a preschool** is included in your school's governing documents and in your contract with the Charter School Institute.
2. **Acquire a childcare license** through the Office of Early Childhood at the Colorado Department of Human Services. A directory provided by CDHS identifies whom to contact and the supporting agencies according to county, since supports and services are funneled through the local county where the preschool resides.
3. **Begin the rating process** with Colorado Shines, Colorado's Early Childhood Quality Rating & Improvement System.

Colorado Preschool Program (CPP)

CPP is a state-funded early childhood education program offering opportunities for young children who are at risk for starting elementary school unprepared.

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CSI schools participating in CPP

288

CPP slots allocated to eligible CSI schools

CPP Process

To participate in CPP, a school must follow these steps:

- Once a pre-school has been approved and has a childcare license and Colorado Shines rating, the school will should apply to the CPP program through the CSI District Advisory Council's Request for Proposal process.
- Once a school is approved by Council vote, it becomes a participating member of the District Advisory Council.
- The school will then receive CPP allocations the following year according to the Council's slot allocation formula.

CPP Eligibility

All sites serving children funded by CPP must:

- Be in compliance with the Rules and Regulations for Child Care Centers (26-6-106, CRS) as set forth by the Colorado Department of Human Services
- Have a class size limit of **16** children and adult-child ratios of **1:8**
- Follow Colorado Department of Education's Quality Standards for Early Childhood Care and Education Services (22-28-108) and the Colorado Early Learning and Developmental Guidelines.