



Mile High Early Learning Montessori Inspired

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Mile High Early Learning

- 50 Years Community Impact
- 1,500+ Children
- 6 Early Learning Centers
- 12 Head Start/Early Head Start Partners
- Family, Friend, and Neighborhood

Early Childhood Funding Streams

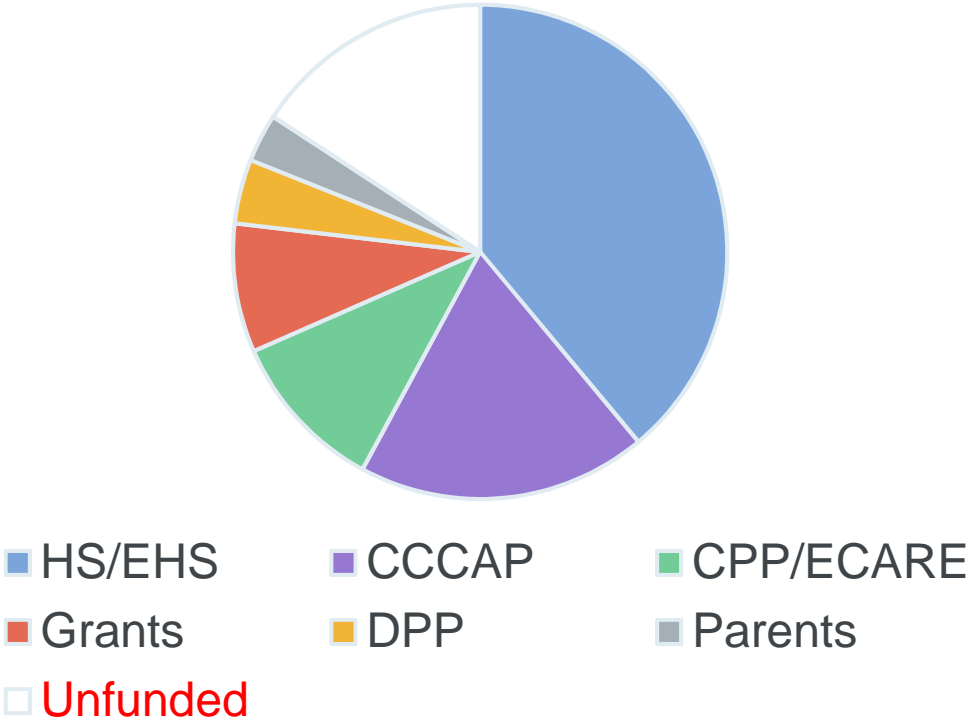
- Head Start and Early Head Start
 - Federal; City of Denver
- Child & Adult Food Care Program
 - Federal
- Colorado Child Care Assistance Program
 - County Human Services

Early Childhood Funding Streams

- Colorado Preschool Program/ECARE
 - School Districts
- Denver Preschool Program
- Parent Tuition Fees
- Fundraising—events, grants, individuals

Funding

Sources



Innovative Funding/Delivery

- Child Care Subsidy
 - Funding based on enrollment
 - Reimbursement based on actual cost
- Early Head Start/Child Care Partnerships
- Denver Preschool Program

Mixed Delivery System

- 64% of children under 6 years have all available parents working
- 62% of households—women are primary or co-breadwinners
- Child care in Colorado costs 1/3 income
 - Market rate; not true cost of quality

Mixed Delivery System Licensed Sites

Site	Hours	Months	Ages
School Based	6-7	9	3-4 years
Community Centers	10+	12	6 weeks-5 years
Family Child Care Homes	10+	12	6 weeks-12 years

Mixed Delivery System

School Districts

- Serve 10% of children birth to 5 years
- Provide 20% of licensed child care slots
- Have 87% Colorado Preschool Program

Kindergarten Transition

Relationships/Partnerships

- Early childhood programs to kindergarten
- Family to school/kindergarten
- Child to kindergarten