**EVERY CHILD IN DENVER DESERVES AN EQUAL START**

**2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**
The Denver Preschool Program makes preschool possible for all Denver families with a 4-year-old. Denver voters approved a dedicated 0.15 percent sales tax in 2006 and 2014 to fund the Denver Preschool Program (DPP) through 2026.

**INCREASING ACCESS TO QUALITY PRESCHOOL**

All children need positive learning experiences, but not all children have access to them. Our mission is to champion, fund, and increase access to quality preschool across our community.

We partner with more than 250 licensed preschool providers to ensure high quality early childhood education programs are available in every neighborhood across the community.

**INVESTMENTS TO DATE**

**SINCE 2007**

$80 MILLION TUITION SUPPORT

41,000+ DENVER’S 4-YEAR-OLDS PARTICIPATED

**REDUCING EARLY EDUCATION EXPENSES**

Monthly tuition support is available to all families that live within the City and County of Denver and have a 4-year-old enrolled in a participating program in the year before kindergarten.

The amount of support a family receives is based on 1) the family’s income 2) the quality rating of the preschool and 3) the length of day the child attends. Families with lower incomes who choose higher quality programs receive a greater amount of tuition support.

During the 2015-2016 school year, the typical child received $501 per month in tuition support and was eligible for free lunch (tier 1 earning less than $23,850 per year for a family of 4) and attended a level 4 quality program for a full school day.

Nearly two-thirds of participating children live in families earning less than 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (tier 1 and 2 families earning under $44,862.50 for a family of 4).
An annual long-term analysis confirms DPP participants demonstrate better literacy and math skills than their non-participating peers through the third-grade, even if they are considered at-risk for school failure.

In 2015, the third class of DPP participants (now in third grade) took the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC), Colorado's standard measure of students' academic success. DPP third graders were 4 percent more likely to “Meet or Exceed Expectations” on the PARCC ELA/literacy assessment than non-DPP third graders in 2015. Thirty-one percent of DPP students scored “Met or Exceeded Expectations” in the math assessment compared to 28 percent of non-DPP students.